



February 2, 2025
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

Gathering

**Please stand as you are able*

*Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word

Prelude

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"
Paul Benoit/Richard Proulx

Welcome and Covenant Life

*During our morning announcements,
please take time to pass and sign the friendship pads.*

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Introit

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"
arr. Larry Shackley

*Call to Worship

One: Come, people of God, to the one in whom we trust.

All: Praise God, our rock of refuge, who delivers and rescues us.

One: Hope in God, in whose steadfast love we were created.

**All: God accepts us, even when people do not.
God affirms us, even when we fail.**

One: God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them.

All: We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith.

One: We are here to worship the God who empowers us.

All: God's Word of love is ours to proclaim!

*Hymn of Praise, #515

"I Come with Joy"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison prayer*)

God of life, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as "insiders," excluding those we consider "outsiders." We admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and plant. Forgive us and empty us of fear and shame. Fill us with love and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace (*Greet one another, "Peace be with you."*)

Children are invited to come forward.

Time with Our Children

*Children ages 4 – 11 may leave for Children's Worship
and will return during the last hymn.*

Teaching

Covenant Band

"The Greatest Commandment"

Prayer for Illumination

John McMillen

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 71:1-6 (Pew Bible, OT p. 495)

Gospel Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Pew Bible, NT p. 153)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon "What's Love Got to Do with It"

Rev. Rachel H. Vogado

Anthem

"Fill My Cup"

arr. Josh Stewart

*Covenant Sanctuary Choir
Roger Dickenson, Tom Floyd, Clarke Grasty, Scott Ramsburg*

Nurturing

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation

Communion Meditation

"Welcome Table"

Covenant Band

Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal p. 35)

***Affirmation of Faith** (adapted from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.15)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

Celebration of Giving+

Offertory

"Kelvingrove"
Matthew H. Corl

***Doxology, #608**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
(Choir sings first, then congregation joins)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.***

Prayer of Dedication

Reaching

***Hymn #726**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

***Charge and Benediction**

Trinity Chimes

Our Trinity Chimes played before the postlude provide the opportunity to sit and enjoy the end of our service with music, or to exit quietly as our Livestream continues for this part of worship.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune on "Hyfrydol (Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Michael Helman

Music Notes from Ronn Lowe: "The Summons" (also called "Will You Come and Follow Me") is a Scottish Christian hymn tune "Kelvingrove." It was written by John L. Bell in 1987. Matthew Corl is an organist, composer, and recitalist who has written works for organ, choir, handbells, and orchestra. He was a Carl F. Mueller Scholar in Church Music Composition and a finalist in the Choral Composition Competition at Ithaca College in 1989. The Postlude today, Trumpet Tune on "Hyfrydol," is a delightful piece that uses the Tromba stop on the Covenant Organ. The Tromba is a rich trumpet stop, heavy in sound. The Covenant instrument has several different trumpets, with this being the loudest. I use this stop a lot to solo out a melody on a hymn. The composer, Michael Helman, is currently Director of Music/Organist at Faith Presbyterian Church in Cape Coral, Florida. He is an active composer of handbell, organ, and choral music with well over 140 pieces in print.

Welcome! We are blessed to have you join our worship today, and we hope to keep seeing you! More information about Covenant is available on our website at covenantroanoke.org and you can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. We would love to get to know you better, and a card is available in the pew before you to begin this journey together.

Greetings, Parents! Children are always welcome in our worship services. If you so choose, a professionally staffed nursery is available for children ages 3 and younger. Please ask an usher for assistance. **We also have a Parents Room** just outside the Sanctuary with a changing table and rocking chairs. **Children's bulletins and activity bags** are on the table in Heritage Hall. **We offer Children's Worship** during the second half of the service for children ages 4 to 11.

Thank you to our wonderful musicians and singers for sharing their talents with us in worship today: Vocals – Jewel Aagaard, John and Mary Jane McMillen; Guitar – Roger Dickenson; Drums – Clarke Grasty; Piano – Tom Floyd; Keyboard – Scott Ramsburg; Bass – Richard Rudolph.

Join us for Mingle and Munch! After worship, all are welcome to gather in Heritage Hall (the entrance area) to visit with church members and guests while enjoying light refreshments. Special thanks to June House and Meg Munton for hosting this morning!

Elder of the Month: Gail Trussell

Deacon of the Month: Kevin Aagaard

Assistant Deacon of the Month: Scott Ramsburg

In Our Prayers ... Congregation: Audrey Bashlor, Todd Baumgardner, Christine Beck, Mary Jane Fisher, Dick Frahm, Lynnmarie Hancock, Jerry Lawson, Lindsey Nanz, Ann Cecil Renick, Carol Ryan, Brian Slack, June and Forrest Smith, Jinx Weary, Jo Wilson, Betty Young, caregivers, military service members and families

Family & Friends: Greg Adcox, Rob Ahlers, Lowell Bashlor, Jr., Kenneth Benner, Mike Cummings, Patrick Dooley, Maria Dreiling, Cesia Enriquez, Heather Ford, Debbie Helms, Jo Jones, Pauline Mudrick, Kathy Roberts, Ezra Schuyler Soto, Joe Wallace, Daniel Woodbury, Religious violence against Christians in northeast India, Mission co-workers Tyler & Rochelle Holm and the people of Malawi, Jim McGill (Niger)

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