

Homecrest Presbyterian Church

Worship of the Lord's Day
January 24th, 2016

3rd Sunday of Epiphany



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Gathering Around the WORD

Call To Worship

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

to restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our faith:

to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

God calls us to build our community:

to build bridges of understanding and system of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

Gathering Hymn

#409 “God Is Here!”

***God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.***

***Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.***

Gathering Hymn

#409 "God Is Here!"

***Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.***

***Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.***

Gathering Hymn

#409 "God Is Here!"

***Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.***

***Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.***

Gathering Hymn

#409 "God Is Here!"

***Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.***

***Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!***

Gathering Around the WORD

Call to Confession

Our God is merciful and gracious in extending God's love to us. Let us confess our sin as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

Gathering Around the WORD

Prayer of Confession

God of our restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with your whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Christ we pray, Amen.

Gathering Around the WORD

Declaration of Forgiveness

(Based on Psalm 19:7-8)

God's Word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

Gathering Around the WORD

Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

Gathering Around the WORD

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

(1 John 4:7-8)



Proclaiming the WORD

Message to the Youth/

Prayer of Illumination

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading

(1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body -- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free -- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading

(1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading

(1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading

(1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading

(1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

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Scripture Reading

(1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Proclaiming the WORD

Out of Many One
(I Corinthians 12:12-31)



Responding Hymn

306 *“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”*

***Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.***



Responding Hymn

306 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

***Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.***



Responding Hymn

306 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

***We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.***



Responding Hymn

306 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

***When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.***



Responding Hymn

306 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

***From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.***



**Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
Blessing to the Nyasulu Family**



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

- We will resume our regular afternoon **Bible Study** group **Today**. We will be studying a seven-part series on the **Seven Days of Glory: Holy Week** in preparation of the coming Lenten Season. Please join us downstairs at 12:30 in the basement. All are welcomed.
- The **Women's Group** will be meeting over at the Manse (2048 E 14th Street) every **Wednesday evening @ 7:30pm**. They are currently studying the book of Genesis. They will also be meeting every other Sunday morning before service at 9:30am over at the Manse for prayers and fellowship. For more information, please contact **Margaret Lesman** or **Cara Chin**.

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congratulations to the new class of officers as elected at our Annual Congregational Meeting last week:

Class of 2019

<i>Elders:</i>	<i>Amy Dwan</i>	<i>XXXX</i>	<i>XXXX</i>
<i>Deacons:</i>	<i>XXXX</i>	<i>XXXXXX</i>	<i>XXXXXX</i>

The Ordination and Installation of the officers will take place on 2/7.

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Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

- In the offering envelopes, there is a special **Initial Offering (\$2)** envelope to be used to offset the printing of the envelopes. In addition, as a member congregation of the **Presbyterian Church (USA)**, the **Synod of the Northeast**, and the **NYC Presbytery**, our **Per Capita** and **Basic Mission Support** per member for this current year is ~ \$40. We ask that you give generously as you are able.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father,
Who are 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.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptations,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.*

Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
Offering of our Gifts and our Lives

Special Music # XXX

“XXXX”

Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

Sending Hymn

634 "To God Be The Glory"

***To God be the glory;
great things he has done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.***

Sending Hymn

634 *"To God Be The Glory"*

***Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory:
great things he has done!***

Sending Hymn

634 "To God Be The Glory"

***Great things he has taught us;
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher
and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see.***

Sending Hymn

634 *"To God Be The Glory"*

***Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory:
great things he has done!***

Bearing and Following
the *WORD* into the World
The Charge and Benediction



Bearing and Following
the WORD into the World
Benediction Response

#140 “Shalom, Chavarim!
Farewell, Good Friends”

Shalom, Good friends!

Shalom, Good friends!

Shalom, Shalom!

Till we meet again, till we meet again,

Shalom, Shalom.

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