

# UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 23, 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 139

**One:** God, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand.

**All:** I'm an open book to you;  
even from a distance, you know what I am thinking.

**One:** You know when I leave and when I get back;  
I'm never out of your sight!

**All:** You know everything I am going to say  
Before I start the first sentence.

**One:** I look behind me and you're there; then up ahead and you're there too;  
Your reassuring presence, coming and going.

**All:** This is too much, too wonderful! I can't take it all in!

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**HYMN** "Amazing Grace" (see insert)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Wise Creator, you have organized your church to be one body, with many members working together under the control of one Leader, Jesus Christ. Forgive us if we have acted toward anyone as if they did not matter, or as if the church could get along without them. Excuse discrimination that gives more praise to some than they deserve, at the expense of others who serve without recognition. We do not always share equally as we are meant to do. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who overlooks no one. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## GLORIA PATRI

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## DOXOLOGY

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring our offerings to you O Lord, not in cover of darkness, but in the exposing light of day. Shine your light on these gifts, and use them to serve those whose darkness is oppressive. Help us to reflect the light of Jesus Christ for all the world to see. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-21

### MESSAGE

"Living in the Light"

Sue Moore

## STATEMENT OF FAITH "Apostle's Creed"

### HYMN

"Take My Life And Let It Be"

(see insert)

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

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**John 3:1-21** <sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.<sup>[a]</sup>" <sup>4</sup> "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit<sup>[b]</sup> gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You<sup>[c]</sup> must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>9</sup> "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. <sup>10</sup> "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."<sup>[g]</sup> <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED:** Carol Fleming, 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:** Mary Helen Myers & Ruth Quimby (Next week: Cody Haire & Renae Kluttz)

**NURSERY TODAY:** Jennifer Dartt (Next Sunday: Margaret Kluttz)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to (23) Miller Graham (25) Cheryl Correll & Jacob Fleming. **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to (28) Wade & Michail Moore.

**MEMORIALS- In memory of Bobby Whitesides** by Eric & Mary Ann Moore and 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, Eric & Mary Ann Moore, Joyce Fesperman, Joe & Barbara Morgan and Junie & Karen Fleming.

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

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

**Please pick up your copy of the February newsletter today.**

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

**There will be a bridal shower for Neely Holloway on February 12, 2022, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** The shower is being given by friends of the bride. Neely is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

**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.**



For **God** did not  
send his **Son** into the  
world to condemn  
the world, but to **save**  
the world through **him.**

**JOHN 3:17, NIV**

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