



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.



November 12, 2023
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Service for the Lord's Day

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9:30 am

Prelude

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Call to Worship

(Psalm 78:1-7)

One: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

All: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and God's might, and the wonders that he has done.

One: The Lord established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which God commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

All: so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep God's commandments. Let us worship God!

*Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 12

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, your way for us is clear: we are to live so that the manner of our lives speaks of your goodness, your generosity, your infinite mercy. Too often, though, we forget the purposes for which you made us. Too often, when we might meet inhumanity with the reflection of your goodness, we turn aside. We return unkindness for unkindness. We cling to what might be shared. We avoid those who are not like us. We fail to give grace in the measure we have received it. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that your goodness is enduring, and your mercy is everlasting, for we pray all these things in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

(Ephesians 2:8-10)

One: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

All: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

One: Believe the promise of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit; 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

Anthem

Hail Heavenly Light

Norman Landis

Hail Heavenly Light, from God's true glory outpoured, sent from the immortal Father, ever blest. Holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord. E'en when we come to the sun's hour of rest, we praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit divine. To Jesus Christ, our songs and hymns we raise with never ending praise! Son of our God, giver of life alone, therefore in all the world your glory, O Lord is shone!

Children's Message

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

Steve Lederach

First Reading

Genesis 28: 10-15 (page 22)

Anthem

Be Glad, O Ye Righteous

Norman Landis

Be glad O ye righteous and rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. For the word of the Lord is true and all his works are faithful.

Second Reading

Psalm 121 (page 498)

Sermon

The Lord Who Watches

Rev. Chris Small

Solo

Unto Thee, O Lord

Norman Landis

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Show me thy ways, teach me thy paths, lead me in thy truth and teach me for thou art my God and the God of my salvation. The meek will he guide in judgment and the meek will he teach his way. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him and he shall show them his covenant. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul, for thou art my God, the God of my salvation.

Rebecca Shimer, soprano

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/giving, 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 for the Offering

Holy God, you have given us what we need, indeed you have given us more than we need. Accept this portion that we dedicate to your work. Grant that we might be blessed in turn as we see your reign at work in the world and in ourselves. Amen.

*Doxology

**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 (in unison)

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

I To the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

No. 45

*Charge and Benediction

Response

Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace

Norman Landis

Lord, let us now depart in peace, who in your name are gathered here; disclose the brightness of your face and be forever near, O Lord, let us now depart in peace.

Postlude

Allegro Appassionato

Norman Landis

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