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### WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today! On our welcome table in the Fellowship Area, you will find cards for prayer requests and a basket for financial offerings. As a part of our continuing Covid-19 procedures, we ask that you sign in at the welcome table (please include your address and phone number.) Following the CDC's guidance, we recommend that those entering our church may choose to mask at any time. Anyone presenting symptoms should stay home. If you are worshipping with us virtually, you may easily find our YouTube live stream by going to [www.crossroadsgibsonia.org](http://www.crossroadsgibsonia.org) and clicking the link on the homepage.

# CROSS ROADS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany



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### Our Mission

As Christian believers, we gather for worship in the strength of the Holy Spirit. We teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ by ministering in His name to the needs of those in our community, seeking the transformation of people's lives, and equipping them to reach out to the larger world for the sake of the glory of God.

*Give. Love. Serve.*

## Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany  
January 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Prelude** I'll Tell the World / 10,000 Reasons B. Fox / M. Redman / S. Angrisano

### Welcome & Announcements

**Call to Worship** [*responsive; based on Psalm 27:1*]

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;**

Who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord;

**Who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

**\*Hymn** Blessed Be Your Name CRSB-light blue, # H-04

### \*Prayer of Confession

You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear. And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do. We live as though we were not the recipients of grace upon grace. We have withheld what is not our own. We have judged where it was not our place. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We know that we have sinned. We seek your forgiveness and your reconciliation and strength that we may follow in the way you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us. We make this and all our prayers in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ.

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

### \*Passing of the Peace of Christ

**Hymn** Bless the Lord GTG-red, # 544

### Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture Lesson** Micah 6:1-8 p. 816, OT

### Moment of Word and Wonder

**Scripture Lesson** Matthew 5:1-12 p. 4, NT

**Sermon** What Does It Mean to be Blessed?  
Rev. Niki Atkinson

### Our Joyful Response - Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Geoff Atkinson, Violin

### \*Congregational Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow # 606

### \*Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

#### Affirmation of Faith (from "A Declaration of Faith")

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well. Amen.

#### Pastoral Prayer/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** Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! GTG-red, # 839

**\*Charge and Benediction** [based on Psalm 27:8]

**Postlude** We Receive Your Blessing G. Moes & N. Moes

*\*\*\* Please remain seated during the Postlude. Thank you.*

## What's Happening at Cross Roads?

**Blessings Box** - Our Blessings Box is getting a lot of use! It's often pretty empty. Can you help? Items that can be put into the box include: non-perishable food items, paper goods, toiletries (travel size are best), diapers, wipes, dry formula, pet food (dry or wet). If you prefer to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to the church with "Blessings Box" in the memo line.

### Lighthouse Food Pantry donations

1/29 - flour, 2/5 - canned fruit

### Prayer Family of the Week:

This week's family: **Brian & Wendy Connolly, Brandon, Moira**

Also pray for: Alex G., George & Suzanne A., Eleanor B., Diane L., Gerry M., Colton and family, the James family, Elizabeth P., Vince R., our troops, frontline workers, healthcare workers, and all those impacted by COVID.

If you have a prayer concern or praise, please email us at [prayer@crossroadsgibsonia.org](mailto:prayer@crossroadsgibsonia.org) or call Pastor Niki in the church office. Specify if you would like it kept private or shared in our prayer concerns. Thank you.

Can you help with **transportation**? We are entering a period where some of our members will be undergoing treatments and therapies, but may be unable to drive. Our Session developed the idea of having a list of those available to give rides to some of our members in need of transportation. If you are willing to provide transportation, please email Pastor Niki with your phone number and availability (if you know of consistent days you are available or unavailable). Thank you so much!

The next **Lighthouse** cleaning day is Saturday, March 11th. Please contact Geoff Anderson if you are able to help out ([gda1116@yahoo.com](mailto:gda1116@yahoo.com)).

FREE tickets to Pittsburgh Remodeling Expo, Feb. 3-5, Acrisure Stadium. On the shelf under the bulletin board in the Fellowship Area. Take what you need.

## Join us for church activities, in-person & virtually!

### Sunday, January 29

10:00 AM Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,  
streaming online via YouTube  
11:30 AM Session Retreat

### Sunday, February 5

10:00 AM Communion Sunday  
Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,  
streaming online via YouTube  
11:00 AM Worship Committee

### Monday, February 6

6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop

### Thursday, February 9

6:30 PM Handbells  
7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, February 12

10:00 AM Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,  
streaming online via YouTube  
11:00 AM Food, Fun & Friendship  
1:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 16

6:30 PM Handbells  
7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, February 19

10:00 AM Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,  
streaming online via YouTube  
11:00 AM Membership Committee  
Choir - rehearse for 2/22/23

### Tuesday, February 21

7:00 PM Mission Committee

### Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

12 Noon Drive-Up Imposition of Ashes  
7:00 PM Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,  
Streaming online via YouTube