



Sunday, February 2, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPANY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Chancel Choir

Sandy Bachelder, Betty Bennett, Arlene Biebesheimer, Jerry Biebesheimer, Marcia Beard,
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Peggy McMenus, Jean Nichols, Mary Nimis-Tysk, David Riter, Gary Harris,
Eddie Harris, Martha Stout, Karen Watson

Bell Choir

Arlene Beibesheimer, Gail Cowdin, Rosie Floyd, Gail Knudsen, Florence Riter,
Michelle Schall, Cathie Whittenberger, Sharon Warner, Karen Watson, Fran Zimmerman

COMMUNION SERVERS

Vicki Erickson, Gary Harris, Buddy Needham, Nancy Ortman, Florence Riter

WELCOME DESK

Marlys Walters

HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

USHERS/GREETERS

Vicki Erickson, Mary Hackleman, Delores Jennings, Buddy Needham, Nancy Ortman

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group 2
Barry & Maura Owen

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 “*O Wondrous Food, O Cup That Heals*” D.F. Callendar

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

Love is patient.

Love is kind.

Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way.

Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

Love rejoices in the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.

***HYMN #634** “*To God Be the Glory*”

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Psalm 71:1-6)

The Lord is our hope and our trust, our refuge and our fortress. With confidence born out of faith in God’s power to save and deliver us, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers, and are numb to the grasp of cruelty. Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace! May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

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 (inspired by Groundhog Day: February 2, 2025)

God of all days holy, as a groundhog emerges from its winter dwelling and assesses the light, may your Spirit emerge through our hearts to assess these readings. In hearing these words, regardless of the accuracy of our interpretation or the length of winter's frozen clutch, may we be transformed by your loving presence and reminded that we are your people. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 71:1-6

¹ In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

² **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

³ Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

⁶ **From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my
mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

ANTHEM

"Come, Nourish Me"

David Lantz

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:21-30

²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown."²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land,²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.²⁷ There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

SERMON

“All the Rage”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN #443

“There is a Redeemer”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (excerpt from The Second Helvetic Confession, edited for inclusion)

We believe faith is efficacious and active through love. It also quiets the conscience and opens a free access to God, so that we may draw near to God with confidence and may obtain from God what is useful and necessary. The same faith keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience in adversity, fashions and makes a true confession, and in a word, brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works.

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

For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

All that is, all that was, and all there will be belongs to God. Let us now return to God in part what is God's in whole.

OFFERTORY

"A Quiet Place"

John Rasley

*DOXOLOGY #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**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

Holy One, you are the giver of our lives. You know us completely, and you accept from us no weak excuses. Take these gifts, offered from our labors, our commitments, and our collections of interest. Transform them from temporal potential into your love at work in this tired world that thirsts for your Word. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #612

“We Praise You, O God”

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*GOING FORTH #442

“Just As I Am, without One Plea” (v1)

*POSTLUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” Tom Birchwood



Weekly Vista

01/26/2025 Attendance:
Members/Friends: 98 Guests: 8

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 479-403-9082.

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 February:
Pat Slatton
Terry Woods



You are invited to refreshments and a time of fellowship after

Sugar-free cookies will no longer be supplied, unless the Shepherd group for that week chooses to do so.

In keeping with her wishes, the family of Dianne Allen has decided there will be no memorial service.

Condolences may be sent to:
Dr. David and Margaret Weiss
6521 No Kilbourn Ave
Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Addresses for the McKay Family are available in the office, if you would like to send condolences.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 2

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship—Communion & Home Communion

Monday, February 3

1-2pm—Operations (A)

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

9-10am—Deacons (A)
3-4pm—Congregational Life (C)
5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 6

NO EVENTS

Friday, February 7

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, February 8

8am-12pm—Art Club (F/H)
9am—Stated Session (A)
Boundary Training #1

Sunday, February 9

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship—(Super Bowl of Caring /wear your team gear)
11am-12pm—Good Grief Meeting
11am–12pm—Annual Meeting to receive Annual Report

Note: Memorial Services for John Foss has been changed to April 26th at 2 PM

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 2 Marcia Beard

Feb 2 Fran Zimmerman

Feb 3 Bob Olson

Feb 3 Gary Harris

Feb 5 Cathie Whittenberger

Feb 6 Alice Irwin

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

February 9th there will be a congregational meeting after service to receive the annual report. Copies of Annual Report are available today, please remember to bring back next week. (Policy and Procedure Manual Available in Office)



PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS IN CONNECTOR HALLWAY IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. LET'S SAVE THE CHURCH POSTAGE!!

February 9th - Next Sunday -
Wear your team Gear



"LORD, EVEN AS WE ENJOY THE
SUPER BOWL FOOTBALL GAME,
HELP US BE MINDFUL OF THOSE
WHO ARE WITHOUT A BOWL OF
SOUP TO EAT"

**TACKLE
HUNGER**

with the

**SOUPER BOWL
OFCARING**

