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**BULLETIN**  
**JANUARY 29, 2023**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

**WELCOMING OF VISITORS AND LIGHTING CHRIST CANDLE**

**Pastor George Prohaska**

**PRELUDE**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

arr. Wagner  
Susan Martinez

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 15)

**Liturgist- Barb Atchison**

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

**All: Who may dwell on your holy hill?**

Leader: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

**All: Those who speak the truth from their heart.**

Leader: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**\*THE MORNING PRAYER**

**Liturgist-Barb Atchison**

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*O For a World*

Hymn 372

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Although God has given the church the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, we fall short of God's call to be salt of the earth and light of the world. Trusting in God's saving grace, let us confess our sin.

**People: We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive our cold unbelief. Make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it costs you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness.**

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

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: God's life-giving Word and Spirit conquer the powers of sin and death. Thanks be to God for the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shine on Me*

Hymn 582

**\*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)*

**PRAISE SONG**

***Lord I Need You***

by Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher

**Verse 1**

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

**Chorus 1**

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

**Verse 2**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

**Bridge**

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

**Chorus 2**

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE**

**Liturgist—Barb Atchison**

*O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace — so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. Amen*

## First Scripture Reading

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

## Second Scripture Reading

### Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor George Prohaska

## SERMON

*You Are Blessed*

Pastor George Prohaska

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Installation of Deacon Carole Blake  
Installation of Ruling Elder Pam Russell

## OFFERTORY

*Purify My Heart*

arr. Nelson

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymn 606

## 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**

***Blest Are They***

Hymn 172

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**Pastor George Prohaska**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and give you peace.

**\*SENDING**

**Liturgist-Barb Atchison**

**Liturgist:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Response:** Let our service begin.

**POSTLUDE**

***Sunshine of My Soul***

arr. Osman  
Susan Martinez



**\*If you are able, please stand**

**Thank you to our Worship and Tech Teams,** Susan Martinez, Matt Pitts, Gail Blackburn, David & Jennie Burel, Roy Martin, Alex Martin and Ryan Stover.

**Thank you to those Serving today:**

Liturgist: Barb Atchison

Pianist/Organist: Susan Martinez

Hymn Leader Matt Pitts

Ushers: Maureen Kay, Sue Widmer, Cheryl Williams

## ***Announcements***

**FOOD COLLECTION**

We'll be collecting food donations for the United Food Bank on Sunday, Feb. 5. Stock up now and bring your donations to church on February 5!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Our next Food Truck Event will be held on Thursday, February 9 from 4:30-7:30 pm. We'll feature the Food Truck Fajita Freaks.

# 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 place your offering/donation in the Offering/Donations slot in the Sanitization Stations located at each entrance. You may also go to the church's website:

<https://www.azgpc.org/giving-options.html> for giving options. We encourage you to continue supporting GPC's ministry if you are able and thank you for giving what you can.

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

## VIDEO SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Video Sunday School meets in the Overflow Room at **11:00am**. We will be reviewing the study we started- **"Help is Here"** with Max Lucado in order to continue it in the following weeks. Good time to join us if you have not been with us at the beginning.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets in person in Room 7 at the end of the hall in the Palmer Center at **11:00 am** on Sundays. The class is now studying some of the Wisdom books of the Old Testament. These books are very different from the rest of the Old Testament and tend to be neglected. The study book is "Proverbs, Ecclesiastes & Song of Songs" by John Goldingay. Copies are available from Margi Hansche. The format is to go through these three books in order, not verse by verse, but section by section as appropriate. The author introduces each lesson with a personal experience to illustrate the passage. Come join us.

## MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Join us **every Thursday, at 4PM** in Room 7 of the Palmer Center with for Bible Study with Pastor George as we will be studying Paul's letter to the Romans. If you have not already done so, you may purchase this book by Art Ross and Martha Stevenson on Amazon or at Target. All are welcome to attend!

## 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 up to 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 29**

**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 (Room 7) and via Zoom**  
<https://zoom.us/j/4808926753?pwd=K3J3bk9CNDFsdll2ZCtuOGxCL2FzZz09>

**11:00 am – Revival Presbyterian Church Bible Study**

**1:00 pm – Revival Presbyterian Church Service**

**Tuesday, January 31**

**8:00 am – Men's Breakfast**

**Wednesday, February 1**

**9:00 am – Homeschool Group**

**7:00 pm – Worship Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, February 2**

**9:00 am – Homeschool Group**

**4:00 pm – Bible Study**

**7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal**

**Sunday, February 5**

**FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY!**

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**10:30 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center**

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## Hymn Inserts

# O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

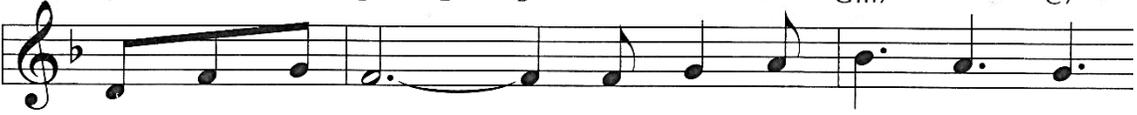
# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be-low; praise \*him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*\*Or "God"*

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

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# Blest Are They

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Gsus Leader or All G D C

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.