

First Presbyterian Church of Dryden

Established 1808

Sunday, February 16, 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 "The Reaper's Song" by Robert Schumann

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Introit "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace," vv. 1, 2
by Olive Wise Spannaus

Gathering Prayer

✠ Call to Worship based on Psalm 1

Call: Come, let us not walk in step with the wicked.

Response: *Let us not stand with sinners or sit with mockers.*

Call: Let us delight in the law of the Lord.

Response: *Let us meditate on God's way day and night.*

Call: For then we will be like trees planted by waters,

Response: *yielding fruit in season and standing strong.*

✠ Song "Breathe" by Marie Barnette

Prayer of Confession & Promise of Forgiveness

Holy God, we have heard, but not really taken to heart the teachings of your Son. We find even the golden rule hard to obey. As for turning the other cheek or walking a second mile, we prefer to pretend that your Son could not possibly have meant what he said. But we know that he meant it, every word of it. Help us, patient and forgiving God, to take Jesus at his word. Let him teach us how to live a life worth living. Let him show us how to die a death worth dying. We pray, with penitence, in his name. Amen.

Welcome Friends at Home

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

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

Call: Put your word within us, O God.

Response: *Write it on our hearts.*

Children's Message "The Golden Ruler"

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

Choral Anthem "I Love Thee"
by James Denton, based on a tune from Ingall's *Christian Harmony*
Scripture Reading Luke 6:17-36 NT p. 64
Message "A Healed Life"
† Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" # 259

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Lord Jesus Christ, As we search for our offering through
pocket and purse,

**All: so let us search in the corners of our lives for a lonely
soul in need of kindness.**

One: As our gifts pass through our hands,

All: let us be reminded to use our hands to help another.

One: As we watch our money being collected,

**All: let us be intentional of treasuring your Word in our
hearts.**

One: As we hear the words of our prayer,

**All: let us be aware of those around us with burdens too
heavy to speak of.**

One: We give these gifts with our whole selves, O God, in
gratitude for all you have given us.

All: Amen.

Giving our Gifts "In the Church" by Peter Tschaikowsky

† Doxology "Gloria Patri" # 622

† Hymn "Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us" Insert
by Carolyn Gillette

† Blessing based on Colossians 3

† Choral Benediction

† All are invited to stand as they are able.

Credits: Call to Worship by Nancy L. Didway. All other liturgy from *Homiletics
Online*.

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>	Connie & Ernie Walker	<u>AV System:</u>	Dave & Tim Parsons
<u>Music Director:</u>	Scott Miller	<u>Organist:</u>	Michael Singbusch
<u>Kids' Club:</u>	Fran Sincerbeaux	<u>Flowers:</u>	Fran Sincerbeaux
<u>Preacher:</u>	Nancy Didway	<u>Joe & Doughs:</u>	Will Merrill & Christi LaPlant-Merrill

All for the glory of God.

Prayer and Praise

Joining worship in person last week, **Doug Barton** echoed the words of the song "Great is Their Faithfulness," giving thanks for the goodness of God he has witnessed as he recovers from surgery.

Joan Van Vranken continues to recover at home.

Aiden Payne is under hospice care. She appreciates the cards she has been receiving.

Please keep Joyce Day's daughter-in-law, **Robyn Day**, and her family in your prayers.

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.

Protect yourself from flu and covid . . .

Flu and Covid continue to spread locally. Hand sanitizers and masks are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.



Calendar

Sun. 02/16	9:15 a.m.	Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Joe & Doughs
	11:45 a.m.	Deacons
Mon. 02/17	Presidents Day	
	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Tue. 02/18	8:00 p.m.	Session
Wed. 02/19	Bulletin Deadline	
	5:00 p.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Thu. 02/20	Newsletter articles due	
	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawls
Fri. 02/21	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Sat. 02/22	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
	3:00 p.m.	Chili Cook-off
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Chili Cook Off

&

Game Night.

Saturday, February 22

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Sign Up to Serve

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

Sign-ups can be found on the easel outside the sanctuary.

Thank you!!



Breathe

Verse 1:

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence
Living in me.

