



GOOD SAMARITAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 12, 2025

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

arr. Heastings

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From a Prayer by Oscar Romero

One: This is what we are about:

ALL: WE PLANT THE SEEDS THAT ONE DAY WILL GROW.

One: We water the seeds already planted,

ALL: KNOWING THAT THEY HOLD FUTURE PROMISE.

One: We lay foundations that will need further development.

ALL: WE PROVIDE YEAST THAT PRODUCES EFFECTS FAR BEYOND OUR CAPABILITIES.

One: We cannot do everything;

ALL: THERE IS LIBERATION IN REALIZING THAT.

One: This enables us to do something and do it well.

ALL: WE ARE WORKERS, NOT MASTER BUILDERS.

One: We are ministers, not messiahs.

ALL: WE ARE PROPHETS OF A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN.

*HYMN

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

No. 63

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Lord, we repent of wanting things our own way;

ALL: WE OFTEN SEE THINGS SO DARKLY.

One: We lament the bitterness that wraps around us;

ALL: WE DESIRE THAT YOUR WORD WOULD BE REAL TO US.

One: Open to us the wideness and wildness of your love;

ALL: GIVE US THE GRACE TO TRUST THAT WE ARE WELCOME.

One: Give us the faith to know that we have a place;

ALL: THAT OUR LIVES AND OUR SELVES ARE YOUR BELOVED CREATION.

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43: 1-7

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“I Have a Hope”

See insert

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8: 9-24

SERMON

Magical Thinking

Reverend Mark Gaskill

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

No. 388

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“All the Ways My Savior Leads Me”

arr. T. Smith

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU!

*Please stand if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION TEAM MEETING

There will be a Communion Team meeting today after the worship service. This meeting is open to anyone that would like to attend.

NEXT GAME NIGHT – JANUARY 18TH

Our next game night will be Saturday, January 18th from 5:00 - 8:00. Bring your favorite game, a snack to share, and some friends. Come have some fun! (Game Night will take place in the rear of the sanctuary.)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the GSPC congregation will be held Sunday, February 2nd, following the worship service. All members are encouraged to attend. The Annual Reports packet are now available in the narthex. The call for the meeting is below:

- Call to order with prayer
- Clerk certifies that there is a quorum and that the call was in order.
- Approval of the June 2024 Congregational Meeting Minutes
- Elect three members (Not on current Session) to serve on the Nominating Committee for Calendar Year 2025. Elect one alternate.
- Present the Report on the 2025 Financial Campaign.
- Approve any changes to the Pastor's 2025 Terms of Call as recommended by the Personnel Committee and approved by the Session.
- Present the Calendar Year 2025 Operating / Program Budget.
- Present the Report of Activities of Calendar Year 2024 from the Pastor, Clerk, Program and other Committee Chairs.

Meeting as GSPC, INC.

- Any Business as needed.
- Adjournment with prayer.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Want to melt away those winter blues? Try a variety of chilis? There is a chili cook off planned for **Sunday, February 2nd**, immediately following the Congregational Meeting. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for those who wish to participate either as chili chefs or by contributing salad, bread or dessert to share. Plan to join in the fun!!

SHELTER DINNERS

We provide dinner at the White Plains Regional Shelter on the third Sunday of each month. The food is prepared by us and packaged into individual "carryout" serving containers, which we have in stock, to feed 25 people. Each month we need a Meal Coordinator and up to 4 helpers. The Coordinator plans the meal and assigns dishes (to be prepared or purchased) and then the team works together to pack the meals. John Holmes usually delivers the meals for us.

**** We have the coordinators for January 19th and now we need the support team. We also need volunteers for the February and March dinners.**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43: 1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in

exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

SECOND READING: ACTS 8: 9-24

⁹Now a certain man named Simon had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he was someone great. ¹⁰All of them, from the least to the greatest, listened to him eagerly, saying, “This man is the power of God that is called Great.” ¹¹And they listened eagerly to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. ¹²But when they believed Philip, who was proclaiming the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³Even Simon himself believed. After being baptized, he stayed constantly with Philip and was amazed when he saw the signs and great miracles that took place.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹saying, “Give me also this power so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” ²⁰But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain God’s gift with money! ²¹You have no part or share in this, for your heart is not right before God. ²²Repent therefore of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and the chains of wickedness.” ²⁴Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may happen to me.”

“I Have a Hope”

I have a hope, I have a future.

I have a destiny that is yet awaiting me.

My life’s not over, a new beginning’s just begun.

I have a hope. I have this hope.

God has a plan. It’s not to harm me,
but it’s to prosper me and to hear me when I call.
He intercedes for me, working all things for my good.
Though trials may come, we have this hope.

Chorus

**I will yet praise him my great Redeemer.
I will yet stand up and give Him glory with my life.
He takes my darkness and He turns it into light.
I will yet praise Him, my Lord my God.**

My God is for me He's not against me so tell me whom then,
tell me whom then shall I fear? He has prepared for me
great works He'll help me to complete.
I have a hope. I have this hope.

Goodness and mercy they're gonna follow me and
I'll forever dwell in the house of my great King.
No eye has ever seen all He's preparing there for me.
Though trials may come, I have this hope.

Chorus

There's still hope for me today 'cause the God of heaven loves me.
There's still hope for me today 'cause the God of heaven loves me.
There's still hope for me today 'cause the God of heaven loves me.
There's still hope for me today 'cause the God of heaven loves me.

Chorus TWICE

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*The flowers on the Retable this morning are given by John and Terri Tipsword in
celebration of their grandson's birthdays.*

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*The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Brody Jack Barefoot, son of Rachel
and Austin, and grandson of Barry and Alicia.*

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**Today's Volunteers: Greeter: Loann Burian; Ushers: Jim Kriebel and James
Kriebel; Scripture Reader: Liz Carroll**

TODAY

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship Service at 10 AM
Communion Team Meeting After Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Tues. (Jan. 14): 9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study
Sat. (Jan. 18): 5:00 PM – Game Night

COMING SOON

Congregational Meeting – February 2nd
Chili Cookoff – February 2nd