

Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, USA



SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

God who saves: we come seeking your help. Some of us carry heavy burdens and require relief. Some of us are sick and want healing. Some of us are troubled by what we have done or left undone and ask for forgiveness. Some of us suffer abuse and plead for deliverance. Some of us feel low and need to be lifted up. Some of us are lost and want to be found. Some of us are restless and desire peace. Some of us must right our wrongs. Some of us despair and crave hope. All of us are in need of salvation. May we hear of it this day. Amen.

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 23rd, 2022 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATORY MUSIC

Autumn

-Samuil Maykapar

THE PRESENTATION OF SCRIPTURE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 103)

One: Bless God, every one of us, and all that is within us.

Many: **For God forgives every sin,**

One: heals sickness of body, mind, and soul,

Many: **lifts up those in the lowest places,**

One: rights what is wrong,

Many: **loves without relenting,**

One: and abounds in grace and mercy.

Many: **Let us bless God, all of us.**

HYMN NO. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

-John Hughes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we believe that we can save ourselves. We think we can still manage what has been unmanageable. We assume we alone can break the cycle of addiction. We suppose we can dodge any consequence of our actions. We are certain we can break free from the past. We imagine that we, or someone else, will be able to restore the earth or repair wrongs done to people. We rely only on ourselves to endure. We believe that we are the authors of our salvation. May we, in this worship silence, confront our limits and receive your help.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

Only Grace

-Matthew West and Kenny Greenberg

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WELCOME, LIVE-STREAM CHECK-IN, AND JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HYMN NO. 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

-Samuel Sebastian Wesley

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Zephaniah 3:17-20

GOSPEL READING

Luke 7:36-50

RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Released, Forgiven, Saved"

- Jon Nelson

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 35, debts & debtors)

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Precious Lord Take My Hand

-Thomas Dorsey

Brittany Haynes, soloist

RESPONSE NO. 710

We Lift Our Voices

- Dwight Liles

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE GIVING

HYMN

God of our Salvation

- Phil Wickham

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

God of our Salvation

- Phil Wickham

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings are received at the sanctuary entrance. Thank you!

IN-PERSON SERVICES RESUME In-person worship will resume on January 30th at the 10:30am service, with limited in-person attendance. Please reserve your space online (see your latest Arkive in your email or go to our website: arkanddove.org). On February 6th, we will bring back the in-person 9am worship service and also Sunday School during the 10:30 am service.

ANNUAL CONGRGATIONAL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 30TH The Annual Congregational meeting will take place on Sunday evening, **January 30th, at 7:00 PM**. This will be a Hybrid meeting taking place in the Sanctuary and on Zoom at the same time.

PUB TRIVIA NIGHT The Adult Ed Team is hosting Pub Trivia on Zoom immediately after the congregational meeting on **January 30th!** Topics include Bible trivia, Church history, and wild card questions, and don't worry about forming a team beforehand, teams will be formed that evening. **But ...** we do want your help! Please submit trivia questions in the google form: <https://forms.gle/VRdPd4o38MCXSiHM8>. Contact Katie Nilsen-Johnson with any questions (knilsenjohnson@gmail.com)

PARENT GROUP MEETING Parent Group will meet over Zoom on Friday, **Jan. 28th at 8:00 pm**. Please email Pastor Jon, jnelson@arkanddove.org, for an invitation link.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE SPECIAL DONATIONS TO HELP THE MIDWEST WITH RECOVERY FROM TORNADOES The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to the urgent need for disaster recovery assistance in the Midwest following the horrific tornadoes. PDA urges your support for those affected and is delivering immediate aid to those impacted. Donate on the Ark and Dove website, mark your check for Disaster, or text an amount, followed by **disaster**, to: (410) 983-3481.

END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS 2021 End of Year Giving Statements were emailed out on Monday, 1/17. Please check your email (including Spam folder) to make sure you received your statement. If you have questions, please contact Steve Debus (steven.debus89@gmail.com)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS For the next couple of weeks, Logos (our midweek children's program) and youth groups will not meet in-person. If you are not on the Logos e-mail list, please contact Amy Goldberg (amygoldberg.2010@gmail.com). If you are not on the youth group e-mail lists, please contact Pastor Jon (jnelson@arkanddove.org).

THE WHITE ALLY TOOLKIT STUDY The Anti-racism and Social Equity team invites you to join us for The White Ally Toolkit Study. We will spend 12 weeks studying David Camp's in-depth work on personal storytelling and his R.A.C.E method (Reflect, Ask, Connect, Expand). This study will prepare us for uncomfortable but essential conversations with skeptics about race and how to use listening and empathy to call others into dialog around racial issues. This class will be led by Lori Kronser, with assistance from Jen Roman and Shirley Fuller. Lori, Jen, and Shirley have met once a week for a year working through this book with open hearts and minds while working toward our best attempts at allyship. This class will be limited to the first six participants to register. Workbooks will be provided. We will meet on weekly on **Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm**, from **January 20, 2022 to March 24, 2022**. Contact Paula Sparks trebleclef48@gmail.com or Deb Saylor saylordeb@yahoo.com to register.

ARK & DOVE VETERANS GROUP Would you like to connect to other veterans in the church? Do you want to help local service members and veterans? Come join Ark and Dove's Veterans Group. You don't need to be a veteran to join, just have a desire to connect and help current service members and veterans. Next time you see a Vietnam Vet, say thank you, they didn't hear it enough when they returned and it's time they hear it a little more! Contact Autumn Vernon, autumn.vernon03@gmail.com for more information.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY Join us every **Wednesday** at 10 AM for Bible study and fellowship. Contact Pastor Jon (jnelson@arkanddove.org) for the Zoom link.

CHANGE TO 'AFTERNOON TEA' Because of a conflict with another program we are looking to move our Afternoon Tea on Zoom from Thursdays at 3pm to another time and/or day. If you have a preferred day and time, please email Joan Berry before February 1st with that suggestion (joanb3rry@gmail.com).

DEACONS MEAL PREP HELP NEEDED One of the ways we care for friends and members of the congregation is to provide meals for people during difficult times. If you are someone who is able and willing to make meals periodically, please contact our Deacon's Meal team leader, Annetta Fenstermacher, at: 410-519-0309, or email: fenstermacherra@aol.com.

EARTH CARE TEAM Join us Wednesday, February 2 at 7:30pm, via Zoom, to discuss becoming an Earth Care Congregation and Earth Care projects for 2022. Please contact Bob Fuller at rtfuller@mac.com for the Zoom invite if interested.

Welcome! We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us! Join us again, a livestreamed worship service at 10:30am. We hope to resume in-person worship at 9:00 am and 10:30am, and Godly Play Sunday School, for grades pre-K thru 5, sometime soon. Watch our website for update: arkanddove.org. Would you like a pastor to contact you? Would you like to learn more about Ark and Dove? Please send a note to admin@arkanddove.org.

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Ministry Leaders

Liturgist - Adell Gaurin

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