

**UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**January 16, 2022**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor:** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 127

**One:** Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

**All:** Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
the watchmen stand guard in vain.

**One:** In vain you rise early and stay up late toiling for food to eat.

**All:** For he grants sleep to those he loves.  
Blessed is the house of the Lord!

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**HYMN** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" (see insert)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, you are faithful to walk beside us every day. But we have not always been faithful to you. We hear your call to right living, but we often make lesser choices. We sometimes betray and abandon those around us. Sometimes we are delinquent in our duties. We do not recognize many of the gifts you give us and much of the work you call us for remains undone. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Forgive our lack of obedience. Help us to listen to the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Help us to let the light of Christ shine through us for all the world to see! Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**GLORIA PATRI**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, the offerings we bring have been earned in a variety of ways. It is our intention that all our work should serve your purposes, for all your people. Use these gifts to serve many people in many ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Christ. Amen

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE** John 2:13-25  
**MESSAGE** "Worship in the House of God" Sue Moore

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** "Apostle's Creed"

**HYMN** "Have Thine Own Way Lord" (see insert)

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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John 2:13-25

<sup>3</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

<sup>20</sup> They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup> Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>24</sup> But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. <sup>25</sup> He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED:** family of Vera Kluttz, Barbara Morgan, Alisha Dowell Dollar, Unspoken prayer needs, Pete Skinner (son-in-law of Chuck & Ruth Quimby), Telka Gullett (sister-in-law of Donnie Whitesides), Linda Barraclough (sister of Nancy Malone), Johnny Myers, Joy Brown, Randy Grant, Charlotte Gehrke (great niece of Mary Helen Myers), Sherry Moore, Pat Chaffin, Ron Baldwin (Becky (Tom) Wetmore's cousin), Malcolm & Peggy Bullock, Sam & Gloria Correll, Kate Wilson, CC. & Peg Williams. **Public Safety Personnel:** Probation officers, firefighters, paramedics, sheriff and police officers. **Military:** James & Sarah Fullwood (Marines), Logan Willis (National Guard). **Missionaries:** The Raymer Family & The Riddle Family. **Pastor Nominating Committee, Next Pastor for Unity Church, Salem Presbytery, Our Nation.**

**DEACONS TO COUNT OFFERING:** Dick Moore & Rick Moore (Next week: Mary Helen Myers & Ruth Quimby)

**NURSERY TODAY:** Mallory Whitley (Next Sunday: Jennifer Dartt)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to (16) Sam Correll (17) Nancy Malone (23) Miller Graham.

**Please put announcements for the February newsletter** in Crystal Earnhardt's box *by today*.

**Worship Ministry Team** will meet on Tuesday, January 25 at 2:00 pm.

**MEMORIALS- In memory of Bobby Whitesides** by the Choir.

**In memory of Vera Kluttz** by the Choir, Judy Talley, Craig & Renae Brown & family, LSA Management, Inc., Nancy Wetmore, Bob & Linda Bailey, Employees at Harkers Island.

**In memory of David Dowell** by Bob & Linda Bailey.

**In memory of Jim "Dub" Malone** by Nancy Malone.

At the last Session meeting, there was discussion about our plan to return worship services to the sanctuary. In light of the increase in Covid cases in our area, a decision was made to postpone that plan. Worship services will remain in the Fellowship Hall and we will delay resuming other church activities for a few more weeks.

The matter will be discussed again at the next Session meeting.

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TEMPLE, AND I WILL  
RAISE IT AGAIN IN  
THREE DAYS."



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