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Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 9, 2025
10am

Silent Meditation

“Grace
is the face that love wears
when it meets
imperfection.”

~ Joseph R. Cooke

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Introit

“Glory to the Lamb”

Larry Dempsey

† Call to Worship

adapted from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C, vol 1

Liturgist: In the sanctuary, God the Holy One,
whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

**All: Beside the sea, along ordinary paths,
in our daily work, God calls us.**

Liturgist: We respond with our whole heart,
singing God’s praises and giving thanks.

**All: In steadfast love,
God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.**

† Prayer of the Day

from Connections: Worship Companion, Year C, vol 1

**Holy One, by your grace we are your own. Stir up in us the desire to follow
you, that your grace toward us may not be in vain but may become our
motivation to go where you send us. Amen.**

† Opening Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

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Call to Confession

from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C, vol. 1

Liturgist: Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

Prayer of Confession

O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world. We long to feel your grace and glory, for in you, Emmanuel, we can be healed and set free; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Let us take a moment now to make our own silent confessions.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: The promise is this: God is faithful and steadfast, eager to forgive our sin and welcome us home. Grateful for this promise of joy and of peace, let us rejoice together. We are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

First Reading of the Word	Isaiah 6:1-13 (NRSVUE)
Anthem	“Sanctus” Tomas Luis de Victoria
Children’s Message	Elder Carrie Dykes
Second Reading	Luke 5:1-11 (NRSVUE)
Sermon	Rev. Laura Bachmann
† Hymn of Response	“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” #721
† Affirmation of Faith	<i>from A Brief Statement of Faith</i>

In life and in death, we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and
giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of the Community

Each petition will end with “On the day I called, **you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.**”

Prayers for:

- Bob Binko’s Dad, John, who is showing improvement and is in rehab.
- Thanksgiving that John Belt is doing well since his transplant, and a good report after this week’s appointment. John is thankful for our prayers throughout all of this.
- Thanksgiving for Barb Snaith’s cousin, Chip, who is out of ICU and has shown great improvement.
- Thanksgiving for the birth of Greyson, Tiffany Switzer’s son, Bev’s grandson and Adam’s nephew.
- Prayers from our Presbytery: “Church of the Week” East Bethany Presbyterian Church. Shiela McCollough- pastor, Cassandra Carlsen- clerk of session, Susan Boyle – office admin. Minister Members of the week - Rev. Steven Becker, retired, and Rev. S. Phillip Benier, Holley.
- For all those who lost loved ones in the plane crashes in Washington and Pennsylvania. Prayers for comfort and strength.
- For children with learning disabilities and their families.
- Keith VanNostrand who remains hospitalized with stomach cancer.
- All those needing prayers and preferring privacy, whose names are known to God.
- All refugees who are experiencing fear and uncertainty at this time.
- For Churchview Commons and our partnership with the YWCA and Pathstone, that your Spirit may guide us as we prepare to welcome new neighbors to our community.

- The Dream Team as they begin their work, that God will guide them as they work together to discern God's vision for our life and ministry together.
- The valued immigrant workers and their families, with very real fears about plans for massive deportation. They are our neighbors. And prayers for those stepping up to protect and defend these vulnerable ones.
- For all in our nation, national and local leaders and community members alike, that we may work together to advocate for the common good in the months and years ahead.
- For peace to prevail in all places where war is killing and injuring people, destroying communities and polluting the earth. For leaders involved in negotiations, that wisdom will prevail and peace may take root. Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.

Continued prayers for: The Ohman Family, Fong/Meyer Family, Balsley Family, Beattie Family, Nolan Family, Arcara/Ortman Family, Frona Rossman's family and friends, Incardona Family, John Belt, Buz Bauman, Julie Seide, Angelika Alvarez and family, Djeinaba and daughter, Amiera, Hannah and Lori Walker, Tim Williams and Joanna from St. Joe's community, Katie Steinmiller's sister, Jessie, Tracy Burkovich's mom, Darrell, Linda Allen, Jill Corey, Laura's Aunt Carol and Uncle Mike, Kecia Binko's parents Bob and Marilyn Hall, Linda Beattie's friends Kerri Weaver and Barb Cardenuto and cousin, MaKenna, Rev. Tedd Pullano, Katie Waugh Samson's employees, Jeff and Andrew, Doris Barney, Kathy Wakeman's mom, Ruth, Laura's brother in law, Peter Chemery, the Priestleys, those affected by the California wildfires, the Indian State of Manipur, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Yemen, South Sudan, the Congo, Bangladesh and all those experiencing violence, war and natural disasters.

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.

Generosity Moment

Where did you see God this week?

† Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† Offering Prayer

adapted from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C, vol. 1

Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Bless these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us; in Jesus' name. Amen.

