



WEBSTER GROVES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany ♦ January 14, 2024 ♦ 9:30 a.m.

Our Mission:

We seek to live Christ's love, welcome all people,
and joyfully serve God.



As the music begins, let us use this time for quiet reflection and prayer, so that we, individually and as a great crowd of witnesses, may prepare ourselves to reaffirm our faith as the people of God.

✦ *When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

"Here I Am Lord"
Shawn Portell, organ

arr. Robert Farlee

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Rev. Ed Zumwinkel

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Wacker

L: The boy Samuel heard God's voice in the night.

P: We come listening for God's voice.

L: God knew us before we knew ourselves.

P: We come listening for God's voice.

L: Our minds, bodies, and souls belong to God.

P: We come listening for God's voice.

L: We come to this place to listen and follow.

P: Let us worship God!

✦ OPENING HYMN #339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
(see music in back of bulletin)

LIFT EVERY VOICE

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

Matt Miller

L: Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey
already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive,
let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray:

**P: Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully
as creatures in need of your constant care. Continued >>**

**P: We confess that we have neither heard your word
nor followed your will.
We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends,
and ourselves.
Give us ears to hear your wisdom.
Lead us to honesty and faith
so that we may begin again with renewed strength;
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness,
and by grace you have been saved.
In Jesus' name you are forgiven.
Your sins are no more.
You have been made clean.
God strengthens you with freedom
through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

P: Thanks be to God.

✦ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

P: And also with you.

✦ RESPONSE #515

"I Come With Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION

L: Let us pray:

By your Holy Spirit, O God,
open our ears, our eyes, our hearts,
and our minds to the Holy Word
so that it comes to rule within us for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Pew Bible pg. 247
Dennis Wacker

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:43-51

Pew Bible pgs. 92-93

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Responding to God's Word

OFFERING INVITATION

Dennis Wacker

L: Jesus promised that you and I will come to see
heaven opened and angels dancing in splendor.
Our offerings are a thanksgiving for these gifts.
Open now your hearts and share your possessions
so that the church's work is made strong
for the sake of this needy world.

OFFERING (For those not using the offering plate, your offering can be made
by texting ALMS to 73256 or using the QR code to the right)



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Soon and Very Soon"
Chancel Choir

arr. Jack Schrader

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

L: Jesus said: I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Holy God, creator of the universe,
with joy we praise you and give you thanks.
You brought light from darkness
and drew land from the sea.
You made us in your image
to live with one another in love.
You promised yourself in covenant with us,
you told us your purpose in your law,
and called for justice through the prophets. *Continued >>*

L: Through long generations you have been faithful to your people.
Therefore we join our voices with all those who sing your praise:

SANCTUS

LAND OF REST

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

L: We praise you, most holy God,
for the gift of your Son, Jesus.
He told your story, healed the sick, and welcomed the stranger.

(JOYS AND CONCERNS)

Obedying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live.
Rising from the dead, he overcame death,
the firstborn of the new creation.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we break bread and share one cup,
giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ
and offering ourselves to live for him
in joy and grateful praise.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

LAND OF REST

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
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L: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them the body and blood of Christ
that we may be his body for the world.
By your Spirit make us one with him and one another;
send us out to live for others, as Christ lived for us;
and keep us faithful until we feast with him in glory.
All thanks and praise to you, O triune God,
now and forever.

AMEN

LAND OF REST



THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Friends, let us now be bold to pray as our
Savior Christ has taught us:

**P: 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

L: We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest
Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Land of Rest"
"Bread of Heaven"
Shawn Portell, organ

arr. Pamela Decker
Simon Lake

CONCLUDING PRAYER

L: Let us pray:

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body,
live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup,
bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

✠ CLOSING HYMN #722 "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"
(see music in back of bulletin)

CANONBURY

✠ CHARGE

L: Live a life worthy of your calling,
giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

✠ BLESSING

L: The peace of Christ, crucified and risen for all,
go with you this day and always.

POSTLUDE

"In Thee is Gladness"
Shawn Portell, organ

J.S. Bach

*You are welcome to stay for the postlude, especially when we have musical guests.
If you would like to respond at the end, please do so with an "Amen."*

Welcome to WGPC

- **FRIENDSHIP PADS:** Please sign the friendship pads located at the end of each pew.
- **CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN WORSHIP:** The nursery (designed for children from newborn through three) is open from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. But if you need to step out of the Sanctuary, the new Gathering Spot (formerly the front office) will be open with a comfy place to relax with toys, books, coffee, and a live-stream of the worship service.
- **COMMUNION:** Everyone is invited to participate in Communion including children and the unbaptized.
- **ASSISTIVE DEVICES:** Hearing devices, large print hymnals, and cushions are available. One of our ushers will be happy to assist you.
- **WELCOME BAGS:** If you are a visitor or know someone who might be interested in WGPC, please pick up a red welcome bag at our Welcome Station in the main hallway or at the church entrances.

