



# NEW BRIDGES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 12, 2025 - Ordinary Time

# GATHERING

## SONG | "Shout To The Lord"

My Jesus my Savior  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

### *Chorus*

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty  
Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You

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WELCOME

## Mission Statement

“To bring Christ’s Gospel to all people. Proclaim the good news of divine mercy through worship, witness, and ministry. We grow and build our congregation and raise up leaders to serve God’s call for advocacy, justice, and reconciliation.”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who wait in hope.

Come, all who feel incomplete.

Come, all who long for wholeness.

**In our waiting, remind us that God’s work has already begun.**

We wait for the day

when peace is known,

when justice is realized,

when God’s will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Open our eyes to see the glimpses of your kingdom already here.**

God is not finished yet.

**We are not finished yet.**

Let us worship the One who holds the beginning and the end.

## SONG | “Yet Not I But Through Christ I Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we grow weary of waiting for your promises of new life,

when prayers seem unanswered, and we lose all hope.

**Break us, Lord.**

When we dismiss the small signs of change,  
and deny the hope that is happening all around us,

**Break us, Lord.**

When we silence those who challenge our comfort,  
when we turn away from voices that call us toward justice,

**Break us, Lord.**

When our cynicism and doubt drowns out the whispers of hope,  
when we say, "nothing will ever change,"

**Break us, Lord.**

Then, broken, shape us into your likeness  
trusting that your hands are molding us even now.

**Make us, Lord.**

Shape our impatience into perseverance.

Shape our skepticism into trust.

Shape our despair into hope.

We are the clay, and you are the potter.

**We are the work of your hands;  
make us, Lord, through Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even in our messiness, God embraces us.

Even in our unfinished places, God molds us.

Even in our hopelessness, God sustains us.

Hear this good news:

The one who began a good work in you  
will be faithful to complete it.

**In Jesus Christ, we are becoming who we were meant to be.**

## SONG | "Gloria Patri"

Glory to God #581

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.

## SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL | Today after worship, Fellowship Hall

Each Sunday, all are welcome for our fellowship meal following worship. Thanks to Clovis and Nives for providing food.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | February 2 after worship, Sanctuary

Join us for our annual congregational meeting during which we will hear reports from our church leaders and elect our church leaders for the new year. You won't want to miss it.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

# WORD

## ANTHEM | “Worthy Is The Lamb”

Thank You for the cross Lord  
Thank You for the price You paid  
Bearing all my sin and shame  
In love You came and gave amazing grace

Thank You for this love Lord  
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow  
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace

### *Chorus*

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne  
Crown You now with many crowns  
You reign victorious  
High and lifted up Jesus Son of God  
The Darling of heaven crucified  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb

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## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (<sup>23</sup> It's written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.”) <sup>24</sup> They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what's stated in the Law of the Lord, *A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*

<sup>25</sup> A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus' parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law.

<sup>28</sup> Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,

<sup>29</sup> "Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word,

<sup>30</sup> because my eyes have seen your salvation.

<sup>31</sup> You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples.

<sup>32</sup> It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and a glory for your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too." <sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged to the tribe of Asher. She was very old. After she married, she lived with her husband for seven years. <sup>37</sup> She was now an 84-year-old widow. She never left the temple area but worshipped God with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> She approached at that very moment and began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to everyone who was looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When Mary and Joseph had completed everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown, Nazareth in Galilee. <sup>40</sup> The child grew up and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**



# RESPONSE

## SONG | "Holy Forever"

A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us  
And all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Jesus Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

### *Chorus 1*

And the angels cry Holy  
All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy  
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

### *Chorus 2*

Hear Your people sing Holy  
To the King of Kings Holy  
You will always be Holy  
Holy forever

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## OFFERTORY

# SENDING

SONG | "Praise Medley"

*(see screen)*

BLESSING

## PRAYER REQUESTS

For comfort and courage for Leon and Rodney Bachues during this difficult time for the passing of Bill Shive on Monday, December 23rd.

For the Fire Fighters, First Responders and the people affected by the wildfires.

For the family of the victims of the deadly New Orleans attack.

For health and healing for Leo Wilkinson.

For strength and courage for Celine Tsake for the passing of her mother.

For courage and strength for the family of Nelson Mosi for the passing of his uncle's wife in Cameroon.

For those who are grieving after losing loved ones.

For joyful thanksgiving for the safety of Khalon and Khiron following a car accident.

For traveling mercies for Odim and family traveling to Nigeria to attend the funeral of his mother.

For Joan Bloom's grandson Jackson, who is deployed to Jordan for 3 months.

For Daniel and his daughter, Yeba who are celebrating their birthday.

For the passing of Isaac, who was the brother of Phil's best friend.

For Phil's friend's daughter, Natalie.

For comfort for Leo's friend Paul and his family.

For healing for Phil's friend Frank, who is sick.

For thanksgiving birthday for Nubia Vitalis' daughter.

For blessing and healing to the family and victims of hurricane Helene & Milton, may they find help together as one withing their community to get back on their feet.

For the war in Ukraine and the Middle East to deescalate.

For the homeless & hungry, and for South Hayward Parish and their work.

For Bria and all who are struggling to provide for their family.

For Barbara Anderson who is home bound and Mary Anne's back pain.

For those mourning and sick and suffering from loneliness.

For Cameroonian refugees who do not feel safe to return home.

For comfort for Kate's friend Pat, who is terminally ill.

For God's richly blessing to the members of this church for "giving increase."

For the people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.

For all the children living in areas of conflict.

For peace in the whole world including the safety of the northwest and southwest of Cameroon and that God in his infinite mercy brings peace in the region.

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