† Closing Hymn

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

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Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

“Three-Fold Amen”

Gene Grier and Lowell Everson

Postlude

Service Participants:

Rev. Laura Bachmann, Pastor
 Barb Snaith, Liturgist
 Roy Smith, Choir Director
 Andy Pratt, Piano
 Evan Mikoll, Video Live Stream Director
 Karen Kozlowski, Visual Design

Happening this Week

Sunday, February 9	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jr. Choir (2,3) Library Open House
Monday, February 10	8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. Joe's Sandwich Crew (fh) Mission Team (1) Library Ministry Team Meeting Trustees Meeting via Zoom Mission Team Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, February 11	10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Rebecca Circle Bible Study Deacon Meeting (1)
Sunday, February 16	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Choir (1) Worship

The above listing reflects only GPC related meetings/events. For a full listing of our building use, please see our online calendar [here](#).

El Shaddai Church has a new website!

Pastor Heritage has invited you all to explore their [new page](#).



2024 Year-End Giving Statements

2024 Giving Statements were emailed to those that received one in 2023; emails were sent this past Thursday, 1/16. If you didn't receive one and need one sent to you, please email office@gatespres.org.

Greeters Needed

Greeter dates for February 2025 – January 2026 are now available on the sign up. Please consider signing up to fill one (or more) of these dates. You can sign up online here: [Greeter Sign Up](#)

Mid-Day Services

These services will be paused for February 2025. We will resume on March 6.

2025 GPC Ladies' Brunch

The 2025 Ladies' Brunch is planned for Sunday, February 16 at Red Fedele's Brook House starting at 12 noon. The cost is \$28.00 per person and due by Sunday, February 12.

You can write your check for \$28.00 payable to Gates Presbyterian, mark on your check that it is for 'Ladies brunch' and put in an envelope addressed to Karen who will keep track of who signed up.

Contact Barb with any questions (585-727-4246)



**Dust off those routines and warm up your instruments
It's time for another GPC Coffee House!**

Join us on Saturday, March 1st at 6:30pm for an evening of fun in the Fellowship Hall!

[Sign-up online](#) for performers and volunteers. We need volunteers for set-up on Friday evening, dessert donations, and kitchen crew.

Email Katie Steinmiller at kathryn.steinmiller@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your help!

Mental Health First Aid Training – Saturday, March 8 from 9a-3p

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. GPC is partnering with DelphiRise to offer this training to the public. Childcare & lunch will be provided. Full flyer & registration information is posted on the GPC website [here](#).

Family Support Group

Greece Baptist Church is starting a support group for families whose young adult children have cut off communication with them. The support group is for the families, not necessarily for the member who has separated themselves from the family.

The support group will meet at Greece Baptist Church, 1230 Long Pond Rd. on Sunday March 9 at a time to be determined depending on availability of the families. It will be facilitated by an experienced family counselor. The expectation is that the group will continue to meet monthly.

If you know someone who could benefit from such a support group, please have them contact Pastor Cheryl Frank, cherylmfrank@yahoo.com or call 585-730-1719.

Worship Support Schedule

Date	Liturgist	Greeter	Usher	Communion Servers
2/9	Barb Snaith	Jan Beutner-Shirtz	1	
2/16	Paula Sousa		2	
2/23	Katie Steinmiller		3	
3/2	Sally Christensen		4	Jan Brewer Tom Brewer Bruce Taylor Janice Phillips Simon Njumbwa Paula Sousa

Let's Be Clear: Criminal Justice Data Has a Story to Tell

Join our ecumenical Greece churches as we share a simple meal together and watch and discuss this series of eight short video vignettes about people involved in the criminal justice system. Learn how we can change the future of criminal justice by developing tools to reshape how the system works.

Communities have the power to make change! Two Monday evenings at 6-8pm, at Greece Baptist Church, led by Dr. Melissa Johnson.

- February 10: Part II

RSVP appreciated not required: Brandon at GBC office: 225-6160

We are glad you joined us for today's worship service!

Useful Info

- ❖ Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. We'd love to see you in person in our sanctuary, but if that doesn't work for you, you can join us online via our [YouTube channel](#).
- ❖ Visit our [website](#) where you'll find a lot of information [about our church](#), our [Mission, Values & Beliefs](#), and learn about the various [local missions](#) that we support.
- ❖ Follow us on [Facebook](#) to stay up to date on news & events.
- ❖ Want to volunteer, but don't know where you'd fit in? Check out our "[How to Get Involved at GPC](#)" brochure. This document outlines the various committees & groups at GPC and some of the things they do

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Generosity

There are several ways that you can make a donation to GPC.

- Online [here](#). You can use a credit card or pay via ACH/bank transfer. Make a one-time payment or set up recurring payments. ***Please consider covering the processing fees to offset the costs to GPC.***
- Pay by Check (payable to Gates Presbyterian Church).
Mail to: 1049 Wegman Rd, Rochester, NY 14624.

Congregational Care

Anyone wishing to let us know of someone needing our care and concern, please contact Linda Sidore at 314-4437, lsidore@yahoo.com. You can also contact Ginny Smith (247-5563) to place your person and their concern on the confidential prayer chain.

Prayer Shawls

Anyone in need of a prayer shawl for themselves or for a friend or family member, can contact the church office.