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Your holy presence
Living in me.

Chorus:

And I..., I'm desperate for You.
And I..., I'm lost without You.

Verse 2:

This is my daily bread,
This is my daily bread,
Your very Word
Spoken to me.

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Chorus

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Verse 1:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Verse 2:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with Thine,
To do and to endure.

Verse 3:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Verse 4:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.
Amen.

Text: Edwin Hatch

Music: *Trentham*, Robert Jackson

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, Amen.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2nd century
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us

Verse 1:

Christ, your words of love confound us, even as we give you praise,
for the lessons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways.
How can we love those who hate us? How can we love enemies?
What of people who abuse us? How can we love even these?

Verse 2:

Make us mindful: love is action, not a feeling that uplifts.
In each daily situation, love's the greatest of all gifts.
It's the wiser, stronger person who will break the chain of hate.
Love can usher in redemption; love can make a people great.

Verse 3:

Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us confident and free:
you don't call us to be helpless but to stand with dignity.
Lord, when others are demanding, may we know they matter more
than our money or possessions. May we share, not keeping score.

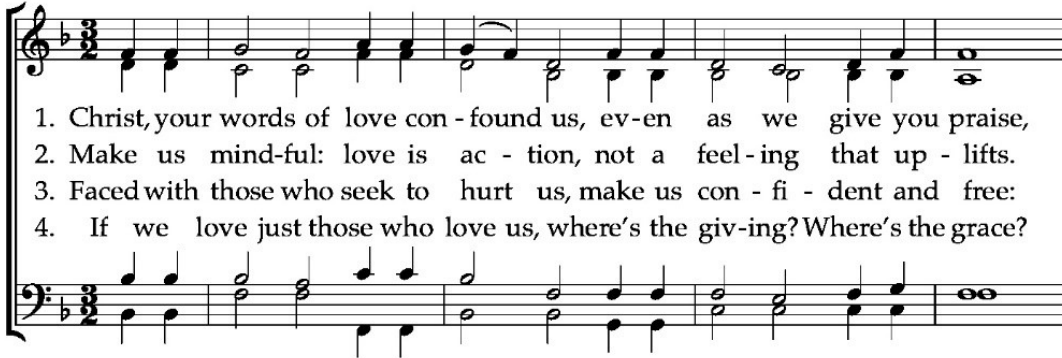
Verse 4:

If we love just those who love us, where's the giving? Where's the grace?
Even sinners try to do this; they have friends that they embrace.
May we do, Lord, unto others as we'd have them also do.
You have shown us: Love is action. May we love, and make things new.

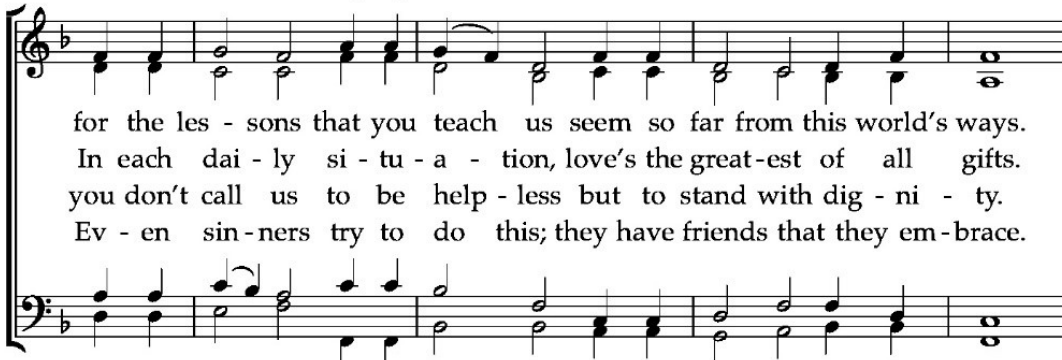
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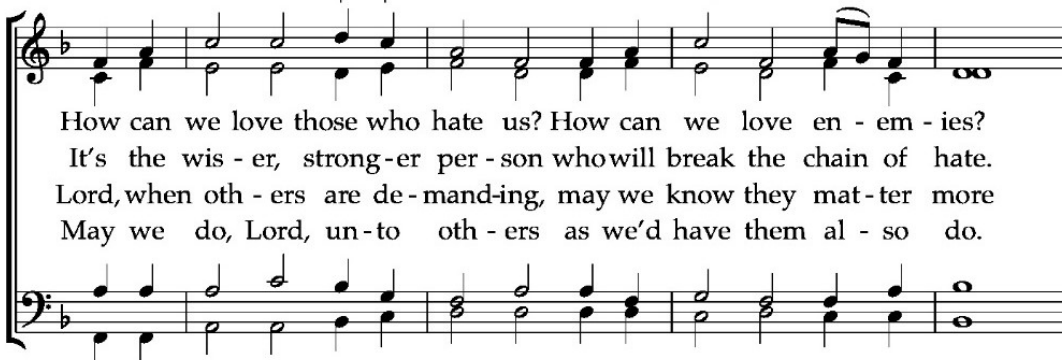
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harm. Christopher Gage



