Bearing the Word in the World

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, we are so glad to be part of your family- young and old, big, and small, different genders. You reach out in love to each one of us. You call us by our names because you know us through and through. Help us remember to follow in your way so that everyone who sees us will know that we are Jesus' friends and followers who love you with all your hearts. Amen.

*Hymn No. 69....." "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

*Charge and Benediction

Acolyte Takes the Light of Jesus into the World

Sing Hymn No. 701 [x2] "Sanctuary" as the Acolyte takes the light of Jesus into the world:

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried, and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Postlude "Highland Cathedral"

Love & Prayers of the Congregation

Church Family: Vicky Tysor & Family, Pat Cosby, Wanda Burger, Andrew Mackie, Jane Riley, Bob Prescott, Barbara Fulp, Mary Ellyn Humiston, Sherry Berman, Laura Coleman (Debbie Collins' Mother), Linda Habershaw | Military & Their Families: Andrew Reece (Son of BD & Tiffany Reece)





Sunday, April 28, 2024

* Please stand as you are able

Gathering Around the Word

Music for Gathering

Welcome and Announcements Sam Bishop Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also, with you. **Prelude** "Fantasy on Kingsfold" Acolyte Enters with the Light of Christ Mike Bryant Please take this moment to center yourself and prepare for worship.

We Gather in the Presence of the Triune God

*Invitation to Celebrate

We come as children lost and alone in the world.

God invites us into a gracious home

Yet we cling to isolation.

God invites us into relationship

A relationship of love and mercy,

Community and family.

We are children of God;

Loved and treasured.

Let us worship our parenting God

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and Wonderful God. We come before you full of arrogance and ignoring the truth that all we have is not our own doing but are gifts from you. Help us Lord look up from the things we busy ourselves with and see the blessings before us. May we enjoy the taste of our food. The sunsets and the stars. The gift of friendship and laughter. May we remember what is truly important and give thanks.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri No. 582"""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit,
whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without
end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
*Sharing the Peace [Greet those near you with expressions of peace and friendship] May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you. And also, with you.
Passing the Peace (Sing in Unison)
Time for the Young and the Young at HeartRev. Arlo
[We invite all children to come to the front children's pew.]
*Hymn No. 693 "Though I May Speak"
Listening for the Word
Scripture Readings: John 8:1-11 [Page 100]Sam Bishop
1 John 3:1-7 [Page 240]Rev. Arlo
The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.
Sermon
Responding to the Word
Offertory "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
Offerings may be mailed to/dropped off at the Church Office or given electronically through PayPal-visit our website at www.elkinpres.org or scanning the QR code using phone camera.
*Doxology No. 606 (A Time to Praise God) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 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

^{*}Hymn No. 37....."Let All Things Now Living"