



## Service for the Lord's Day

Pastor deNay Kirkpatrick

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday after Epiphany

*\*Please stand, as you are able*

### Gathering of the People

#### Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Lynda McLean

Prelude

*Heart Praise*

Johnny Carr

#### \*Call to Worship

Lynda McLean

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

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

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

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

\* Hymn 2

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

**\*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)**

God of all glory,  
on this first day you began creation,  
bringing light out of darkness.  
On this first day you began your new creation,  
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.

On this Lord's Day grant that we,  
the people you create by water and the Spirit,  
may be joined with all your works  
in praising you for your great glory.

Through Jesus Christ,  
in union with the Holy Spirit,  
we praise you now and forever. Amen

**A Moment with the Children**

*Children may choose to go to Junior Church after Children's Sermon*

## **Confessing to God**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh. We have gotten comfortable in our categories: haves and have-nots, makers and takers, bigots and bystanders, self-starters and subordinates, law-abiders and illegals, the perpetrators and the innocent. We confess that we are comfortable living under systems of injustice and exploitation. 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.

**Silent Reflection**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* 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.**

# Proclaiming God's Word

## Prayer of Illumination

Lynda McLean

## First Reading

Psalm 62:5-12

- 5 For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.
- 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
- 7 On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
- 8 Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.
- 9 Those of low estate are but a breath,  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.
- 10 Put no confidence in extortion,  
and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
- 11 Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,  
12 and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.  
For you repay to all  
according to their work.

The Word of God for the People of God

## Thanks be to God

## Anthem

*Lead Me, Lord*

Wesley/ Bock

Lead me, Lord; lead me in Thy righteousness.  
Make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord;  
Thou, O Lord only that makest me to dwell in safety.  
Teach me Lord; teach me of Thy righteousness.  
Make thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord;  
Thou, O Lord only that makest me to dwell in safety.  
Keep me Lord, keep me in Thy righteousness. For it is Thou, Lord;  
Thou, O Lord only that makest me to dwell in safety.

## Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

16As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. 17And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” 18And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

## Sermon

*“Following God”*

Rev. Debbie Feagin

## \* Hymn 738

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

## Responding to God’s Grace

### \*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

(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.**

### Call for the Offering

### Offertory

*Meditation*

Allen James

### \*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Debbie Feagin

### Prayers of the People

### Silent Prayer

## 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.**

## Sending of God's People

<b>*Hymn 65</b>	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	CWM RHONDDA
<b>*Charge and Blessing</b> And all God's children say, " <b>Alleluia! Amen!</b> "		deNay Kirkpatrick
<b>* Choral Benediction</b>	<i>Go with Us, Lord</i>	TALLIS' CANON
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	J. S. BACH

Liturgy provided by the Presbyterian Outlook, written by Stephanie Sorge

### ***Welcome Debbie Feagin***

Debbie Feagin is an honorably retire PC(USA) pastor. She will celebrate 50 years of marriage later this year. She has four adult children, two wonderful sons-in-law, and a ten year old granddaughter. Debbie is currently serving on the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry.

## ***Welcome to Cahaba Springs***

*We warmly welcome you* to worship this morning at Cahaba Springs! To learn more about our worship, learning, fellowship, and service opportunities, please pick up a copy of our calendar in the entryway or visit us online at [cspchurch.org](http://cspchurch.org). We encourage you to participate in any opportunity that interests you and hope you will return often.

**Children:** We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available during worship, staffed by experienced workers. During the 11:00 am service, children are invited forward for a special message during *A Moment with the Children*, then may continue to worship with their family or go to Junior Church. Worship bags for children are available in the Narthex.

**Communion:** All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

**Offering:** Offerings may be placed in the offering plates that will be passed around during the offertory, or you may give securely online through eOffering - an information sheet on eOffering is on the table in the entryway.

## ***January Happenings at Cahaba Springs***

***PW January Luncheon & Study*** – today immediately following worship. We will study Chapter 5 of *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir. Please bring sides or dessert; soup will be provided.

***Rise Against Hunger*** – Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 1124 Montgomery Highway, Vestavia. For more details, please refer to the Missions page of the bulletin.