Those Who Serve Today

Liturgist: Dennis Wacker

Greeters: Craig and Marilee Campbell

Ushers: Marilyn Kuhn, Sam Stoll, and Bob and Judy Weng

Tech Team: Lia Fairbanks, Tom McNeely, Rob Meyer, Spencer Roudebush, Joey Stokes, and Dennis Wacker

Nursery Caregiving Team: Anna Stokes, Debbie Goss, Tammy Graning, and Carrie Rao

Flower Deliverers: Jennifer Blumenkemper and Sandy Oliver

Office Assistance: Leigh Porter



Online Worship: Our worship services are live-streamed and video recorded for viewing on our website (wgpc.org) and YouTube pages. Children's participation in the Scripture Conversation indicates implied parental consent to be recorded.

Resources: Some prayers and liturgical texts for worship are provided by: Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1 © 2012; Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2 © 2014; Westminster John Knox Press from Book of Common Worship © 2018.

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January 14, 2024 Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome Dr. Song Lyu!



WGPC is pleased to welcome our Chancel Choir's new Soprano Music Assistant, Dr. Song Lyu. She holds a doctorate in music arts and an artist certificate in voice performance from the University of Kansas (KU) and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Sichuan Conservatory of Music. Stage performances include solo soprano in the world premiere of *Psalm Symphony, H.175* by Leo Sowerby and roles in scenes of *Lakmé*, *La Traviata*, *Into the Woods*, and *Hansel and Gretel*. She has been a guest artist with the International Professional Piano Association and Kansas City Chinese Association, is founder of the KU Chamber and Vocal Music Organization. Dr. Lyu is a faculty member of the Community Music School of Webster University.

Annual Meeting Rescheduled

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been moved to **Sunday, February 25**, with the approval of Session. The meeting had previously been scheduled for Sunday, January 29. Please plan to attend.

FELLOWSHIP

Join WGPC's SLAM Group for "Artful Architecture"

Wednesday, January 24, 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the Art Museum's main entrance

Join us for a fun co-ed opportunity – a docent-guided tour by church member Pam Murphy at the St. Louis Art Museum. In celebration of the museum's David Chipperfield-designed East Building turning 10 years old, we will look at architectural elements from the museum's building and collection. Weather permitting, the group can also step outside to discuss the building's architectural elements. All are welcome to participate! Please sign up at wgpc.org/get-involved/sign-up-links. Questions? Contact Michelle Lepak at mmml@wgpc.org.

The WGPC offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Celebrating Epiphany While Helping Home Sweet Home!



WGPC members enjoyed good food and fellowship at last Sunday's Epiphany Pot Luck breakfast. The event included a visit to the Sanctuary to commemorate the Magi visiting baby Jesus and, just like the Magi, congregation members offered gifts. Many household items, including much-needed kitchen utensils, were donated to clients of our mission partner Home Sweet Home. Thanks to all who participated.

Share Your Photographic Gifts!

Do you enjoy photography? Can you share your gifts from time to time with the church? We are looking for a few people who can take photos at various church events including special worship services, celebrations, and gatherings. We use the photos in church publications and on the website to showcase all the great things happening at WGPC. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Lepak at mmml@wgpc.org. We extend a **special thank you to Ken Penrod** who has served our congregation as a photographer at many events over the past several years!

MISSION

"Snacks for Students" Deliverers Needed!

Wednesday, January 24, 10:00 a.m., from WGPC

Twice a year our congregation delivers healthy snacks to each of the schools in the Webster Groves School District through our Snacks for Students program. The goal is to support students who may come to school hungry by providing a snack to help them focus on learning. If you can help us deliver items to schools in the district on January 24 (weather permitting), please contact Beth Kazlauskas at bok@wgpc.org.

Prepare to Pack Some Meals with Rise Against Hunger!

Save the date: Sunday, February 4, in Fellowship Hall following Worship

Give your time to join the fight against hunger by packing meals with family and friends. This much enjoyed congregation-wide mission event will take place in Fellowship Hall after Worship where we will package 15,000 nutritious meals for distribution to children, families, and communities facing hunger around the world. Everyone can take part! Mark your calendar!



Help Yourself to 2024 Calendars

If you or someone you know is in need of a 2024 calendar, there is a supply of extras donated by congregation members on the counter in the Gathering Spot. Please help yourself!

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK

Sunday (January 14)

Coffee & Conversation with the Lectionary 8:30 a.m.
"The Historical Jesus and the Christ of Faith"
(part 1) 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday (January 16)

Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m.

Thursday (January 18)

Disciples' Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Sunday (January 21)

Coffee & Conversation with the Lectionary 8:30 a.m.
"The Historical Jesus and the Christ of Faith"
(part 2) 10:45 a.m.
Celtics 4:00 p.m.
Agape 5:00 p.m.

Detailed information about Faith Formation opportunities can be found online at wgpc.org (click on the Ministries tab, then click on Faith Formation).

Today's Adult Faith Formation . . .

