



# Second Sunday After Epiphany

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 14, 2024

10:30 A.M.

## PEACE BE WITH YOU

As pastors of Catonsville Presbyterian Church, we know that this is a community of love, care, and true welcome. We pray that you will experience our hospitality and our delight in your presence.

Not only do we welcome you and your family, but we seek to welcome the full range of experiences, identities, and feelings that you carry. Our life together is often marked by a desire to thoughtfully engage God's world and our own humanity. We're compelled by the reality that the Christian life is often full of doubt, fear, loneliness, shortfalls, and uncertainty, in the same way that it can be full of beauty, belonging, love, and hope.

Whoever you are today, whoever you have been, and whoever you have yet to be: you are welcome in this space. We hope to meet you this morning, and if not, we hope to say hello in the coming days. If you are interested in learning more about our ministry at Catonsville Presbyterian Church, consider opening your phone's camera and following the QR code on this page. We'll send a short email with some ways to get connected this week and in the weeks to come.



Once again, welcome. You are a beloved child of God.

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

We actively engage our intellects and our hearts in what we believe to be true: that God's peace, justice, and radical love are good news for every corner of our lives. We seek to be a place of freedom and liberation, where people of all ages and backgrounds deepen their connection to God and others while making a tangible difference in our Catonsville community and throughout the world.

Rooted in this faith, our congregation proudly affirms the gifts, callings, and God-given identities of LGBTQIA+ members, friends, and guests. God invites all of us to explore and discover the person God has created and known before all time.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Today is a Second Sunday, when ministry for children and youth is especially active. We know that it might not be comfortable or appropriate for kids to leave their parent during worship, and they are always welcome to remain in the service. Children's bulletins, books, and activities are available in the back of the sanctuary.

### Second Sunday Ministries

- Childcare for infants to age five is available from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the lower level room beneath the France Room.
- Church school for children in kindergarten through fifth grade will meet at the conclusion of the children's message, when leaders will escort them to the lower level room beneath the Fellowship Hall.
- Cocoa and Conversation for middle and high school youth will meet beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the youth room above the France Room.

**“The time is always right  
to do what is right.”**

Martin Luther King Jr.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Service for the Lord's Day

### PRELUDE

*Adagio* from Concerto in A Minor  
BWV 593, J. S. Bach

This work for solo organ is Bach's transcription of Antonio Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Violins, Op. 3 No. 8. It was common during the Baroque era for composers to transcribe one another's works, and Bach himself was an indefatigable transcriber, which explains his mastery of many styles despite not traveling more than 200 miles from his birthplace during his lifetime.

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says:

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**Come, let us worship God!**

### † HYMN # 734

"Hope of the World"

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way of truth and life.

You call us to share all that we have and work together for the common good, but we hoard up treasures for ourselves and deny others their daily bread.

You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed, but we live in fear of our neighbors and hide ourselves from our own kin.

You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about your saving love.

Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from sin, death and fear so that we may serve you with gladness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silent prayer of confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news:

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 582**

“Glory to God, Whose  
Goodness Shines on Me”

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## LIFE IN COMMUNITY



Come in your faith, and in your doubt! If you are joining us for the first time, we invite you to share your information by scanning the QR code. We would love to connect.

Upcoming events and recent announcements are available in the back of the bulletin and on our website at [catonsvillepres.org](http://catonsvillepres.org).

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN # 486 (VERSES 1-3)

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### Presentation

### † Profession of Faith

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Carolina Paola Chame Maxwell, by word and deed, with love and prayer?

**We do.**

Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

**We will.**

### Thanksgiving Over the Water

### The Baptism

### The Welcome

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† Please rise in body or in spirit

**HYMN # 486 (VERSE 4)**

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Speak to us, O God, with the voice of your Holy Spirit, that we may know  
the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 25:31-46  
*Page 29 of the New Testament*

**SERMON**

“The Least of These”  
*Ken Kovacs*

**CALL TO OFFERING**



**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

*Down By the Riverside,*  
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside  
to study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside  
to study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more!



† DOXOLOGY # 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us.  
We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this  
world. May our gifts share the good news of the gospel to those who are in  
need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads.  
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &  
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 # 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**

*His Name So Sweet*  
Setting by Richard Billingham

This African American spiritual, “I’ve Just Come from the Fountain” refers to Jesus as the source of comfort and healing, and the fount of all good things. Turning to him, expressing love for him, is like drinking sweet, fresh water from a fountain. (Source: “In Their Own Words: Slave Life and Spirituals,” by Dr. Eileen Guenther).

