



The Service for The Lord's Day

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THE LORD'S SUPPER
RISE AGAINST HUNGER OFFERING

January 21, 2024
11:00 a.m.



Do This in Remembrance of Me

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

Welcome!

We especially welcome all guests and visitors. We are glad you are here!

Worship

is "live-streamed" on our church's [YouTube](#) Channel which can be accessed by visiting our church website:

www.fpc-belmont.org

Or by scanning the QR code below.



Joining the Church

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please speak to the Pastor or one of those assisting with Worship after the service.

Publications

The *Harbinger* church newsletter, *These Days* and *The Upper Room* devotionals, and the *Joys & Concerns of the Church* pamphlet are available in the Gathering Area and the GRAB&GO Area by the front circle driveway at the Main Church entrance.

Thank you

for muting mobile phones and refraining from taking any flash pictures during Worship.

* Asterisk *

An asterisk indicates please stand as you are able.

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

Choral Introit

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

G. Young

*Call to Worship — Invocation

*Hymn 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

- 1) *Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy hum-ble dwell-ing, All Thy faith-ful mer-cies crown!
Je-sus, Thou art all com-pas-sion, Pure, un-bound-ed love Thou art;
Vis-it us with Thy sal-va-tion, En-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.*
- 2) *Breathe, O breathe Thy lov-ing Spir-it In-to ev-ery trou-bled breast!
Let us all in Thee in-her-it, Let us find the prom-ised rest;
Take a-way the love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, Set our hearts at lib-er-ty.*
- 3) *Come, Al-might-y to de-liv-er, Let us all Thy life re-ceive;
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, Nev-er-more Thy tem-ples leave.
Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a-bove;
Pray, and praise Thee with-out ceas-ing, Glo-ry in Thy per-fect love.*
- 4) *Fin-ish, then, Thy new cre-a-tion; Pure and spot-less let us be;
Let us see Thy great sal-va-tion Per-fect-ly re-stored in Thee;
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns be-fore Thee, Lost in won-der, love, and praise.*

Prayer of Confession

God who calls us: in Jesus You come to the lakeshores of our lives. We are busy fishing away, casting our nets, and hoping for big hauls and great catches of money, respect, and possessions. We resist answering the One who, smiling, calls each of us by name. Have mercy on us. Open our ears and turn us toward You. Bring us away from our nets full of unfulfilling things. Help us to follow You and to share the good news of abundant life with others.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. on us.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Congregational Response

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.*

Volunteers Today

Safety Greeters
Off-Duty Police Officer
Sam Dunlap

Ushers
8:30
Bow Lee
Jan Leicht
Michelle Sanders
Selina Stowe

11:00
Abby Dawe
Kathryn Eaker
Travis Page
Sarah Stewart

Audio-Visual Team
Lee Wooden

Acolytes
Libby Faulk (8:30 am)
Ian Roche (11:00 am)

Prayers of the People
Pastor

Youth Reader
Daniel Lane

Element Bearers
Libby Faulk (8:30 am)
Ian Roche (11:00 am)

Scripture Reader
Kathryn Eaker

Music
Sanctuary Choir
Pat Crowe, *organ*
Rosa Marsh, *soloist*

Carillon
Mary McFarland

*Welcome

*Passing the Peace of Christ
The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Announcements

Children's Sermon

Children come forward as we sing *Jesus Loves Me*.
Afterward, children are invited to *Children's Church*.

Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus

D. Hakes

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.*

*The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*Prayer of Dedication

Leader: We remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let us pray together:
All: **We give Thee but Thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is Yours alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.**

Hymn 335

Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY

- 1) ***Though I may speak with brav-est fire,
And have the gift to all in-spire,
And have not love, my words are vain;
As sound-ing brass, and hope-less gain.***
- 2) ***Though I may give all I pos-sess,
And striv-ing so my love pro-fess,
But not be given by love with-in,
And prof-it soon turns strange-ly thin.***
- 3) ***Come, Spir-it, come, our hearts con-trol,
Our spir-its long to be made whole.
Let in-ward love guide ev-ery deed;
By this we wor-ship and are freed.***

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Unison Prayer for Illumination. Let us pray.
People: **Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept Your Word. Silence in us
any voice but Your own, that, hearing, we may also obey Your
will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Unison Reading

Psalms 62:5-12

Leader: Our Unison Reading is *Psalm 62*, verses 5 to 12, in the *Old Testament*
section of the pew Bible on page 526, in the Large Print pew Bible on
page 647, and on page 3 of the 8:30 Worship bulletin. Join with me.

Scripture Readings

I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Hymn 434 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* (verses 1 & 2) KINGSFOLD

- 1) *To-day we all are called to be Dis-ci-ples of the Lord,
To help to set the cap-tive free, Make plow-share out of sword,
To feed the hun-gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and home-less first, Our ease and com-fort last.*
- 2) *God made the world and at its birth Or-dained our hu-man race
To live as stew-ards of the earth, Re-spond-ing to God's grace.
But we are vain and sad-ly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
Our dis-cord spreads a dead-ly cloud That threat-ens all of life.*

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table — Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right ... who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Leader: You are holy.... Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Leader: Gracious God ... and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Words of Institution — Communion — The 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 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.

