

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **BOLD** print

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Markman (he/him)

INTROIT (choir only)

We Are One in Christ Jesus

NO. 322

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today is a special day.

ALL: OUR CHURCH IS MOVING WITH STRENGTH INTO THE FUTURE!

One: Today we ordain and install our new elders and deacons.

ALL: We will keep our elders and deacons in our prayers and support them as they do their work!

One: Trusting always in the Spirit to lead us, on the path to which God calls us!

Question #1: *Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?*

*HYMN NO. 733

We All Are One in Mission

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: GRACIOUS GOD, WE LIVE IN THE TENSION OF WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO BE AND OUR LIVED REALITY. WE OFTEN FALL SHORT OF THE GOOD WE INTEND AND OUR GROWING IN THE LIKENESS OF CHRIST IS PAINFULLY SLOW AT BEST. FORGIVE US, WE PRAY. OFFER US THE PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING THAT WE MIGHT BE FORGIVEN AND BEGIN ANEW.

[Time of silent prayer]

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the Good News! The old life is gone, a new life has begun. You are not who you were; may you live into who you can be. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN.

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Jesus, the Light of the World

NO. 127, v. 3

Refrain:

**WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, BEAUTIFUL LIGHT.
COME WHERE THE DEWDROPS OF MERCY SHINE BRIGHT.
O, SHINE ALL AROUND US BY DAY AND BY NIGHT.
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.**

v. 3

**CHRIST BY HIGHEST HEAVEN ADORED;
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
CHRIST, THE EVERLASTING LORD;
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. (REFRAIN)**

*SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

[Turn to those around you and share with them words and signs of peace.]

WONDERING TIME

Christina Pressley (she/her)

[Children remain in worship with their families. Quiet activities available in the back of the sanctuary.]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**ALL: LOVING GOD, OPEN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO WHAT YOU WOULD SAY TO
US THIS DAY. SPEAK LORD, FOR YOUR PEOPLE ARE LISTENING. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (NRSV)

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Question #2: *Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?*

SERMON

"We Are the Body of Christ!" Pastor Eric Markman (he/him)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**ALL: CHRIST HAS NO BODY BUT YOURS,
NO HANDS, NO FEET ON EARTH BUT YOURS,**

(cont'd)

YOURS ARE THE EYES WITH WHICH HE LOOKS
COMPASSION ON THIS WORLD,
YOURS ARE THE FEET WITH WHICH HE WALKS TO DO GOOD,
YOURS ARE THE HANDS, WITH WHICH HE BLESSES ALL THE WORLD.
YOURS ARE THE HANDS, YOURS ARE THE FEET,
YOURS ARE THE EYES, YOU ARE HIS BODY.
CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW BUT YOURS,
NO HANDS, NO FEET ON EARTH BUT YOURS,
YOURS ARE THE EYES WITH WHICH HE LOOKS
COMPASSION ON THIS WORLD.
CHRIST HAS NO BODY NOW ON EARTH BUT YOURS. — *St. Teresa of Ávila*

Question #3: *Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?*

Question #4: *Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?*

Question #5: *Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

[This morning we receive the offering for the Deacons' Fund. Your contributions provide immediate assistance to individuals in our community in financial crisis – real people, real needs, real help. Any loose offering and designated checks go toward this fund. Let us give with grateful hearts.]

OFFERTORY

I Want to Be Ready
Chancel Choir

arr. Jay Althouse

Refrain:

I want to be ready, ready when the great day comes!

Now when I was a sinner, I sought both night and day.
I asked the Lord to help me, and He showed me the way. (Refrain)

The Lord came down to help me, He taught me how to pray.
I'm now a true believer; I seek the judgment day. (Refrain)

**GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME,
AND TO THE SON, WHOSE GRACE HAS PARDONED ME,
AND TO THE SPIRIT, WHOSE LOVE HAS SET ME FREE.**

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE. AMEN.

WORLD WITHOUT END, WITHOUT END. AMEN.

WORLD WITHOUT END, WITHOUT END. AMEN.

WORLD WITHOUT END, WITHOUT END. AMEN.

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE. AMEN.

Question #6: *Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?*

Question #7: *Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Question #8: *Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise

SHARING THE MEAL

All are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward using the center aisle.

When you reach the Table, take a piece of bread from the basket and dip it in the cup.

Eat immediately, then return to your pew via the side aisles.

(We serve grape juice instead of wine and offer gluten-free bread so that all may partake.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Question #9 (for elders): *Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?*

Question #9 (for deacons): *Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?*

*HYMN NO. 322

We Are One in Jesus Christ

* BENEDICTION

ANNUAL MEETING

[Please remain for the annual meeting of the congregation.]