*I've just come from the fountain,  
I've just come from the fountain, Lord.  
I've just come from the fountain,  
His name's so sweet.*

## SOURCES

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Matthew 25 worship resources, *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, (Louisville, KY).

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## LEARNING & GROWING

Access the articles for Adult Education at [catonsvillepres.org/belonging](https://catonsvillepres.org/belonging)

### PERILS AND PROMISE OF THE PULPIT

**Sunday, January 21 | Led by Ken Kovacs | 9:00 a.m. in the Library**

Thomas Long, the “dean” of American Protestant preachers, former professor of preaching at Princeton Seminary and Candler Divinity School at Emory, wrote an essay in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, which has received a lot of attention: *The Perilous and Promising Pulpit*.

Long believes, “In a new and disturbing way, preaching has become perilous.” But there’s room for promise when we remember what is really going on when a congregation faithfully and courageously listens for the Word of God.

### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**January 11, 18, and 25 | Led by Ken Kovacs | 10:30 a.m. in the Library**

TMBS returns on January 11. For three weeks, our text will be the scripture readings for each upcoming Sunday. Join us on January 11, 18, and 25, at 10:30 a.m. in the library. We’ll take a break for several weeks and then resume with a new study for Lent. Look for details.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Child Care Center Openings

Our highly-rated Family Child Care Center has immediate openings for enrollment for spring 2024!

- 3 year old preschool: 1 opening
- 4 year old preschool: 1 opening
- Before-care (7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.): multiple openings
- Aftercare (3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.): 3 openings

Contact Ashley Graham ([agraham@cpcfccc.org](mailto:agraham@cpcfccc.org)) for more information on these registration spots.

Be sure to save the dates to register for summer camp 2024 and school year 2024-25. Current families register any day from Monday, January 22 through Sunday, January 28. Church members, returning campers, and new families register on Monday, February 12. After current families have re-registered, church members get priority for remaining spaces.

## Church Library

The Peace & Justice and Dismantling Racism committees are pleased to announce that we now have a new resource library. This is similar to a “little free library,” so continue to bring in books and put them on the shelves. You’re also invited to take books and begin circulating ideas. When contributing, please donate books that fit the broad theme of education on diversity, dismantling racism, social and structural change, environment, community building and revitalization. There are books for all ages.

## **Congregational Meeting**

Session has called for the Annual Congregational Meeting to take place immediately following worship on Sunday, January 28. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the 2024 budget, review the pastors' Terms of Call for 2024, and any other business the congregation wishes to address.

## **You're Invited: Plant-based Potluck**

The Creation Care team invites you to a plant-based potluck dinner on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.! Plant-based meals are made solely of vegetables, beans/legumes, and grains (including pasta) and usually do not contain dairy. Please bring a side dish or main dish to share. Bring your recipe so we can make each other's dishes at home! RSVPs to Laurie White ([thewhites@brickhouse112.com](mailto:thewhites@brickhouse112.com)) are not required but greatly appreciated. Let Laurie know if you can help set up or clean up.

## **Submission to *The Messenger***

The next edition of *The Messenger* will be published on Ash Wednesday (February 14). It will span Lent and Eastertide. If you intend on submitting a piece, please contact Michael Cuppett and send it before Monday, January 29. Please remember that *The Messenger* is centered on reflection and personal perspective rather than announcements or calendar events.

## **2023 Communications Survey**

Lift your voice and share your thoughts on communications at CPC. You can take a short, 2- to 3-minute survey at [tinyurl.com/cpc-comms](https://tinyurl.com/cpc-comms) that will help us continue to assess and improve our communications. The survey is anonymous unless you choose to self-identify. Thank you for your candor and insight!

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Day	Event	Location/Time	Contact
<b>Today</b>	Worship	Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Envision Board	France Room, after worship	Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com
<b>Mon.</b>	Staff "Christmas" Dinner	6 p.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
<b>Tues.</b>	Needlework Group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
	Passages Circle	7 p.m.	Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com
<b>Wed.</b>	Session meeting	Library, 7 p.m.	David Hutton dhutton1@verizon.net
	Child Care Council Meeting	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Richard Johns richardwjohns@msn.com
<b>Thurs.</b>	Bible Study	Library, 10:30 a.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, 7 p.m.	Greg Knauf gknauf@catonsvillepres.org
<b>Next Sun.</b>	Adult Education	Library, 9 a.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
	Worship	Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org

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**(Next Sun.)** Worship Committee

France Room,  
after worship

Howie Nixon  
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Concerts at 3

Sanctuary, 3 p.m.

