

**POTWIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Topeka, Kansas**

**Sunday February 2, 2025**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany*

Liturgical color: green

**PRELUDE**

**CHIMES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Gathering**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

*One: We ponder your steadfast love, O God,*

**Many: and our praise reaches to the ends of the earth.**

*One: Tell the next generation: Our God will be our guide forever.*

**All: Come, let us rejoice.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (unison):**

O Teacher, in Jesus Christ you have shown that even a prophet can be rejected by those who think they know best. Teach us to listen for your word in our midst; let us not be too proud to hear. Open our hearts to those we too easily disregard and the voices we readily exclude. All this we pray through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"** (#142 Blue Hymnal)

**Praise, Prayers, and Petitions**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

*One: It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.*

*Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.*

**CORPORATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION: (Unison)**

You are love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning. Forgive us when we do not share your love with the world: when we choose selfishness over compassion;

what feels comfortable rather than what is right; when we strive for success instead of faithfulness; when we value independence over community. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

*One: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Leader: As God has forgiven us so let us forgive one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!*

**Unison: And also with you!**

*Leader: Please share the love and peace of Christ with each other as you feel comfortable.*

**\*HYMN: “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”** (#357 Blue Hymnal)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

(pg 16 in the Hymnal, Traditional version)

**\*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #577**

**The Word:**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Illumination (Sung x2)**

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Jeremiah 1:4-10

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Luke 4:21-30

**MESSAGE: “Breaking Out of the Mold”**

*Libby Adams*

**MEDITATION ON THE MESSAGE:**

*Gwen Jones*

**Response to the Word**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY:**

*Gwen Jones*

**DOXOLOGY:**

**“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” (#592 Blue Hymnal)**

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE: Blessed be God forever.**

## **SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness and justice, and your steadfast love for all. Amen.

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God:  
On you, O Lord, we depend from our birth;  
you are our hope and trust,  
from the days of our youth,  
and you will always be our rock and refuge.*

*Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:  
Jesus is the fulfillment of your promise –  
hope of prophets, balm of healing,  
voice of all grace and truth.*

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Leader: Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.*

### **SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**All: we give you thanks and praise, O God,  
that you have fed us with your mercy  
and poured out your Spirit in this place.  
Continue to nourish and fill us each day,  
that we may live as your beloved people;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: “Amazing Grace”**

(#280 Blue Hymnal)

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father

Siblings all are we

Let us walk with each other

In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me

Let this be the moment now

With every step I take

Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live

Each moment in peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me