



On the third day there was a wedding....

Sunday, January 19, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPANY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Sharon Judson

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Shepherd Group 5
Deloris Jennings & Dan Dovell

AUDIO/VISUAL

Tom Hackleman,
Steve Little, Jim Watson

A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

An asterisk () indicates that those who are able may stand;
Bold type — please respond in unison.*

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Joy In God”

Richard

Blake

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 36:7-9)

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

*HYMN #299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us humbly approach God’s throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail

to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service. Amen.

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please take this opportunity to “pass the peace” to those around you.)

*GLORIA PATRI #581

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, we need the guidance of your Word. Help us be honest with ourselves and with you in this sacred moment of proclamation. Amen.

FIRST

SCRIPTURE

READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall you God rejoice over you.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 36:5-10

⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ **They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

¹⁰ **O continue your steadfast love to those who know you
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

ANTHEM (Bell Choir)
Waldrop

“Let My People Go!”

Tammy

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

² On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of

Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet.” So they took it. ⁹When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

“Measure Twice, Cut Once”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

***HYMN #306**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives, teaching by word

and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please fill out a prayer card or speak directly into the microphone.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance. Grateful for all we have been given, let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Paul Taylor

"Ever Faithful, Ever Near"

*DOXOLOGY #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



Weekly Vista

WELCOME!

We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.

Please visit www.pcbv.org, or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

OFFICE HOURS

MON- THURS:
9 am to 3 pm
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 248-688-8736. Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at jmcmillan@pcbv.org stating your need.

Deacons on Call for January:
Susan Foster
Sharon Judson

01/12/2025 Attendance:
Members: 76 Guests: 2 Online: 10



You are invited to refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service.

Think of our neighbor friends who may be lacking food supplies. The Blessing Box supplies are getting low. Contributions are greatly appreciated. Thanks, Missions.

All women of the Congregation are invited to the Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, January 24, 11:30, at Bella's Table (old Duffer's location), 638 W. Lancashire Blvd., 479-367-2509. It doesn't have to be your birthday month, just come and enjoy good food, friends and fellowship. Sign up in Connector Hallway so we know how many are going. Thank you.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

Monday, January 20

1pm-3pm—PEO Chpt CD (F/H)

Tuesday, January 21

10:30am-1PM—Writing Group (P)
5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, January 22

5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 23

NO EVENTS

Friday, January 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
11:30AM—Ladies Birthday Lunch
Bella's Table
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

Saturday, January 25

NO EVENTS

Sunday, January 26

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 19 Bill Dieleman

Jan. 19 Elaine Cobb

Jan. 23 Lynn Zemlicka

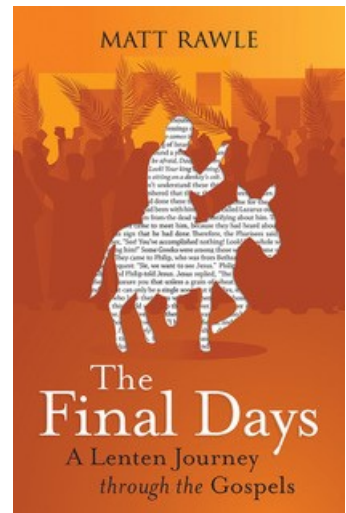
Jan. 24 Jon Adams


"This Lent, ponder the themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love.

The four New Testament Gospels aren't the same story, but they offer the same Resurrection hope. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John devote most of their story detailing Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, all highlighting Jesus' triumphant entry into the city, the suffering and humiliation of the cross, and the empty tomb come Sunday morning, but the stories they tell aren't quite the same.

Each Gospel offers a different lens through which we understand Jesus' Passion. One portrait reveals Jesus to be in control, while another emphasizes his suffering. In one story Jesus offers hope to the thief on the cross, and in another Jesus only receives derision. These different perspectives aren't a reason to dismiss the Gospels; rather they reveal an abundant, diverse, and complementary picture of God's work in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The book is "The Final Days" by Matt Rawle. Time and Date to begin TBD. Please sign up in Connector Hallway. Books are \$10 each and we will let you know when they arrive for pickup." March 5th is Ash Wednesday. We will begin around that time.

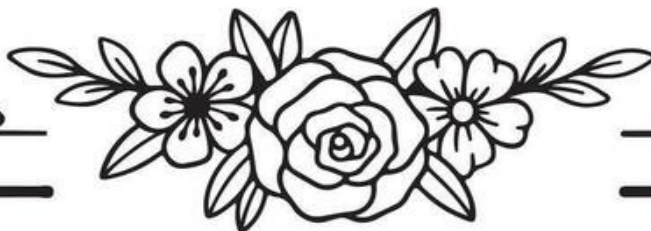




Dianne Allen passed away on Wednesday, January 15th. The family will let us know when a joint service for both Diane and Bruce will be held. Please keep their family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this time of sadness.



Gene McKay passed away on Thursday, January 16th. The family will let us know when services will be held. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this time of sadness



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #318**

"In Christ There is No East or West"

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH #361**

"O Christ, The Great

Foundation" (v1)

***POSTLUDE**

"Christ, the Cornerstone"

Roger

C. Nelson

Starting in January, there will be a monthly game night hosted by one of the Shepherd Groups. The first will be Monday, January 27th, from 3-5pm in Fellowship Hall—Hosted by Shepherd Group 1 (Ron & Kay Burroughs) . Please plan on joining us.

