

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21st, 2024

Interim Minister: Rev. Dr. David Thompson

Music Director: Suzanne Strahan

* We continue to be mask friendly, but it is now a personal decision. Thank you.
** The offering can be placed in the offering plates at the back of the church in the narthex prior to it being brought forward.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Responsive Call to Worship

God is our rock and our salvation.

We will not be shaken!

Trust in God at all times.

We will pour out our hearts to God, our refuge.

Today, let us turn to God and accept the good news.

We will listen for Christ's call and follow....

PRAYER OF APPROACH *(together)*

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have called us together as Your people,

and invited us to follow You.

Your church has grown from scattered homes in ancient times –

to a worldwide community,

embracing men and women, young and old, from many nations and cultures.

We marvel at the miracle of Your church,

and praise You for our place among Your people.

Your love keeps drawing us to You and to each other,
You banish our uncertainty when we are on mission for You.
and so, we offer You our wonder and praise
with millions of those who also gather in Your name this day,
our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

Hymn # 39: God of Mercy - verses 1 & 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God of mercy and mystery,
we confess Your mercy can disturb us.
We sit in judgment on what we hear,
and cannot imagine offering forgiveness for dreadful actions.
We prefer to think that Your judgment matches ours.
Forgive us for presuming we see as You see,
and understand all that You understand.
Have mercy upon us, O God,
when we give up on the power of mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Minister)

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting.
Friends, hear the good news
In Jesus Christ, God's generous love reaches out to embrace us without exceptions.
Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Let the Peace of Christ be with you!

Congregation: And also with you.

(Please turn and greet one another)

Anthem

STORY

HYMN # 645: Follow Me the Master said - Verses: 3 & 4

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25: 31-40

Luke 10: 25-37

SERMON: “Uncertainty and your life”

OFFERTORY: # 306 - Praise God

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ((together)

Lord Jesus, You called ordinary men and women to join in the work of God’s reign on earth. We offer You our gifts to share in the work You began through them. Bless our gifts and work through us, that the world may know Your love is still active among us all. Amen.

PRAYERS of the people

The Lord’s prayer (trespasses)

Prayer of intercession for 2024 (Minister and Congregation together)

God of our cities and towns, our villages and reserves,
God of all cultures and clans that shape our identities,
You created us for community.

We thank You for the enjoyment and support
that we find by coming together.

We pray for all those who suffer
because others judge something key to their identities,
language or religion, orientation or status.

Help us learn from each other through our differences,
and make it our mission to recognize the face of Christ in those who challenge our assumptions.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen

Hymn #621: God be with you till we meet again Verses 1, 3 & 4

Benediction

POSTLUDE