

Ἐγώ εἰμι



τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου

Sunday, February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Toccata in F Major BuxWV 157
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 27:1-5

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?
When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.
Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.
One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.
For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark van Stee

Introit

"Come, Worship the Lord"
Text: based on Psalm 95:1
Music: Earlene Rentz

IPC Singers
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

***Call to Worship**

Nicholas Edmonds

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Let us praise the Lord together.

Leader: The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

People: for the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

***Hymn of Praise #483 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"**

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Mark van Stee

Leader: Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, Yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light.

People: Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (1 John 1:5-7)

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

People: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

God's Will for Our Lives (1 John 2:7-11)

Leader: Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

People: Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother or sister is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother or sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; they do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

***Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 36:5-9 (p. 563)

Nicholas Edmonds

Meditation

"The Light of the World is Jesus"

IPC Singers

Music: Philip P. Bliss

New Testament Reading

John 8:12-20 (p. 1073)

Sermon

“Jesus’ Self-Disclosure: I AM the Light of the World”

Rev. Mark van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response #462** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Raja Chintapalli, Elder for
Children’s Ministry

Offertory

“Christ Is the World’s Light”

IPC Singers

Christe Sanctorum, melody from *Paris Antiphoner*, 1681

***Doxology #592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayers of the People

Raja Chintapalli

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Guests

Raja Chintapalli

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication** (Insert) “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

Choral Benediction

“May the Road Rise to Meet You”

IPC Singers

Trad. Irish blessing; Music by Jody Lindh

Postlude

Little Fugue no 8 in B flat Major BWV 560

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

****Please stand if you are able.***

Today’s bulletin photo symbolizes Jesus as the light of the world. The words around the picture are Jesus’ words “I am the light of the world” as found in the original Greek New Testament.