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here today. If you'd like to learn more about what's happening at Concord, how you can get involved, or how we can help or support you, fill out one of the Connection Cards in the pew with your contact information. You can place the card in the offering or give it to a greeter as you leave. The peace of Christ be with you.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Liz Rowe

Greeter: Marj Johnson

Livestream Team: Bob Brown, Alan Jewett, Ron McKinney, Melanie Slezak

J.A.M. Session



The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday, so J.A.M. Session will not be held. After Wondering Time, children will remain in worship with their families and take part in communion after the sermon. There are quiet activities at the back of the sanctuary that children may take to the pews.

Restrooms: All-gender, single stall handicap accessible restrooms can be found in the narthex and near Fellowship Hall. A baby changing table can be found in the one near Fellowship Hall. Men's and women's restrooms are located behind the chancel and near Jessie's Room. Feel free to use restrooms that conform to your gender identity.



ANNUAL MEETING

By action of the Session of Concord Presbyterian Church, there will be a meeting of the congregation today immediately following worship to:

- review the 2024 financial report,
- receive the 2025 budget,
- and handle any other business that may rightly come before it.

The **2024 Annual Report** (containing the 2025 budget) is now available on [our website](#). *A limited number of hard copies are also available in the back of the Sanctuary.*

This annual meeting will be livestreamed immediately following the service.

Souper Bowl Soup2Go!

Sunday, February 9 at 11:00am

After worship in the gathering area at the back of church

Pick up a \$10 quart of homemade minestrone soup to enjoy in front of the game! Optional sides – macaroni noodles, grated parmesan, 2 rolls (\$1 each)

To pre-order, please email concord.christinap@gmail.com



Proceeds go to Concord Youth Group Mission Trips & Conferences and Friendship House Highmark Walk



Greetings, Greeters!

We need your help to welcome worshipers, assist in receiving the offering, & straighten up the pews following worship. Families & friends are always welcome to serve as greeters together; only one person needs to sign up. To volunteer online, visit

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4DA9AB2EA2F94-greeterusher#/>



Chancel Flowers

Donating the flower arrangement for the front of the sanctuary is a lovely way to honor or remember a family member or commemorate a special occasion. If you are interested, please contact the [Church Office](#) – dates in February and March are available!

We are working on a do-it-yourself, updated photo directory. **Following worship, Terri Jones will be taking photos in the front of the sanctuary during Gathering Time.** Stop by before or after snacking to have your picture taken and to update your contact information.



We will be continuing this process for a number of weeks, so don't worry if you can't make it this Sunday. Watch *Concord Connects* for future dates. Deacons will also be working on getting current photos of our homebound members. Please don't be concerned if you're not an "official" church member - if you are part of our Concord Family, we want to include you!



Mug & Muffin – Weds. @ 10:00am via Zoom: Our weekly Mug & Muffin Bible study meets again **Wed., February 5** from 10:00-11:00am, led by Pastor Eric Markman. To join the Zoom gathering online, click [here](#).

Concord Preschool registration for next year is now open.

This includes registration for full-day Kindergarten.

Contact the Preschool Office at 302/654-9629 for information or to arrange a tour.



Gospel Music Sunday

Soup/Chili Cook-Off & Chocolate Challenge

February 23, 2025

Join us for a wonderful Gospel music celebration in worship followed by Concord's annual fellowship event that supports Concord Youth Group activities. More details to come...!



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

The beginning of this year has brought unprecedented challenges for our neighbors in California, who are now facing a devastating disaster. The harrowing images of wildfires consuming parts of Los Angeles and Ventura counties have deeply impacted us all, stirring our hearts with sorrow and compassion. Authorities are reporting this as a historic and deadly wildfire event. More than 40,000 acres have burned, with over 12,300 structures destroyed, entire communities wiped out, and tens of thousands of residents displaced. Tragically, at least 24 lives have been lost, and the numbers continue to rise as fires remain uncontained. This is an ongoing disaster, and the extent of damage and loss continues to evolve, with figures expected to change as the situation develops.

As part of the ongoing response, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been in communication with faith leaders in the affected communities. In addition to providing emotional and spiritual care, PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate assistance. Though the final outcomes of these fires are yet to be known, we are clear that the magnitude of the event will require long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects.

As people of God, once again we are called to stand with our neighbors. Please give generously to the Church's recovery efforts, both short- and long-term. [This designated account](#) (DR000165) supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant response for all U.S. wildfires. Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated.

CONCORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

1800 FAIRFAX BLVD.

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19803

(302) 654-9652

www.concordpc.org info@concordpc.org Guest Wi-Fi: *ConcordGuest*