David Hutton  
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## PLEDGE UPDATE

“Thank you for your amazing response to the 2024 stewardship campaign. We are so grateful for your generosity.” – Jadie Mayes and Keith Glennan, *pledge secretaries*

			2024	2023
		Less than \$1,000	15	19
		\$1,000 - \$2,000	17	21
		\$2,000 - \$3,000	18	21
		\$3,000 - \$5,000	11	9
Number of pledges	85	92	10	12
Total amount pledged	\$387,997	\$371,594	7	3
Average pledge amt.	\$4,565	\$4,039	7	7

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*Please note that today's service is streamed.*



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## Hope of the World

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1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:  
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;  
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:  
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:  
 from death and deep de - spair, from sin and guilt:  
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:



save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
 still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;  
 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;




who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
 to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.  
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.  
 take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.  
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

This winning entry by a groundbreaking woman theologian was selected from over five hundred others in a search for a hymn to be used at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, in October 1954. The theme of the assembly was "Jesus Christ, Hope of the World."

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# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## 486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

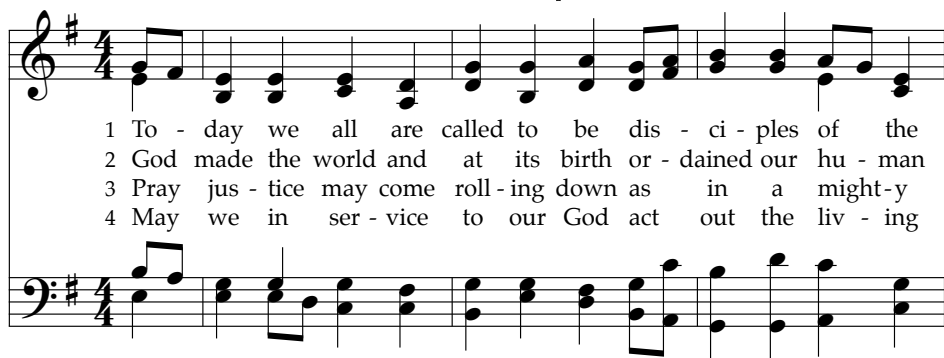
1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized  
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -  
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you  
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has  
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our  
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly  
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and

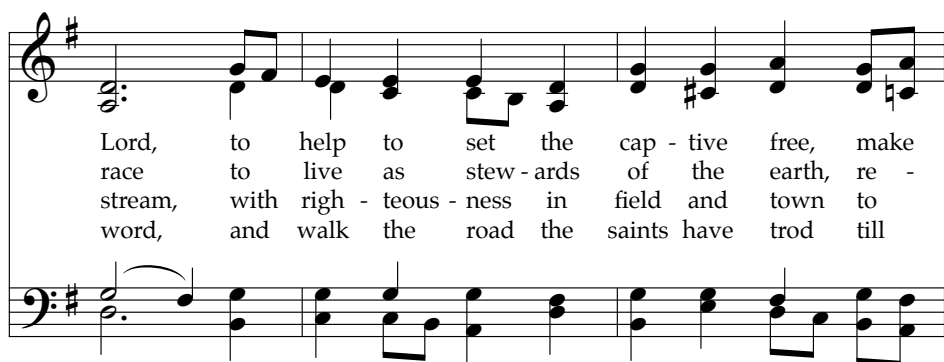
sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.  
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

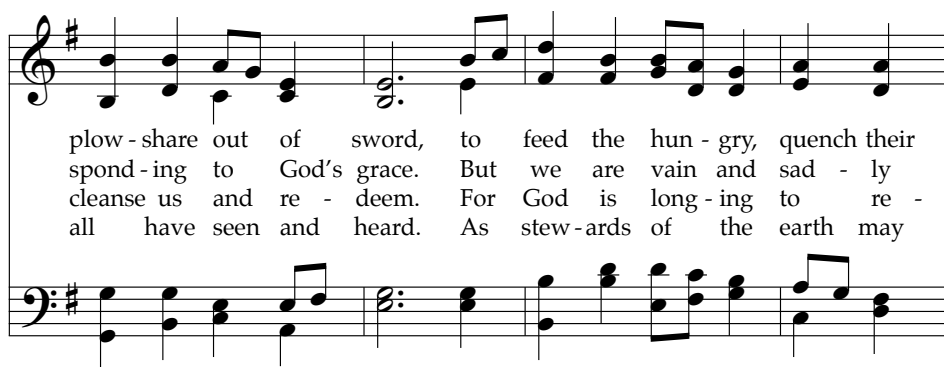
# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.