

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay

January 26th, 2020

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

*indicates please stand if you are able

Bolded passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Minister: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude *Priere a Notre-Dame* Leon Boellmann

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Mary Ann Auld

Introit *The Lord is in His Holy Temple* C.O.Beck

Words of Welcome

We Worship God

Call to Worship

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we have not come to be entertained

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

~ written by Bruce Prewer, <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

*Hymn *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* 177

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Receive our worship this day in the name of Christ, as we confess our sin, empowered by your Spirit, to be honest with you, ourselves, and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we often turn away from your call. You call us to follow your way of compassion but too often we choose to criticize. You call us to follow your way of peace but too often we remain divided. You call us to trust you but too often our fears and doubts overwhelm us. **Forgive us, O God. Strengthen our commitment to follow your ways and help us trust that your love will never let us go. Amen.** ©The Presbyterian Church in Canada January 26, 2020

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen for God's Word

*Hymn *Jesus bids us shine* 773

Children's Time

Sharing a sign of peace

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Community Life Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings – Susan Dynes

❖ Psalm 27:1-14

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

³ **Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.**

⁴ **One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

⁵ For you, Lord, will hide me in your shelter
in the day of trouble;
you will conceal me under the cover of your tent;
you will set me high on a rock.

⁶ **Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in sacrifices in the Lord's tent
with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ **'Come,' my heart says, 'seek the Lord's face!'
Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

⁹ **Do not hide your face from me.**

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you, who have been my help.
**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!**

¹⁰ **If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.**

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹² **Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

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❖ Matthew 4:12-25

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

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We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn *Lord of all power* 626

Offering

Organist's Offering *Duo* L.N. Clerambault
of Music

Doxology *What star is this (v4)* 170

To God the Father, God the Son,
and Holy Spirit. Three in One,
may every tongue and nation raise
an endless song of thankful praise. Words: public domain

Prayer of Dedication

**God of the fishermen who first followed Jesus, you have
called us to follow and so, here we are. We offer what
our lives have produced, too, and ask that you will bless
our gifts. Give us the courage we need to invite others
to join us, in spreading your love and praising your holy
name, for the sake of Jesus, our friend and saviour.
Amen.** ©The Presbyterian Church in Canada January 26, 2020

Choir's gift *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Thomas
of music Dorsey

Prayers of the People

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 heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen**

We are Sent out as God's People

*Hymn *All my hope on God is founded* 462

Benediction

Postlude *Trio* L.N. Clerambault

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