

## SENDING FORTH

*The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.*

**Closing Hymn 368\*\***—*My Hope Is Built*

**Benediction**—*My the Lord Watch Over You*—Ruth Elaine Schram

**Postlude**—*Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals* —Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given**

in loving memory of Juanita White, given by her son, Gary White

in loving memory of husband, Larry Schmith, and brothers Ron and Steve Bunner,  
given by Dottie Schmith

**Music**—One License A-731491

**Offertory Lyrics**—*Nothing But the Blood of Jesus* - Craig Courtney

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus. Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

\*\*Please stand as you are able.

### Clergy & Staff

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 10:45 am.

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 am

February 2, 2025

### GATHERING

*The people of God come together in the Lord's name.*

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**—*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* (Hymn #79)—Diane Bish

**Introit**—*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*—Vaughan Williams

**Call to Worship**— (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness;**

**Come before His presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord, He is God;

**It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;**

**We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

**Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.**

**For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.**

**Opening Hymn 68\*\*** —*When In Our Music God Is Glorified*

**Invocation** (please be seated)—

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your tender mercies and unfailing love. Thank You for providing a way for sinners to be reconciled to You. Thank You for enlightening our hearts to say “yes” to You when You called us. Lord, You are very great and Your power is absolute. Your understanding is beyond our comprehension. We come clapping our hands and shouting joyful praises to You, our God. Most High, You are the great King of all the earth. We meditate on Your unfailing love as we worship in Your temple. Your Name will be praised to the ends of the earth. We honor You as our Lord and Savior. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

### PROCLAMATION

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.*

**Psalter**—*Psalm 47* (Hymnal p. 781\*)

(\*Responsive reading—congregation reads bold type, sings at the red R)

**Gloria Patri**—*Glory Be to the Father* (Hymnal p. 70)

#### **God's Word for Young Disciples**

**Anthem**—*O Clap Your Hands*—John Rutter

Chancel Choir

**Scripture Readings**—*2 Chronicles 5:2-13, Colossians 3:1-17*

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon**—“*Why Do We Sing*”

Dean Wagner

### RESPONSE

*The People of God respond to the Word.*

**Hymn of Response (insert)\*\***—*Jesus Paid It All*

#### **Discipleship Moment**

**Offertory**—*Nothing But the Blood of Jesus*—Courtney

Epworth Choir

Bohdan Subchak, violin

#### **Doxology\*\***

**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.**

**Communion & Prayers** (Hymnal p. 17)—

Hymns during communion

*378 Amazing Grace, 340 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor & Needy, 348 Softly & Tenderly*

## OPENING HYMN

*Hymn #68, When In Our Music God Is Glorified*

When in our music God is glorified,  
And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried:  
Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found  
A new dimension in the world of sound,  
As worship moved us to a more profound  
Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue:  
Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night  
When utmost evil strove against the light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always:  
Alleluia!

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## 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, amen.

## PSALTER

### Psalm 47

Charles Wesley  
Robert Williams

RESPONSE (*Ascension & General*)



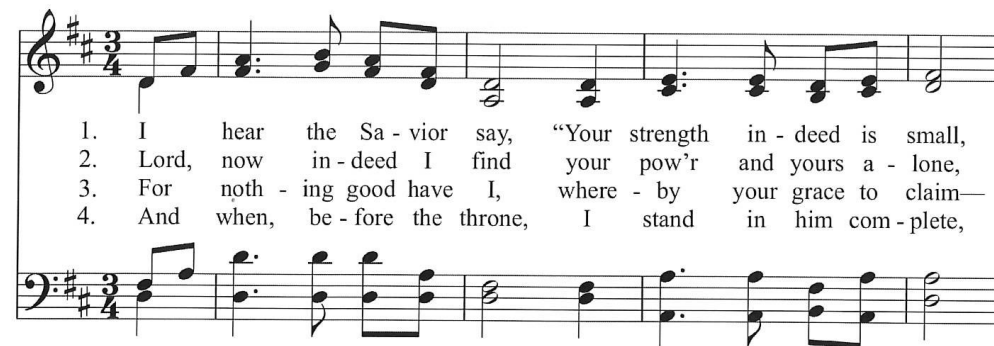
Earth and heaven re - peat the cry,  
"Glo - ry be to God on high."

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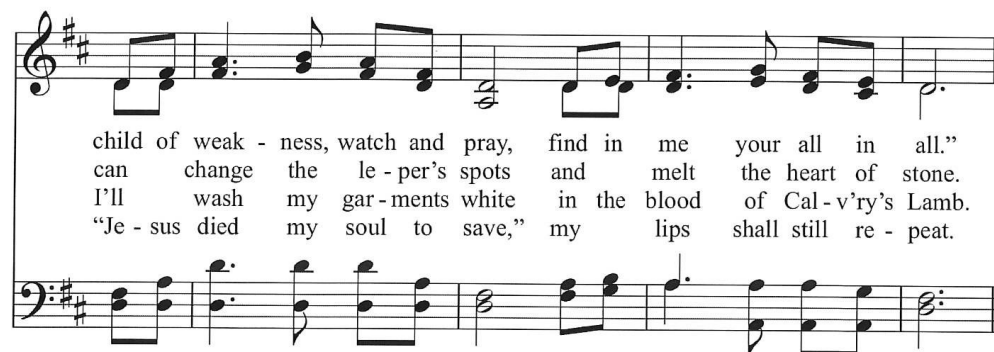
- 1 Clap your hands, all peoples!  
    **Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**
- 2 For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,  
    **a great Ruler over all the earth,**
- 3 who subdued peoples under us,  
    and nations under our feet,
- 4 **who chose our heritage for us,**  
    **the pride of Jacob whom God loves.** R
- 5 God has gone up with a shout,  
    **the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
    **Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!**
- 7 For God is the Ruler of all the earth;  
    **sing praises with a psalm!**
- 8 God reigns over the nations;  
    **God sits on his holy throne.**
- 9 The princes of the people gather  
    as the people of the God of Abraham.  
    **For the shields of the earth belong to God,**  
    **who is highly exalted!** R

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Jesus Paid It All (bulletin insert)*



1. I hear the Sa - vior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,  
2. Lord, now in - deed I find your pow'r and yours a - lone,  
3. For noth - ing good have I, where - by your grace to claim—  
4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

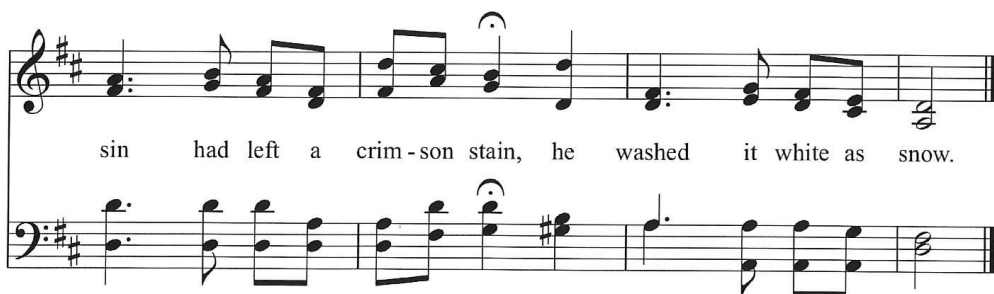


child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."  
can change the le - per's spots and melt the heart of stone.  
I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.  
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Hymn #368, My Hope Is Built*

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When Darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
(Refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood  
supports me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.  
(Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne!  
(Refrain)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Adie	Lee Miller
Bob Ahonen	Lee Minier
Joanne Ames	Becky & Jerry Pecko
Debbie Amundsen	Becky Petty
Mary Ellen Atwood	Sandi Robinson
Dorothy Bates	Holly Ross
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Kathi Sawyer
Suzanne Callahan	Todd Schneider
Mary Griest	Kathy Walker
Jeff Iula	Betty Wenk
Dwight Konic	Mike Yeager
Judy Lewis	Rose Ann Youngkin
Kristopher Lewis	Tim Zuschin
Marge Magee	
Bonnie Michaud	

**In our greater world:** We lift up the families of those lost in the DC aircraft/black-hawk collision. We continue to pray for those fighting and affected by the LA wildfires. We lift up South Arlington UMC and Stow UMC.

## **CHURCH NOTES 2-2-25**

**New Member Class:** Thinking about joining First Church? We want to help you get connected through our Discipleship Pathway. Classes on the book *Disciple Like Jesus* begin February 2, @9:30am in room 321, led by Jim Kimble and Pastor Pippin. For questions and to sign-up, please contact Pastor Pippin, fallsfirstpippin@gmail.com, or use the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center.

**Location Change:** FUMC is joining the *Church Square* community at the First United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 8, from 5-7pm for a "**Soup-er Bowl**" potluck dinner! Please bring a dish to share, and plan to have a great time of food and fellowship.

**Boy Scout Breakfast:** Mark your calendars for February 9. Beginning at 8am-12:30pm, the scouts from Troop 152 will serve a delicious breakfast in Wesley Hall as a thank you to the church for its continued support. The meal will be free of charge, however, donations would be gladly accepted. Join us as we celebrate our scouts and our partnership.

**All Church Meeting:** We will have updates/reports on the stewardship campaign and budget, introduce the Church Square MOU, and have a brief survey. Please plan on attending **February 16, after the 10:45am service**. Thank you!

**Winter Gear Collection:** We need some winter gear! Any scarfs, hats, and gloves, donated for the clothesline outside can be placed in the collection area near the Library. Thank you!

**Holiday Nuts:** We still have a few bags of nuts for sale in the office. Stop in during office hours to pick them up (you may want to call ahead 330-923-5241).

**2025 Golf League:** It's time to start thinking spring! We are in need of 6 golfers, men, women, and youth, to join our 2025 golf league. We meet Wednesday evenings at Fox Den (first tee 4:45pm) beginning the first week of May. If interested please contact Jim Ward, Jim Yates, or Jim Boss for more information.

**2025 Toddler Time & 2026 Registration:** A program for toddlers aged 2 and their caregivers. This interactive class will feature music and songs, fingerplays and stories, art activities, and play. We have openings for 2025. We have the materials ready for preregistration for 2025-26 preschool school year. Please contact Jennifer at 330-923-5243 with questions about either program.