



## Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice  
in the warmth of God's love and light by  
**teaching** the holy word,  
**servicing** Christ's community, and  
**growing** together in faith.



*Letting Go and  
Letting God*

January 21, 2024  
Third Sunday after Epiphany

# The Service for the Lord's Day

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9:30 am

Prelude

*Prelude and Fugue in A Minor*  
*Andante Sostenuto*

Dietrich Buxtehude  
Robert Lau

Call to Worship

One: Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions.  
God calls us here to worship.

**All: We are here to worship.**

One: Drop your nets and leave your boats. God is with us. Jesus calls us.

**All: We are here to worship. Let us worship God together!**

\*Hymn

*You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

No. 170

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down even though things are not right. We have gotten comfortable in our categories: have and have-nots, makers and takers, bigots and bystanders, self-starters and subordinates, the perpetrators and the innocent. We confess our discomfort in speaking truths that unmask idolatries. Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change our hearts and lives. Call to us again and show us your mercy. Let us hear your good news again. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God desires relationship with us, and reconciliation for all of creation. Jesus comes bearing the good news of forgiveness and transformation. Receive the good news of God's grace: You are forgiven!

**All: We rejoice because we are forgiven!**

\*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.**

\*Passing the Peace

*(Please check first with those you approach)*

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message Jennifer Miller  
*Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.  
After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.*

Prayer for Illumination Kay Hoge

Old Testament Reading Psalm 62: 5-12 (page 458)

Anthem *Trust and Obey* arr. by Michael Helman  
Memorial Ringers

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 14-20 (page 812)

Sermon *Letting Go and Letting God* Rev. Amy Lincoln

\*Affirmation of Faith (in unison) *(from The Declaration of Faith)*

**In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by our siblings in Christ, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

Anthem *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* Mark L. Williams

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. Teach me thy patience still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way; in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

Offering

*We invite you to consider giving out of gratitude to God after worship today either by placing your offering in the wooden box hanging on the wall at each exit, scanning the QR code in your pew and/or giving online through the church website at [www.flemingtonpres.org](http://www.flemingtonpres.org), or mailing a check to the church office at 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. We give thanks for your generosity, allowing our mission and ministry together to continue.*

Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, change our hearts and our lives. Renew us by your good news. Use the gifts we bring for your holy work of transformation, as we seek to go where Jesus leads us. Amen.**

\*Doxology

No. 607

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

Prayers of the People and 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

*Jesus Calls Us*

No. 720

\*Charge and Benediction

Response

*An Irish Blessing*

Michael Nuss

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may the God who loves us all, hold you in the palm of his hand

Postlude

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Gordon Young

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