*Hymn 434 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* (verses 3 & 4) KINGSFOLD

- 3) *Pray jus-tice may come roll-ing down As in a might-y stream,
With righ-teous-ness in field and town To cleanse us and re-deem.
For God is long-ing to re-store An earth where con-flicts cease,
A world that was cre-at-ed for A har-mo-ny of peace.*
- 4) *May we in ser-vice to our God Act out the liv-ing Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.
As stew-ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac-cord
To God who calls us all to be Dis-ci-ples of the Lord.*

*Benediction — *Postlude

*Carillon Voluntary

This Week

Sunday, January 21

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

The Lord's Supper

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Financial Peace Class
God & Country
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth

Monday, January 22

Weekday School & Preschool

- 11:00 a.m. Yoga for Parkinson's
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Cub Scout Pack 62
Boy Scout Troop 62

Tuesday, January 23

Weekday School & Preschool

- 9:15 a.m. WDS Gymnastics
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Rice N Beans
- 7:00 p.m. Young Life

Wednesday, January 24

Weekday School & Preschool

- 7:15 a.m. Men's Fellowship
- 9:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:45 a.m. WDS Gymnastics
- 11:00 a.m. Sewing Group
- 12:30 p.m. Rotary of Belmont
- 3:30 p.m. School Age Chapel
- 4:15 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:00 p.m. WOW
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share Group
Women with Faith
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
High School Study

Thursday, January 25

Weekday School & Preschool

- 9:00 a.m. WDS Dance
- 3:00 p.m. WDS Gymnastics
- 5:00 p.m. Community Bible
Study (Leadership)
- 6:30 p.m. Community Bible
Study
Stewardship &
Finance
- 7:00 p.m. Ala-Teen (Scout Hut)

Friday, January 26

Weekday School & Preschool

Saturday, January 27

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 28

*4th Sunday after Epiphany
Fourth Sunday Loose Offering
Session Meeting*

ELDERS

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Travis Page
Megan Rhoden
Eleanor Tolley

Class of 2025

Thomas Hunter
Bow Lee
Jan Leicht
Nicholas Roselle
Billy Simmons
Sarah Stewart
Selina Stowe

Today

Welcome All! Please take a moment following the *Passing the Peace of Christ* and sign the Friendship Register near the aisle of each pew. We are glad you are here!

A Special Rise Against Hunger Offering will be received during Worship for the remainder of January.

"Roots of Antisemitism & Our Response as Christians" is this morning in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. for the entire congregation, including Middle School & High School students.

Financial Peace Class begins this evening at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Visitor-Inquirer-New Member Class for those interested in learning more about our church meets the first two Sundays of the month in the Gathering Area at 9:45 a.m.

Infant & Toddler Nursery with Childcare Staff Wendy Hill is offered during Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. in Room EB 116.

Children's Sunday School for Preschoolers through 5th Graders meets in the Library at 9:45 a.m. and after the Children's Sermon during Worship (8:30 and 11:00).

Middle School Youth Sunday School for 6th & 7th Grade students meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

8th Grade Confirmation meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

High School Youth Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Sunday School Classes meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room (Feasting on the Word) and in the Chapel (Life-Applications).

Middle School Evening Youth meets this evening from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

High School Youth meets this evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Men's Midweek Fellowship meets at 7:15 a.m. in the Library and through Zoom and continues a study of *Craig Sefa's I Arise Today*. All are welcome.

Family Night Supper Menu: Hamburgers & Hotdogs served with Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese, Slaw & Baked Beans, Ice Cream Sandwich for dessert, and Tea. Please register on *Realm* or through the church website (www.fpc-belmont.org) by Noon on Wednesday,

WOW (Worship On Wednesdays) for Kindergarten through 5th Graders meets at 5:00 p.m. preceded by Children's Choir at 4:15 p.m.

Communicant Class and Acolyte Training for 3rd and 4th Graders respectively begins January 24 during WOW and continues through Ash Wednesday (February 14).

Grief Support Group led by Rev. Daria Ragan continues this week at 6:30 p.m. Visit the church website (www.fpc-belmont.org) to register.

Women's Bible Study is Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Women with Faith meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday in the Parlor at 6:30 p.m.

Handbell Choir & Adult Choir meets at 6:15 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m., respectively.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary meets every Monday at 6:00 p.m. as we pray for the Joys & Concerns of the Church as well as our community, nation, and world.

Men's Breakfast meets every Saturday morning in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 a.m.

A CaroMont Health Presentation for the community is January 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall when we will learn more about the new CaroMont Regional Medical Center-Belmont and the CaroMont Health Foundation. Please register on *Realm*.

A Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session on Sunday, February 4 during Worship (8:30 & 11:00) after the Announcements to act on a slate of officers from the Nominating Committee concerning elders and deacons to serve in the Class of 2026.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event is Sunday, February 4 at 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall when we pack over 15,000 meals. Sign up to volunteer on our website, or consider making a donation on *Realm* by selecting the Rise Against Hunger fund.

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The Rev. Samuel P. Warner, *Pastor*
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