The Historical Jesus and the Christ of Faith: A Roadmap for the Confused Believer

10:45 a.m. in the Parlor and by Zoom

(Series will continue on Sundays, January 21 and 28)

Dr. Ruben Rosario-Rodriguez returns to WGPC to lead an intriguing three-part series exploring the interplay of history and faith in our knowledge of Jesus. The class begins by introducing the "Quest for the Historical Jesus" followed by discussion of what we can and cannot know about Jesus Christ from historical study. Then, we will examine the importance of encountering the risen Christ in history – not just as a past historical figure, but as an ongoing locus of divine revelation. Dr. Rosario is the Clarence Louis and Helen Steber Professor of Theological Studies at St. Louis University. He is also an ordained minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and currently serves as moderator for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Making a Home for Faith

Sunday, January 21, 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor and by Zoom

Parents of children of any ages are invited to attend our next class – "Living Your Faith Everyday" – led by Carrie Rao on January 21 at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to stay for the youth dinner at 5:00 p.m., but please note that childcare is no longer available for this class.

Whom to Contact on Staff

We are a busy church! So that plans can be properly coordinated, please be sure to share your information with the appropriate staff person as follows:

- Adult fellowship activities and membership interest – Michelle Lepak (mmml@wgpc.org)
- Bulletin announcements, calendar, meeting room requests, and Zoom links – Barb Fischer (baf@wgpc.org)
- Friday Flash announcements and children/youth details – Cherstin Byers (chb@wgpc.org)
- Mission projects and collections – Beth Kazlauskas (bok@wgpc.org)
- Music activities – Shawn Portell (spp@wgpc.org)

Bulletin and Friday Flash Deadlines

Announcements are limited to **150 words or less** and due by the end of Tuesday prior to the desired Friday or Sunday publication date. For the bulletin, email baf@wgpc.org. For the Friday Flash, email chb@wgpc.org. Be sure to email both if you'd like your announcement to appear in both places.

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent



ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the



ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the



skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Continued >>

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

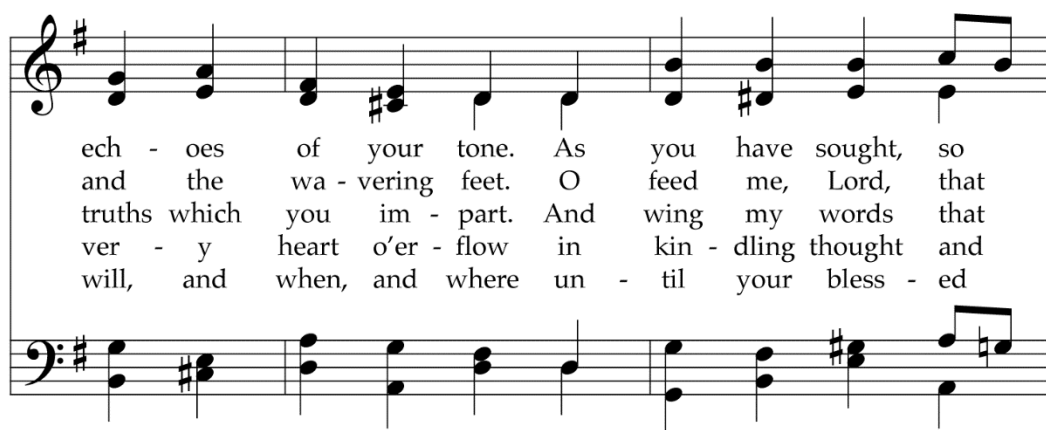
TEXT: James Weldon Johnson, 1900
MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1905

LIFT EVERY VOICE
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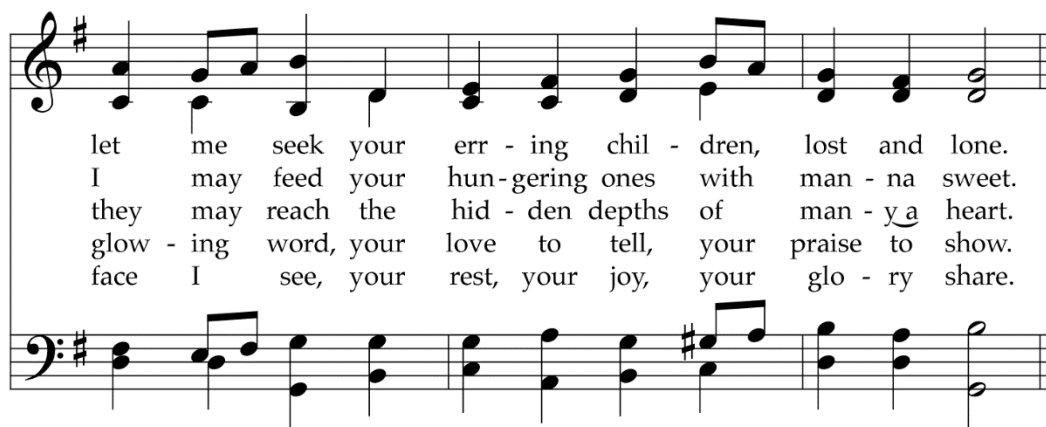
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - na heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.
 MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

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