

First Presbyterian Church of Dryden

Established 1808

Sunday, January 19, 2025



*We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
feed the hungry, welcome the stranger,
and love our neighbors as ourselves.*

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Introit

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

by Christopher Wordsworth & Jakob Hintze

Gathering Prayer

✠ Call to Worship

One: Lord, make us catalysts of your shalom.

All: Where rage consumes, help us establish love.

One: Where insults bruise, help us soothe wounds.

All: Where strife separates, help us come together.

One: Where skeptics mock, help us affirm hope.

All: Where worry overwhelms, help us feed faith.

One: Where shadows hover, help us sing life.

All: Where hearts weep, help us weep alongside.

One: Lord, may we comfort others, even when we are dispirited.

All: May we accept all people, even when we are rejected.

One: May we cherish your children, even when we are abandoned.

All: For by scattering seeds, we yield the harvest.

One: By restoring justice, we are freed.

All: By laying ourselves down, we are found. Amen.

✠ Hymn

“We Are God’s People”

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Prayer for the United States upon the President’s Inauguration

We pray, Lord Jesus, for our incoming President. Fill him with your Spirit that he may know your will and be led by your grace to follow it. Empower him, we pray, to fervently seek, know, and do the right thing.

Bless, we pray, all the leaders of this nation and strengthen their courage. Save them from those who, in the name of politics or even friendship, would persuade them from your paths of justice. Let no personal ambition blind them to their responsibilities. Inspire them to seek service more than gain.

Forgive us as a nation for our disrespectful conduct. Cleanse us from every mean-spirited thought and unworthy ambition. Give us the courage to admit mistakes. Take away from us that stubborn pride which imagines itself to be above and beyond reproach.

Hear and answer, we pray, renewing us in spirit and mind and heart, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Welcome Friends at Home

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & *The Lord’s Prayer*

Children's Message

"Everyone Needs Encouraging"

Children (PreK-5th grade) are invited to Kids' Club.

Choral Anthem

"Precious Lord"

by George N. Allen & Joyce Merman, arr. Roy Ringwald

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5 NLT

OT p. 692

John 2:1-11 NRSV

NT p. 93

Message

"Nudging the Divine"

Hymn

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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Giving our Gifts

✠ Doxology

"Old Hundredth"

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✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

✠ Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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✠ Blessing

✠ Choral Benediction

✠ Postlude

"Amen, Fourfold"

by Ken Barker

✠ All are invited to stand as they are able

Credits: Gathering Prayer by Lavon Bayler, *Gathered by Love*. Call to Worship adapted from "Prayer Attributed of St. Francis." Prayer for the United States based on *The Prayers of Peter Marshall* "For the President" and "For the Leaders of the Nation" by Catherine Marshall. Prayers of the People by Rev Barbara Glasson, UMC. Prayer of Illumination by St. Jerome. Prayer of Thanksgiving adapted from *The Book of Common Worship*, PCUSA. Blessing from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*, C1.

Welcome to our Church!

Thank you for worshipping with us

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the pew rack. You can place the card in the offering plate.

Let us know if we can assist you.

Sunday Servants

<u>Usher:</u>	Jack & Jeanine Scott	<u>AV System:</u>	Dave & Tim Parsons
<u>Music Director:</u>	Scott Miller	<u>Organist:</u>	Michael Singbusch
<u>Liturgist:</u>	Brenda Carpenter	<u>Kids' Club:</u>	Fran Sincerbeaux
<u>Flowers:</u>	Flower Committee	<u>Joe & Doughs:</u>	Will & Christi
<u>Preacher:</u>	Nancy Didway		

All for the glory of God.

Prayer and Praise

Doug Barton is home recovering from shoulder surgery.

Millie Norton is currently at home and still quite weak.

Joan Van Vranken is recovering from successful hip surgery and says everything is going well.

Aiden Payne continues to be doing poorly. Please continue to keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Joyce Day is down with her family. Your prayers for daughter-in-law, **Robyn Day** are still needed and very much appreciated.

Sue Barry's brother-in-law, **Ken Wilkins**, passed away at home on Monday surrounded by family. Her brother, **Arthur Barry**, is happily done with radiation treatment.

Barb Davidson needs prayer to walk through difficult challenges in her life. She also asks for continued prayer for her son, **Tom**.

If you wish to list a prayer request, please contact the church office at 607-844-8321 or drydenpresoffice@gmail.com.

