



**Presbyterian
Church
of the Roses**

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love To All People

The Beatitudes

The poor, and those in solidarity with them –

God is on your side.

Those who mourn and feel grief about the state of the world –

God is on your side.

The non-violent, gentle and humble –

God is on your side.

Those who hunger and thirst for the common good –

God is on your side.

The merciful and compassionate –

God is on your side.

Those characterized by sincerity, kindness and generosity –

God is on your side.

Those who work for peace and reconciliation –

God is on your side.

Those who keep seeking justice –

God is on your side.

Those who stand for justice and truth as the prophets did,

who refuse to be quiet even when slandered, threatened, imprisoned

God is on your side!

*posted on the **Third Space** blog. <http://third-space.org.uk/fairtrade-beatitudes-and-sanctuary/>*

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29th, 2023

Worship 10:00 am

*First time here? We are happy to have you visit with us and hope
that your worship experience is blessed.
Please pick up a free **Welcome** bag in the narthex.
All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall after the service.*

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

**One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able.
The **bold type** is spoken by the congregation.*

PRELUDE "New Year" John Rutter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - *Thank You to Kristi Gray*

INTROIT "Jubilate" Barbara Kinyon
Belissimo

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Micah 6:8; Deuteronomy 6:5)

What does the Lord require of you?

**To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

What does God command of us?

To love God with all our heart,

and all our soul,

and all our mind,

and all our strength,

and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #749 "Come! Live in the Light!" David Haas

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (responsively)

Christ of the Four Directions

Christ of the East, Christ of the South, Christ of the West, Christ of the North:

**We turn our hearts to you hoping and praying for peace and life
to dispel the shadows of war and death.**

We turn our faces to you trusting and believing for love and grace to shine
upon us and to radiate to all. We turn our lives to you even if we know only
in part what we will one day know fully even as we are fully known.

**And now may faith hope and love, love most of all,
abide in us as we journey together through this year. Amen.**

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION: from Psalm 27 (responsively)

We will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 "Gloria Patri" Henry W. Greatorex

CALL FOR OFFERING

Rev. Lynne Vandercook

OFFERTORY

"Largo #5"

Antonio Vivaldi

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN#451 "*Open My Eyes*" Clara H. Scott

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 6:1-8

Rev. Lynne Vandercook

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.'

'With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"Down to the River to Pray"
Chancel Choir

Marc Hafso

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Rejoice and Be Glad"

Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

*HYMN #172 (vs.1-3)

"Blest Are They"

David Haas

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE: (*inspired by Matthew 5:1-16*)

God of the prophets, God of Christ: we are reminded today that your blessings do not necessarily follow the logic of the world.

The world believes that the rich are blessed, but Jesus reminds us that it is the poor who are blessed, the poor in spirit and the materially poor as well. We pray for a just world in which all have enough and none are left behind.

Though we fear death and avoid its inevitable arrival, Jesus tells us that those who mourn are blessed. Help us to experience the truth of this mystery; bring healing and wholeness to those who are sick; and comfort those of us who have lost loved ones.

While people covet power, Jesus blesses the meek; instruct us, O God, in the ways of humility; help us to stand in solidarity with the oppressed and marginalized; show us your presence in the faces of those the world forgets.

Give us a hunger and thirst for righteousness; fill our hearts with love, overflowing with mercy; make our hearts pure, and give us a vision of your glory.

In a society divided by race, gender, class, ideology, sexual orientation, and so many other labels we alone have created, remind us that we are created in your image, each of us a beautiful reflection of you, each of us your beloved child. Help us then to end our conflicts and wars, help us to be peacemakers and agents of reconciliation.

Gracious God, you have so richly blessed us with life, with love and joy, with hope in the midst of despair. Help us to be the salt of the earth.

Help us to be the light of the world, sharing with others that which we have received, boldly proclaiming the good news of your love, finding the seeds of your kingdom within us and letting your way grow in our lives and throughout the world.

