



## **Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church**

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REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP PREPARATION

*"We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image . . . But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator . . . Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation . . . Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still."*

*From A Brief Statement of Faith*

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Hear my prayer, Oh Lord*

Dorothy Fine  
Robert Lau

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Heidi Biermann

Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God even with my dying breath.

**Never place your hope in powerful people; there is no help for you there.**

Happy are those who have the God of Israel as their strength, whose hope is in the Lord their helper.

**God is the One who made heaven and earth. God is the One who keeps every promise forever.**

Praise the Lord! God can lift any burden and heal any broken heart. So, come everyone, and let us together worship God!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 31

MONKLAND

*Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Amanda Hanrahan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring: You made the heavens and the earth, with all their vast array. O Lord, you are full of compassion, patience, and never-failing love. In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners that we may turn away from our wrongs and be saved. For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, and in our lives you will show forth your goodness. Yours is the glory now and forever. Amen.**

*(Time for silent prayers of confession.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and wholly trust the Good News! Though you are broken and unworthy, you are granted God's favor in Jesus Christ. Believe that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**This is sure to be! May it be so! Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI NO. 581

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

*Glory Be to the Father*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Bob Auwarter

**PROCLAMATION**

ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me*

With One Voice Choir  
by Thomas Tallis

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 14: 1 – 19 (p. 131-132)

SERMON

“Don't Forget Who You Are, God”  
*Sermon Series – It's Me: The Character of God*

Stuart Spencer

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*CHORUS OF PRAISE NO. 315

*In the Midst of New Dimensions (vs1-3)*

NEW DIMENSIONS

THE WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Heidi Biermann

OFFERTORY

*Adagio, from Fantasia in C Major*

Dorothy Fine  
Cesar Franck

\*DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 606)

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bailey Heckman

**SENDING**

\*SENDING HYMN NO. 270

JERUSALEM

*Lord, You Are My God and King*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Variations on Liebster Jesu*

Dorothy Fine  
Johann Gottfried Walther

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

**SERMON SERIES FOR THE NEW YEAR: "IT'S ME: THE CHARACTER OF GOD"**

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." So says A.W. Tozer in his classic book on the attributes of God, *The Knowledge of the Holy*. Why would he make such an extreme pronouncement? Tozer goes on to say, "Man's spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God. Worship is pure and a base as the worshipper entertains high or low thoughts of God." In order to trust a person, we must get to know them and be convinced of the stability and depth of their character. It is the same way with God. Unless we know God, we can never trust Him to guide us, comfort us, and do the right things in our lives. We can rest securely and feel comfort and assurance in many situations in life because we KNOW God's character and trust Him.

**1/21** Psalm 103: 1 – 12, I'm So Happy I Can't Stop Crying

**1/28** Jonah 3:10–4:2, I Don't Like How You Do Your Job, God

**2/4** Joel 2:12–17, Come on Home

**Disciples: All Members of the Congregation**

Teaching Elder/Pastor ( <i>Sabbath: Monday</i> ).....	Stuart H. Spencer
Teaching Elder/Associate Pastor ( <i>Sabbath: Friday</i> ) .....	Bailey A. Heckman
Youth & Family Ministry Director.....	Stephen Scovell
Administrative Assistant.....	Melissa Bottelier
Church Accountant.....	Linda Landis
Music Director.....	Patricia Murphy
Organist/Accompanist.....	Dorothy Fine
Contemporary Music Leader .....	Brooks Hanrahan
Sexton.....	George Salt
Business Administrator (Volunteer).....	Sue Schaub
Seminary Interns.....	Heidi Biermann & Amanda Hanrahan