

Homecrest Presbyterian Church

Worship of the Lord's Day
January 31st, 2016

4th Sunday of Epiphany



*“...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.” **Jeremiah 1:7-8***

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.

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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.

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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

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Scripture Reading

(Jeremiah 1:4-10)

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.**"

Proclaiming the WORD

Scripture Reading

(Jeremiah 1:4-10)

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."

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Scripture Reading

(Luke 4:14-30)

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

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Scripture Reading

(Luke 4:14-30)

¹⁸ **"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 let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."** ²⁰ 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.

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Scripture Reading

(Luke 4:14-30)

Then Jesus 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 not this 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 the prophet's hometown."**

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Scripture Reading

(Luke 4:14-30)

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 lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

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Scripture Reading

(Luke 4:14-30)

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.

Proclaiming the WORD

The Unwelcomed Prophet
(Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Luke 4:14-30)

Responding Hymn

722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

***Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.***

Responding Hymn

722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

***O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet.***

***O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.***

Responding Hymn

722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

Responding Hymn

722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

***O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.***

Responding Hymn

722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

**O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

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 two weeks ago:

Class of 2019

Elders: **Amy Dwan Raymond Blossom Tarie Khoraam**

Deacons: **May Chin Jessica Molina**

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

Bearing and Following the WORD into the World

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 # 299

“Your Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

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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