## The Worship of God

Sunday, January 28, 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude & Chiming of the Hour

Musicians

Welcome & Invocation

Pastor

Call to Worship (Isaiah 55:6-7)

Pastor & Congregation

Pastor: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

ALL: Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Pastor: Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

ALL: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

\*Hymn:

"Open Our Eyes, Lord" #633 (CH)

First Scripture Lesson

Luke 12:22-31

22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

27 "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is

thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! 29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

\*Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father" #813 (CH)

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.

Offertory

Musicians

\*Doxology

"Old Hundredth" #815 (CH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Musical Worship

Choir/Musicians

Children's Sermon

"Jesus Loves Me" #185 (CH)

(Pennies for Jesus: Children are dismissed to Children's Church)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor/Congregation

Hymn:

"Seek Y e First" #713 (CH)

Second Scripture Lesson

Jerem iah 29:11-14a

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the Lord...

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the People of God!

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Sermon Pastor "Hiding in Plain Sight!"

Responding to God's Word

The Apostles' Creed

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

\*Hymn: "As the Deer" #548 (CH)

Announcements and Opportunities for Service

Benediction Pastor

Postlude Musicians

## West Point Presbyterian Church



"The Church of the Covenant" Established 1837

Rev. Gerald W. (Jerry) Ledbetter, Pastor

## **Announcements:**

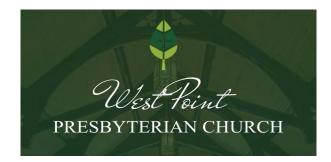
- ~ Sunday School and Choir Practice begin at 10:00 AM on Sundays.
- ~ NOTICE CHANGES: Youth Disciples' Prayer Time is every Wednesday at 7:30 PM, via Google Meet (virtual). Contact Sherrad for more information. Weekly Youth Bible Study gathers in person on Sundays, currently at the First Baptist Church, 3-4 pm.
- ~ **LEO** (Law Enforcement Outreach) meets on Thursdays, 8:00 AM at the Police Department. If you'd like to get involved, please see Jerry.
- ~ Every First Sunday we hold a Unity Worship Service with our friends from the First Baptist Church of West Point. The service rotates back-and-forth between the churches. Our next Unity Service will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church. The service begins at 10:30 AM. Please join us as we seek to further the Kingdom of God.
- ~ Third Sunday Covered-Dish Fellowship will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> following morning worship. Please plan to bring your favorite foods with plenty to share and join us in Davis Hall.
- ~ **The Session** will meet on February 18<sup>th</sup> following our Covered-Dish Fellowship in the Stanley Room.
- ~ Plan now to join us for our Lenten Bible Study beginning of Wednesday, February 21, at 5:30 PM in Davis Hall. We will be working our way through the Old Testament Book of Micah: God Will Again Show Compassion. We will have a catered meal with a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person.

WELCOME: Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, and welcome to West Point Presbyterian Church! At WPPC, we are Seeking, Serving, and Sharing...

Seeking... to Nurture Lifelong Christian Disciples.

Serving... the Congregation, Community & World in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Sharing... God's Love in the Reformed Tradition.



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