BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

* Congregation will stand

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Mozart's Concerto 25 1st Movement

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.

INTROIT: "Fortress" (See Insert to follow along)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From God comes my salvation.

All: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

All: God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: The present form of this world is passing away. Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, Lord, for true power and steadfast love belong to you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: "For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits" (See Insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God.

Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given new life. Do you believe this?

All: We believe it! God strengthens us with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus. All thanks to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: 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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE: (turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. All: And also with you.

YOUTH MESSAGE: "Fishing Story"

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

*SONG OF PRAISE: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray asking for understanding of God's word:

All: Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Psalm 62:1-2: 5-12 (responsive)

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

All: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

All: My mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

All: God is a refuge for us. Selah (Say-La)

Mark 1:14-20

Response to the reading of God's Word:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: "Urgent"

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*HYMN: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" (See Insert)
CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

Leader: God of grace. All: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERING / OFFERTORY MUSIC

*SONG OF DEDICATION: "Doxology"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Abide with Me" (See Insert)

*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Mozart's Sonata in C 1st Movement

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9:00am	CONTEMPORARY Worship Service – Taylor Hall	
11:00am	TRADITIONAL Worship Service – Sanctuary	

THIS WEEK: January 25 - 30, 2021

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Thursday, January 27	Bible Study 6-7:30pm
Friday, January 28	Bible Study 10-11:30am
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Tuesday, February 16	Session Mtg. 6pm
Wednesday, February 17	Ash Wednesday – Service details TBA
Thursday, February 18	Trustee Mtg. w/Christian Ed & Clerk of Session 6:30pm
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In the "days of plenty," in the "days of want"
I will put my trust in You alone
For there's no heart greater than the Father's heart
And there's no love sweeter than the Son's.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah to my King Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Jesus Christ my everything!

OPENING HYMN: FOR YOU, O LORD, MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

[Refrain] For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow. [Refrain]

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits, our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word, come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. *[Refrain]*

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, and in your advent, draw us all to you, our hope reborn in dying and in rising. [Refrain]

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage, we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain, open to us the pathway of your peace. [Refrain]

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for we are all the people of his hand. [Refrain]

Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens,

Creator of the mountains and the seas,

Lord of the stars, and present to us now. [Refrain]

SONG OF PRAISE: PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration!

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Come, ye sinners, poor and needy Weak and wounded, sick and sore Jesus ready, stands to save you Full of pity, love and power

> [Refrain] I will arise and go to Jesus He will embrace me in His arms In the arms of my dear Savior Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh [Refrain]
Come, ye weary, heavy-laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry 'til you're better
You will never come at all [Refrain]
Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him. [Refrain]

CLOSING HYMN: ABIDE WITH ME Abide with me! fast falls the eventide:

The darkness deepens: Lord, with me abide! When other helpers fail and comforts flee. Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me. 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me. 3 I need Thy presence every passing hour: What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me. 4 I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless: Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness: Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me. 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes: Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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