Give us eyes to see the ways you are changing the world in which we live. Give us ears to hear your call to join with you in the great transformation. Hear us now, o God, as we pray for the coming of your kingdom, following Christ as he taught us to pray: 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 #542(vs.1-3) *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* William G. Tomer

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Epilogue"

Robert Cundick

References: Congregational Prayer ~ adapted from "Invocation to the Christ of the Four Directions" written by Suzanne Fageol. Posted on **Weekly Worship** of the Christian Aid website. Prayer of the People ~ posted on **Literature & Liturgy**. <https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/>

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PASTOR: *Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway* LITURGIST: Rev. Lynne Vandercook

MUSIC: *Carol Menke, Althea Wright & The Chancel Choir*

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : *Phil Goede, Norm Smith, Jonathan Parnell, and Nico Wycoff*

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## **Per Capita 2023 Presbytery of the Redwoods**

Breakdown of your per capita 2023 contribution

General Assembly: 9.85

Synod of the Pacific: 5.22

Presbytery: 19.93

***Total: \$35.00 per church member, pls note per capita on your check.***

**PRAYER REQUESTS- *Please include in your prayers***

### **Those mourning the death of their loved ones**

\*The family and friends of Pat Sneath as they mourn her death on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

\*The family and friends of AnnaLeigh(Ellie) Sage, Pamela Sage's daughter as they mourn her death on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 2022

## **Those with health issues**

Darren Adams  
Donald Adams  
Shirley Anderson  
Greg Basham  
Jeff Basham  
Jeanette Bauer  
Jim Bauer  
Bill Beaumont  
Barbara Blinn  
Patrick Butler  
Peggy Call  
Leslie Colby  
Marjorie Cortez  
Doreen Cowden  
Pat Currier  
Eldon Davis  
Toni Drucker

Robert Flandermeyer  
Wendy Galde  
Cathy Guy  
Michele Hare  
Phil Henry  
Mary Lou Hensley  
Werner Hoehenrieder  
Brittany Hunt  
Maryann Iodence  
Jennifer  
Rusty Jump  
Carolyn Kenworthy  
Margret Kram  
Vivian Mazeski  
Marilyn MacLean  
Gene Michel  
Jessica Morse

Lisa Nolan  
Nancy Pinney  
Howard Powers  
Priscilla  
Lynette Randerson  
Sherry Rupp  
Pamela Sage  
Bob Simmons  
Marie Slack  
Bill St. John  
Dina Takahama  
Bob Weber  
Jill White  
Roger White  
Helen Wikle  
Betty Witchey-Ryer

## **Those serving in our military**

James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS Scranton. Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Commander Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve.



*"Flowers given to the Glory of God from  
Lynn McCarty and Clay Spence"*

**Training for Officers/Deacons Sat. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Westminster Woods-**  
10:00am for the newly elected, 12 noon for everyone else.

# Annual Report

## Annual Congregational Meeting

February 5<sup>th</sup> after service



Annual Reports are available *TODAY* in Campbell Court.



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| Monday    | 1/30 | <b>Church Office Closed</b><br>7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom         |
| Tuesday   | 1/31 | 8:30am Building & Grounds                                          |
| Wednesday | 2/1  | 11:00am Staff Meets<br>5:00pm Worship Comm. meets                  |
| Thursday  | 2/2  | 10:30am Seniors Exercise Video/Rose Rm                             |
| Friday    | 2/3  | <b>Church Office Closed</b>                                        |
| Saturday  | 2/4  | 10:00am Officer Training@Westminister Woods<br>5:00pm Sacred Space |

### *Yeah! We have our first Egg Sponsor, we could use more...*

“We are grateful to Gene & Carole Michel who have been the first to give donations for the eggs.”

Have you always wanted to help out at our MHS Breakfast program but aren't able to?

We are looking for an Egg Sponsor for our MHS Breakfast! A person or person(s) would donate \$\$ or purchase *liquid eggs* on a continual basis. See Pastor Cindy for more info.