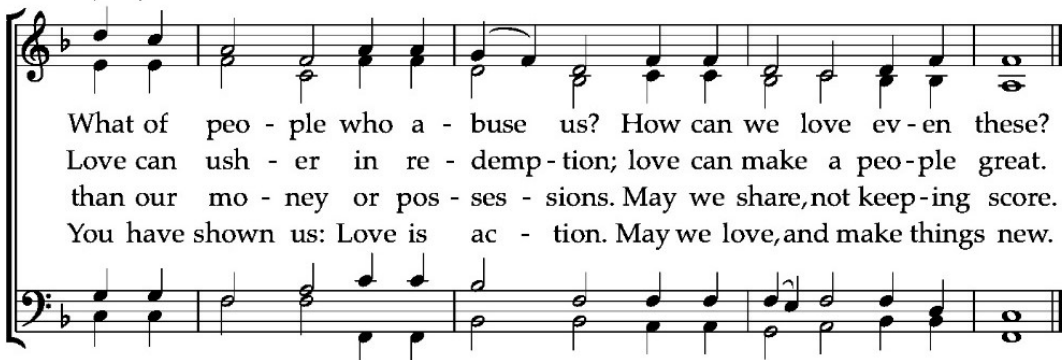
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Interest Survey 2025

Please take a few minutes to respond to this survey from the Ministry Committee.

Your response will assist us in developing opportunities for our church to grow.

Deadline: February 16, 2025.

Thank you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfztvD7M7boxn_AF8m7rTLWckA1ursz5Nvw5Fs8JiQd2ZnH-Q/viewform?usp=header

Note: If you prefer paper, you may print off the following page, complete it, and return to the church by February 16.

Please complete this survey and return it to the church by **Sunday, February 16**. Thank you. The Ministry Committee

Name(s): _____

Please mark **ALL** the options that you might be interested in participating in for a 4-8 week period.

Study Groups

Study Group Format

- Bible study led by Pastor
- DVD Bible conversation led by church member

Location

- Zoom & at Church hybrid meetings
- In Home meetings (no Zoom)
- Zoom only

Bible-Based Focus

- Contemporary concerns (environment, racism, etc.)
- Life lessons (gratitude, anxiety, spiritual disciplines, etc.)
- Scripture study (book/people in the Bible, theology, etc.)

Days/Times

- Weekdays
- Saturdays
- Sundays
- Mornings (approx. 10 am – 12 noon)
- Afternoons (approx. 2-4 pm)
- Evenings (approx. 7-9 pm)

Social Groups

Purpose/Activity/Focus

- Book Club
- Exercise
- Games/Cards
- Hiking
- Lunch
- Movies and Shows
- Puzzles

Other: _____

Days/Frequency

- Weekdays
- Saturdays
- Sundays
- Once a week
- Twice a month
- Once a month

Mission/Ministry Groups

- Choir/Cantata
- Crafting, knitting, crochet
- Dairy Day development
- Encouragement for Dryden teachers
- Food pantry
- Gratitude for Dryden Community Helpers
- Prayer Group
- Second Wind outreach
- Other: _____

Comments: