

WORSHIP SERVICE

JANUARY 19, 2025, 10:00AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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PRELUDE

Glorious is the Name of Jesus

Robert Fryson

\*HYMN #10

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

John B. Dykes/Reginald Heber

WORDS OF WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.**

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us;

**People: Authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually,**

Leader: And there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and His kingdom.

**All: He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**It may seem naive, in a world of grief, to choose to live in joy; it may seem foolish, in a world where solemnity is power, to sing and dance to a different tune; it may seem cruel, in a world of suffering and injustice, to speak of light and celebration; but**

**You have come, Jesus, to bring joy into our grief, light into our darkness, singing into our mourning; and it is an act of healing and proclamation to believe and embrace the joy You offer. Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Hallelujah!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11)

Leader: The prophets of old have declared, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God.

**People: For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robes of righteousness."**

Leader: Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you**

ANTHEM

The Last Words of David

Randall Thompson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*All Children Pre-K - Grade 5 recess to Church School.  
Grades 6 and 7 remain in the Meeting House.*

\*HYMN #439

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Spiritual

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:1-11

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"GG's Jar"  
Kelly Antonson

*Grades 6 & 7 recess to the Parlor*

SERMON RESPONSE

Worthy is The Lamb

Darlene J. Zschech

Khanisha Moore, soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As a congregation, we pray together – through word, silence, and  
The Lord's Prayer (sins)

PRAYER RESPONSE

Lead Me, Guide Me

Doris Akers

CALL TO OFFERING

*Please pass the burgundy welcome books*

OFFERTORY

Lord, You're Holy Eddie James/arr. Landy and Joy Gardner

Chancel Choir

Khanisha Moore, soloist

\*DOXOLOGY (unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #481

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon and J. Rosemond Johnson

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

\*Congregation please stand.

Thank you to the Lewis family for hosting our fellowship time this morning. Please join us for coffee in Smith Hall immediately following the service.

ARE YOU VISITING OUR CHURCH TODAY?

Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us! If you have questions about our church or wish to join us for our next new member class, please contact Anna Rogers at (203) 274-0097 or [welcoming@godsacre.org](mailto:welcoming@godsacre.org).

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

The prayer shawls displayed today were made with love and prayers by our Prayer Shawl Ministry. The shawls are given to those experiencing significant life challenges. During our prayers today, we ask for God's blessing on the shawls, and pray for those who receive them. New members are always welcome. No experience is needed! For more information, contact Twee Haffner at [tweehaffner@gmail.com](mailto:tweehaffner@gmail.com) or (203) 966-0606.

The flowers in the Meeting House are given in loving memory of our beautiful mother, Lois Spinola. You are forever in our hearts.

## NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

### 2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our 2025 Stewardship campaign is focused on the importance of gratitude in inspiring our generosity. We ask that you take a moment to complete the statement “I am grateful” and reflect on how that gratitude might inspire your offering to God through our church by pledging to the very best of your ability. You may pledge using the QR code on the back of your bulletin.

### BECOME A MISSION SPONSOR TODAY

We seek to raise \$100,000 to make our mission to Waco, Texas! 105 kids will embark on our February Mission Trip to serve and love thy neighbor. We will be partnering with *Mission Waco* to serve our siblings in need. This mission is only possible with the support of our congregation and YG Friends. Will you please consider being a mission sponsor? Donations can be made online at [www.godsacre.org/give](http://www.godsacre.org/give).

### DEDICATE A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Dedicate a floral arrangement to remember someone special who has passed away or who is celebrating a special birthday, anniversary, or graduation. Please contact Tracy Goldman at [office@godsacre.org](mailto:office@godsacre.org) to choose a date and discuss color preference. A suggested donation of \$100 is greatly appreciated.

### FELLOWSHIP CHILI PADDLE – JANUARY 31

Our annual Chili Paddle Party is a fun-filled social event that brings together church members and friends for an evening of friendly competition and delicious chili. Join us on Friday, January 31, from 7:00 to 10:00pm at the Waveny Paddle Lodge. Contact Liz McClave at [lizmcclave@gmail.com](mailto:lizmcclave@gmail.com) with questions or to enter your chili in the cookoff. Check your inbox for more details.

### JANUARY PLATE OFFERING

The January plate offering will go directly to the fundraising effort for the YG Mission Trip to Waco, Texas.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP PIVOT BREAKFAST – JANUARY 25

The Men's Fellowship Group (MG) will host our brothers from Pivot Ministries for our annual Winter Breakfast on Saturday, January 25, at 8:00am in Smith Hall. Come join us for fellowship, reflection, and a fantastic breakfast! Please bring the suggested contribution of \$10 to the breakfast or \$20 if you would like to sponsor a guest. Contact Don Moyle at [donmoyle@gmail.com](mailto:donmoyle@gmail.com) or Steve Antonson at [antonson.steven@gmail.com](mailto:antonson.steven@gmail.com) to volunteer to set up, cook, and clean up or with questions.

### MOVIES FOR A MISSION

Two more dates remain to enjoy a night out while you support our YG Mission Trip with Movies for a Mission! On Saturday, January 25 from 5:00-7:00pm and Saturday, February 1 5:00-7:00pm, High School YGers will host a fun-filled kid's night at the church featuring movies, crafts and dinner. We invite you to drop off your children in Smith Hall where they will be well cared for by YG kids and advisors and enjoy fellowship with other church children. We will ask for a minimum \$25 contribution per family for each date and ALL proceeds will go towards the YG February Mission Trip.

### PFLAG CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Founded in 1973, PFLAG supports, educates, and advocates for LGBTQ+ people and their families. Our church will host a PFLAG caregiver support group meeting for adults (18+) in the Parlor on Tuesday, January 21 from 6:30-7:30pm to share joys and struggles and lift each other up. RSVPs aren't necessary, but feel free to email [polly.obrienmorrow@gmail.com](mailto:polly.obrienmorrow@gmail.com) for more information.

### REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SERVICE – JANUARY 20

On Monday, January 20, at 10:00am, the Interfaith Council of New Canaan will host its annual celebration of the life of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the United Methodist Church of New Canaan, 165 South Avenue. The service will feature inspiring music and speakers from local and nearby communities, including words from Pastor Richard Williams of Pivot House, and stirring music from the Pivot Men's Choir! A reception will follow. All are welcome!

### WINTER BIBLE STUDY - GENESIS

Join us on January 27 to begin the magisterial six-day creation through Adam and Eve, the flood, the sacrifice of Isaac, and the Joseph story. Genesis contains many of the most well-known and beloved passages in the whole Bible. These texts have grounded beliefs and shaped faith communities for over two millennia. We meet on Mondays from 7:00-8:00am and the Women's group meets from 9:15-10:15am with Zoom options available. Contact Marianna Kilbride at [marianna@godsacre.org](mailto:marianna@godsacre.org) for more information.

### WINTER/SPRING CLEMENTINE'S PLAYDATES REGISTRATION

Registration is open for the winter/spring semester of Clementine's Playdates. Children and caregivers will enjoy time for socialization, play, music and the introduction of early concepts of faith. The semester will run from February 5 - May 21 (no class 2/19 & 4/16, possible snow day make up on 5/28). Sessions will be offered on Wednesdays from 9:15-10:15am. This program is free for pledging church members. Please email [churchschool@godsacre.org](mailto:churchschool@godsacre.org) with any questions.

### YOUTH THIS WEEK

For questions about our ministries, contact Kimmie Dyrvik at [kimmie@godsacre.org](mailto:kimmie@godsacre.org). Reminder our Mission Sponsor campaign is underway. Find more information on how to support our YG Mission Trip on the bulletin board in Smith Hall!

#### **Sunday, January 19**

No MSYG or YG – MLK Weekend Observance

#### **Tuesday, January 21**

Guppies, grades 2-3, 4:30-5:30pm

#### **Thursday, January 23**

JYG, grades 4-5, 5:00-6:00pm

#### **Friday, January 24 to Sunday, January 26**

MSYG Winter Weekend! Meet at the Church at 5:00pm

#### **Saturday, January 25**

Movies for a Mission, 5:00-7:00pm

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Chapin Garner

*Senior Minister*

Kelly Antonson

*Senior Youth Director*

Lindsey Daly

*Director of Children's Ministries*

Nerva Altino

*Director of Music Ministries*

Khanisha Moore

*Soloist*

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Trey Laird

We are a welcoming, inclusive and compassionate church community where difference and diversity are valued. We gather to promote the love and knowledge of the God revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Redeemer and Friend, and welcome all to participate in the life of our church regardless of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, ability, marital status, or sexual orientation.

We invite you to make your pledge today.