Alternatively, or additionally, the Deacons welcome you to share your prayer request by filling out the **Deacons' Prayer Circle** pew card and dropping it in the offering basket. Requests shared this way will not be made public or added to the bulletin unless you wish them to be.

A Note about Directories and Newsletters

An updated Directory will be coming out shortly. Please take a moment to review your contact information (there is a copy in the Fellowship Hall) and contact Sue at drydenpresoffice@gmail.com or by phone at 607-844-8321 if any of your information has changed over the past year.

Also be thinking about how you currently receive the Newsletter and if you want to make any changes. It is available in full color via email (recommended); and via paper copy in black and white.

Calendar

Sun. 01/19	9:15 a.m.	Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Annual Reports distributed
	11:30 a.m.	Joe & Doughs Choir
	11:45 a.m.	Deacons Meeting
Mon. 01/20		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Tue. 01/21	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wed. 01/22	5:00 p.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Thu. 01/23		Newsletter articles due
Fri. 01/24	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Sat. 01/25	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Sun. 01/26	9:15 a.m.	Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Dish to pass

Mark your Calendar - Coming Saturday, February 22

Chili Cook Off & Game Night. 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Ongoing Opportunities to Serve

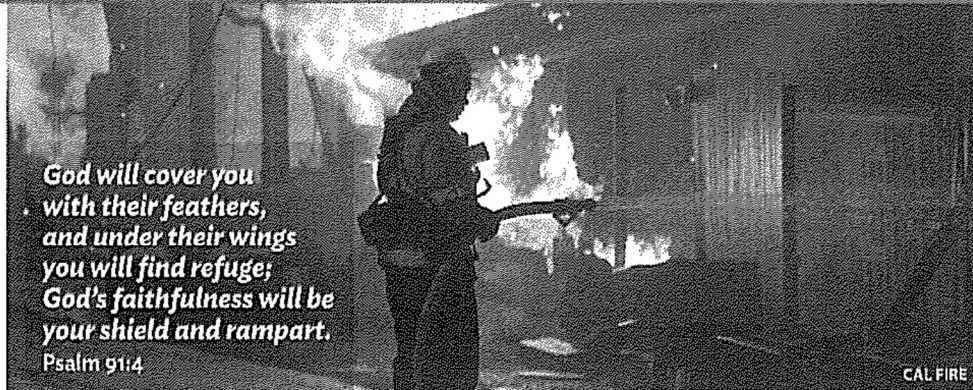
- ❖ **Be an usher**
- ❖ **Or a liturgist**
- ❖ **Provide a short children's message**
- ❖ **or bring flowers.**

The sign-up sheet is on the easel outside the sanctuary.

Thank you.



California Wildfires



*God will cover you
with their feathers,
and under their wings
you will find refuge;
God's faithfulness will be
your shield and rampart.*
Psalm 91:4

CAL FIRE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support in response to the devastating fires in California, which authorities are calling a historic and deadly wildfire event. PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate care. The magnitude of this event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects.

Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by these catastrophic wildfires? — **Give. Act. Pray.**

GIVE: Gifts can be made **online** at pcusa.org/CAfires25, by **phone** at 800-728-7228, ext. 5885, or by **check** made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "PDA-CF25-BI" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



ACT: Assemble Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas. For more information, go to pcusa.org/GOHkits.

PRAY: *God, our refuge and strength, you are an ever-present help in trouble. You see the devastation caused by the California wildfires. You hear the cries of loss and know the exhaustion of those waiting and helping. For those forced to flee, grant rest. For those fighting fires, grant strength. For those mourning, grant comfort. For those still in danger, grant protection. May your Church be a presence of hope. In Christ's name, Amen.*

\$500 \$125 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church, or mail with your check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



Appeal: PDA CF25-BI

 **PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

We Are God's People

Verse 1:

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

Verse 2:

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

Verse 3:

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall His work on earth be done.

Verse 4:

We are a Temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.

Text: Bryan Jeffery leech

Music: *Symphony*, Johannes Brahms, arr. Fred Bock

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Sweet Hour of Prayer

Verse 1:

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known:
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Verse 2:

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Text: William W. Walford

Music: *Sweet Hour*, William B. Bradbury

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken

Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Verse 1:

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Verse 2:

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Verse 3:

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge –
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven

Music: *Converse*, Charles C. Converse