**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

L: Blessed is our God, who has invited us to worship in this place at this time.

**P: Blessed are we who have heard God’s invitation and have gathered to worship in this place at this time.**

L: Blessed is our God who calls us to be peacemakers in the world.

**P: Blessed are we who have been so called.**

L: Blessed is our God, who gives us both the vision for, and the gift of peace.

**P: Blessed are we – for we have been blessed by God.**

**Opening Hymn #321:** Praise to the Lord, the almighty

**Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord’s Prayer/ including #201:** We come to ask your forgiveness

**Words of Assurance** (vs 1 of Hymn #741 - Used with permission)

L: Like a mighty river flowing – like a flower in beauty growing,

**P: Far beyond all human knowing is the perfect peace of God.**

**Music Ministry**

**Family Focus/Children’s Time**

**Hymn #624:** Blest are they (verses 3 – 5)

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Responsive Psalm 85**

L: Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**P: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.**

L: You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

**P: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.**
L: Will you be angry with us forever?
**P: Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**
L: Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?
**P: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.**

L: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
**P: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
**P: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**
L: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
**P: Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 5: 1-12 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2**And he began to speak and taught them, saying: **3**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (*continued*)

**4**“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5**“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7**“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. **8**“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **10**“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11**“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12**Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Message:** The Seventh Story

**Hymn #527:** Eat this bread

**Communion:** See insert

**Mission Moment**

**Doxology #79: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn #556:** Now let us from this table rise

**Benediction**

**Benediction song:** Go now in peace

**Welcome To Lucknow Presbyterian Church**

***February 11, 2024***

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**Worship Leader: Rev. Kathy Fraser**

**Announcements**

* Welcome to all who are worshiping with us. Thanks to Rev. Kathy for leading the service this morning.
* Tues. Feb. 13 from 5 - 7 pm: Pancake and Sausage Supper at LPC. Adults: $17.50, Children from 5 – 12: $8

**Upcoming Services:**

* Feb. 18 at 10 am: combined service at LPC led by Lisa Harper followed by a walk for the Coldest Night of the Year – see poster for more details
* Feb. 25: Rev. Ed Hoekstra followed by the annual meeting.
* Mar. 3, 10, 17: Lent services led by Rev. Kathy Fraser

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**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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L: …Then, when our journey has ended, and we are surrounding your Table in glory,

**P: We will sing through all eternity, of the One who has gathered all people into the unity of Grace and Peace and brought us all home. Amen.**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup** while singing

**Hymn #527:** Eat this bread

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