***Communion of Empty Hands*** – Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> benefiting T.E.A.M.

***CSPC Book Club*** – Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. This month's discussion will be on *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult led by Karen O'Brien.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

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*for our church family...*

Agnes Dauphinee	Nellie Songer	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie	Edward Giddens	Serena Jenkins
Betty Quattlebaum	Chuck Smith	Cecile Floyd	Corbett Millar
Ed Swartz, Jr.	Arnold & Laura Reichert		

*for our extended family...*

Lisa Kraye Smith	Gene McKean	Grayson Pope	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Philippe Lathrop	Andrew Kestle	Leslie Speakman
Joy Martin	Don McCants	Eleanor Garner	Jeff Strickland
Matthias	Candice White	Gene Eades	Bobby Hoglund
Shelley Easterling	Barry Parvin	Joe Pat Bludsworth	Bennett Fuller
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Perry Johnson	Laura Stalls
Laura Rainey	C. J. Fonte	David Narkates	Andy Lewis
Tommy Robbins	Kevin Little	Amy Baughman	Mike & Nancy Hartman

***If you need someone to drive you to doctor appointments or other necessary places, please call the church office. We have a list of people that will be glad to assist you.***



## ***Classes for 2024***

***Reel to Real*** – Sundays at 9:30 AM in *Harmony Hall* led by Steve Goodwin. This is a discussion class based on movies and how they relate to us biblically.

***Fun With the Lectionary*** - a new Sunday School class for youth and adults meeting at 9:30 AM in the Pastor's Conference Room. The class will be led by Pastor deNay and will study the lectionary readings for the week. We will be following the three-year **Revised Common Lectionary** for Sundays and festivals which was produced by the ecumenical Consultation on Common Texts in 1992 and was included in the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993/2018). This lectionary provides scripture readings for proclamation in public worship, following the Sundays, festivals, and seasons of the Christian year (or liturgical calendar). The three-year lectionary cycle (Years A, B, and C) focuses on different sections of scripture each year, notably the Gospel of Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C (the fourth gospel, John, is prominently featured at certain times in each year). We are currently in Year B. For more information, contact Pastor deNay.

***Growing in Grace & Gratitude*** -- Sundays at 9:30 AM. *The children grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the (grace) of God was upon them.* – Luke 2:40. Children nurtured in the love and grace of God learn the story of who and whose they are by watching, listening, tasting, smelling, playing, and exploring holy things in the context of a faith community. We welcome the children as God's beloved who will seek to follow Christ. We are in need of teachers, so if you would like to serve, please see Karen Brown or Linda Inzer.

***Thursdays Together*** – Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room led by George Fritsma. We are studying *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It* by Robert Fulghum. Quoting a man rescued from a burning bed, the title is a clue to the merriment in some of the essays collected here, inviting readers to laugh as they empathize with those who put themselves in absurd situations. These stories remind us that there is a clownish facet in everyone's character, one of the traits that make us human.

## ***Other Weekly Events***

***Chancel Choir*** – Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

***Chordmakers*** – Fridays at 5:30 PM in Harmony Hall. Please join us for good food, fun, fellowship, and of course music

***Birmingham Youth Group*** – Sundays, meeting at 4:20 PM at CSPC and traveling to various Presbyterian Churches. This is a gathering of youth from several Presbyterian Churches as a way to connect, socialize and learn. Transportation and dinner are provided. Contact Karen Brown for additional information.

## ***Mission Projects***

### **Rise Against Hunger**

CSPC has been invited to participate in a Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event hosted by Southminster Presbyterian Church.

**When: Saturday, January 27, 2024, 10 am-12 pm**

**Where: Southminster Presbyterian Church 1124 Montgomery Hwy Vestavia, AL 35226**

Scan below to sign up to volunteer or make a donation to the event:



### **How to prepare for the event:**

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Leave watches and loose jewelry at home. Plain rings such as wedding bands are OK.

Wear a baseball cap that fully covers your hair. If you need more coverage, we will have hairnets at the event. Gloves will also be provided.

Please do not attend if you've had a fever or intestinal illness within 48 hours of the event.

View an instructional video to prepare for the event by scanning the QR code below:



## **Committee Chairs for 2024**

<b>Mission</b>	<b>Haley Crew and Cynthia Sartin</b>
<b>Christian Education</b>	<b>Karen Brown and deNay Kirkpatrick</b>
<b>Admin and Personnel</b>	<b>Cynthia Sartin</b>
<b>Property and Grounds</b>	<b>Danny Foote and Lynda McLean</b>
<b>Congregational Life</b>	<b>Cindy Brackenbury</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Lynda McLean and Haley Crew</b>
<b>Worship, Music &amp; Arts</b>	<b>Elizabeth Hughins and Jason Reddick</b>

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empowered to grow spiritually,  
and equipped to serve God  
and each other in meaningful ways