

## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 26, 2025 Livestream & In-Person 10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

Click **HERE** to register your attendance

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE "Toccata on 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'" arr. Gordon Young

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Sharleen Millering

Leader: Rejoice, for God has sent the Messiah

People: To bind up the brokenhearted,

Leader: To proclaim liberty to the captives,

People: To grant those who mourn a garland instead of ashes,

Leader: The mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

People: Arise, shine, for our light has come.



## CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Confession allows us to unburden ourselves and lay before God all that is broken. We can only do this because we trust that God is merciful and gracious to pick up the pieces and put them back together. Let us pray.

All: God, we do not understand Jesus, the prophet. We do not want to get our hands dirty by befriending or even lingering around those who are poor, oppressed, or captive to anything beyond their power. Forgive us for being insulated and isolated. Open our hearts to each other and help us to love one another as you love us, and work in us to bring in the good news of the reign of God. In Christ's name we pray.

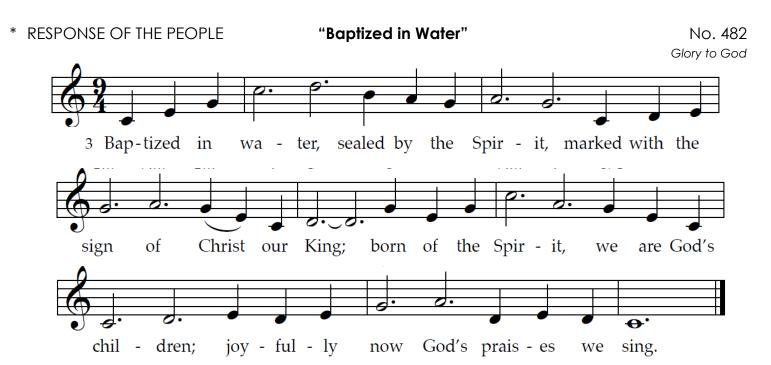
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Leader: Forgiven, we are filled by God's Spirit, commissioned to be Christ's hope for the

world.

People: Anointed, we care for one another, weep with one another, serve one another,

and live with one another. Thanks be to God. Amen.



## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

## TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 205 and 207.)

\* SONG

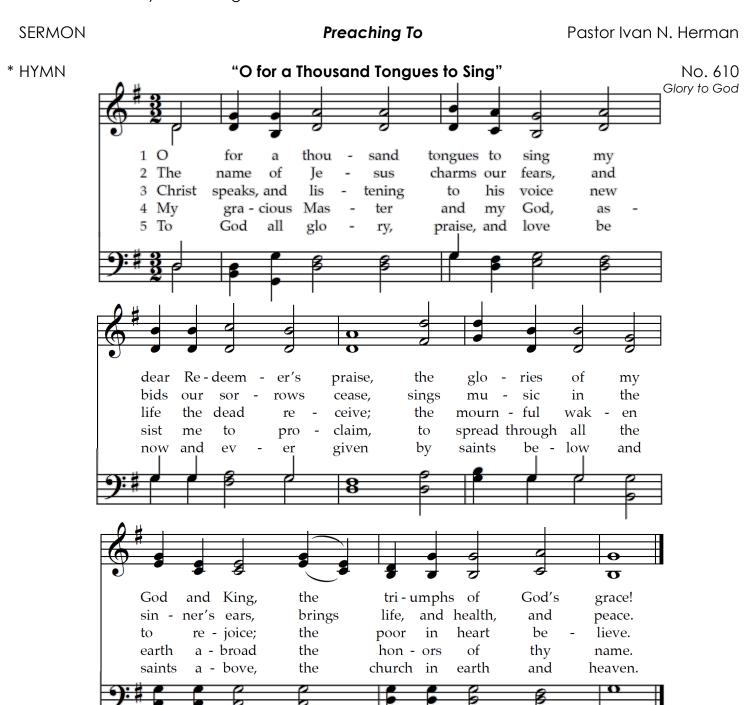


SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



**OFFERTORY** 

# "**Almighty**" Mission Bells Rikki Pratt, director

Wayne Watson arr. Kevin McChesney

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor:

O God, from the beginning of time humanity has called out to you for help, guidance and care. You have graciously heard our prayers and worked your good will in the lives of the faithful. Hear us again, Lord, as we pray.

We pray for the world around us that is both filled with incredible beauty and startling pain. We thank you for the blessings of this world — for family and friends, for work that fulfills and provides, and for the sure and certain knowledge of your presence and care. We thank you too that you come alongside us in our pain and difficulty and that you bring light out of darkness. Teach us each to care for the brokenhearted and to lift up those who suffer. Teach us to go again and again to the witness of Jesus and live into the persons he has taught us to be.

We pray for our churches: big and small, rural and urban. We pray for all churches who call on the name of Jesus Christ. May the body of Christ be strengthened in its witness and may we glorify you, O God. May we look more like our Savior and less like the broken world around us. May we be true to Christ alone.

Free us from distractions that deplete us and guide us away from you. Teach us to focus on helping others, trusting that you will provide for all we need. Let our hearts be freed to worship you with all that we are and all that we have. We ask this all in Jesus' name

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.)

Lord, we stand in the shallows of all You have given
Grateful for mercy yet hungry for more
For the power of grace to go out from this place to the ends of the earth
We have praised You with passion and worshipped in wonder

Thrilled by Your Spirit and fed by Your Word

Now to fully delight in the riches of Christ we must go to the world

For You live in the streets of the city
You stand with the weak and the needy
You walk with the homeless and hungry and poor
And Your hands are the hands I am lifting
Your voice is the life I am living
Your love longs to meet them but how will they know
Unless I am willing to go

Lord, where are you hungry and where are you thirsty
Naked, imprisoned, with no one to care
To give our best to the poor and oppressed is to give back to you

So cause us to see with the eyes of the Savior
Give us a heart that will love as you love
Courageous compassion in words and in action brings hope to the world

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You stand with the weak and the needy
You walk with the homeless and hungry and poor
And your hands are the hands I am lifting
Your voice is the life I am living
Without us, there's no other way they will know
So send me, I'm ready to go

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \* POSTLUDE

Call to Worship: Isaiah 61 paraphrase by Mary Sue Gast in Flames of the Spirit, Resources for Worship. Edited by Ruth C. Duck. Wipf & Stock Publishers, Eugene, OR 1985

Prayer of Confession written by Christine Caton, Liturgical Worship Aids, 2013. https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2016/01/prayer-of-confession-luke-4-14-30.html Prayers of the People written by Tara Bulger, © Presbyterian Outlook, 2025. All music used in this program is copyrighted. Used by permission CCLI #74647.

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Piano: Gabe Bisho
Drums: Will Condrey
Guitar: Michael Schwab

Bass: Merlyn Van Regenmorter

Vocalists: Tara Calderon, Beth Lindley, and Julie Ueltzen

<sup>&#</sup>x27; Please rise in body or in spirit.

