## GILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Glorify God Plant seeds of Faith Cultivate Disciples

ALL ARE WELCOME!



GILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
235 E. Guadalupe Road Gilbert, AZ 85234
480-892-6753 www.azgpc.org
Pastor George Prohaska ~ azgpcpastor@gmail.com
azgpcoffice@gmail.com

## JANUARY 21, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

#### **WELCOMING VISITORS AND**

# LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Pastor George Prohaska

PRELUDE We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise arr. Bennett

Susan Martinez

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 62)

Liturgist -Frank Walmsley

Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

All: God is my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Leader: Trust in God at all times. Pour out your heart before

God.

All: God is my mighty rock and my refuge.

Leader: Power and steadfast love belong to you, O Lord.

\*THE MORNING PRAYER Liturgist-Frank Walmsley Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

\*HYMN You Walk along Our Shoreline Hymn 170

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God calls the church to follow God's lead, standing by those who suffer and are in need, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Let us confess the ways in which we do not follow God's call.

People: Our Father in Heaven, give us this day grace to make a fresh start. We know we have not loved you with our whole hearts, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Yet we want to love you and to offer you our true worship and joyful service. Help us to believe and trust that no wrong we have done, no good we have failed to do, is too great for you to pardon.

As we pray to be forgiven teach us also to forgive, and lead us in the ways of your kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: Now in silence, let us continue our confession – (Time for silent prayer) Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*RESPONSE Hymn 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### **GOD'S WORD FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**Pastor George Prohaska** 

All children are welcome in the front Parents - livestream in progress (kids in front will be viewed online)

SPECIAL MUSIC Seek Ye First

traditional Chancel Choir

MINUTE FOR MISSION Per Capita Pastor George

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE

**Liturgist – Frank Walmsley** 

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Jonah 3:1-10 page 860 OT

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20 page 35 NT

**SERMON** Two Visions of Repentance

**Pastor George Prohaska** 

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

**OFFERTORY** 

Lord, I Need You

arr. Hayes

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God...we pray together the prayer Jesus taught saying: \*Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

**HYMN** 

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Hymn 725

\*BENDICTION

Pastor George Prohaska

**POSTLUDE** 

Blessed Be Your Name

arr. Larson

Susan Martinez

<sup>\*</sup>If you are able, please stand.

\*\*\*\*\*\*

**Thank you to our Worship and Tech Teams,** Susan Martinez, Amy Johnston, Gaill Blackburn, David & Jennie Burel, Roy & Alex Martin.

## Thank you to those Serving today:

Liturgist: Frank Walmsley

Ushers: Diane Howard, Maureen Kay, Mary Sumner

## Announcements

#### **BOOK GROUP**

Our next Book Group will be tomorrow night, Monday (1/22) at 7:00pm via Zoom. We'll be discussing Chapters 7 & 8 of "What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty" by Bill Ehlig and Ruby K. Payne. All are welcome!



Mark your calendars for *GPC's Women's Gathering* on February 24, from 9-12 noon. Our guest speaker will be Melissa Jones! RSVP by 2/20/2024 to the church office. Open to the public, invite all your women friends for a fun morning!

## GPC General Information

**FIRST TIME GUESTS -** Welcome to our first-time visitors. A packet of information about our church is available in the entryway or from an usher. We're glad you're here!

**OFFERINGS/DONATIONS** – You may donate to Gilbert Presbyterian by going to https://www.azgpc.org/giving-options.html. Thank you for your support.

**REMINDER** – Please silence all phones/electronic devices. Thank you.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** – If you have a prayer request AFTER 12:00PM ON FRIDAY that you would like to be included in our Sunday prayers, we ask that you send your prayer request to Pastor George directly at: <a href="mailto:azgpcpastor@gmail.com">azgpcpastor@gmail.com</a>.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – We meet in Room 7 at 11:00 am each Sunday. All are welcome!

**VIDEO SUNDAY SCHOOL**- The Video Sunday School Class will meet in the Chapel in the Palmer Center at 11:00.

Please join us for great discussions and fellowship following a video lesson.

## **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**

We will meet on Thursdays, at 4:00pm in Room 8 of the Palmer Center. We'll continue discussing the book *The Acts of the Apostles* by NT Wright. All are welcome!

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME**? - If you're thinking about joining Gilbert Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), or would like a refresher course on what being a Presbyterian Christian means, please call the church office at 480-892-6753 to let us know of your interest.

**NURSERY CARE** - Nursery care is available in the Palmer Center for Nursery/Toddler care thru 5 years old with our Nursery Attendant Britney Blackburn.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** - We invite everyone to join us following our worship service this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Palmer Center.

### THIS WEEK AT GPC

Sunday, January 21, 2024

9:30 am - Online & In Person Worship Service

10:30 am - Coffee Time in the Palmer Center

11:00 am - Video Sunday School

11:00 am - Adult Sunday School meets in person and

via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/4808926753?pwd=K3J3bk9CNDFsdII

2ZCtuOGxCL2FzZz09

11:00 am – Revival Presbyterian Church Bible Study

1:00 pm - Revival Presbyterian Church Service

Monday, January 22

7:00 pm - Book Group

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 am - Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, January 24

12:30 pm - Quilts of Valor

6:00 pm - Mission Meeting

Thursday, November 25

4:00 pm - Mid Week Bible Study

7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 27

10:00 am - Falkenstein Hall Rental

Sunday, January 28

9:30 am - Online & In Person Worship Service

10:30 am - Coffee Time in the Palmer Center

11:00 am - Video Sunday School

**11:00 am -** Adult Sunday School meets in person and via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/4808926753?pwd=K3J3bk9CNDFsdll2ZCtuOGx

CL2FzZz09

11:00 am – Revival Presbyterian Church Bible Study1:00 pm – Revival Presbyterian Church Service

### **HYMN INSERTS**



Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/Luke 5:4–11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



## 606

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow





TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 OLD HUNDREDTH



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This hymn written by an Anglican clergyman for the confirmation of his children in Victorian times appears here in updated language that may help to make its challenging commitments more immediate. The tune is named for the province in Finland from which it comes.

## Scripture Readings - January 21, 2024

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jonah 3:1-10

3 The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' 3 So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup> When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup> Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. 8 Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. 9 Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.' 10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

## GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:14-20

## Pastor George Prohaska

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. <sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending

the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.