

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

After worship, the minister stands at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

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A *lectionary* is a selection of Bible readings to be used for worship and study.

This congregation uses the Revised Common Lectionary, which follows the liturgical year in a three-year cycle. Its scriptural recommendations complement the current season of the liturgical year.

Lectionary Year A for the Second Sunday after Epiphany,
**January 15: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11,
1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42.**

Lectionary Year A for Third Sunday after Epiphany,
**January 22: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.**



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We are an ecumenical congregation
in a Presbyterian Church, USA form.

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We are a Hunger Action Congregation.
We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Second Sunday after Epiphany January 15, 2023 10 a.m.

LARGE PRINT

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music *In Reverence* - Philip Wesley

Call to Worship

One: In baptism God claims us and names us Beloved.

**All: In baptism Christ joins us to himself
and to one another.**

One: In baptism the Spirit is poured out upon us.

All: Remember your baptism and be thankful!

One: Remember your baptism and be glad!

Weekly Poem from "At the River Clarion" - Mary Oliver

I don't know who God is exactly.

But I'll tell you this.

I was sitting in the river named Clarion,

on a water-splashed stone

and all afternoon I listened

to the voices of the river talking.

Whenever the water struck a stone

it had something to say,

and the water itself,

and even the mosses trailing under the water.

And slowly, very slowly, it became clear to me

what they were saying.

Said the river I am part of holiness.

And I too, said the stone.

And I too, whispered the moss beneath the water.

*** Opening Hymn** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
Song sheet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us, you save us and free us from our sin. Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts, disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors. Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might remember we belong to you. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you can, both now and after the service.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*** Sung Response** *Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Song sheet

First Scripture Reading *Matthew 3:13-17*

The Lay Reader today is Lynn Barnes.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Gather at the River*
- arr. Susan LaBarr

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Isaiah 42:1-9*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Dr. Kyle Goodman

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

King James version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if your words differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation that contributes to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
- arr. J.B. Taylor

*** Doxology** *Praise God,
from Whom All Blessings Flow* Song sheet

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**
Sending

*** Sending Hymn** *Oh, Christ, Surround Me*
Song sheet

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music