



# Third Sunday After Epiphany

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 21, 2024

10:30 A.M.

## PEACE BE WITH YOU

As pastors of Catonsville Presbyterian Church, we know that this is a community of love, care, and true welcome. We pray that you will experience our hospitality and our delight in your presence.

Not only do we welcome you and your family, but we seek to welcome the full range of experiences, identities, and feelings that you carry. Our life together is often marked by a desire to thoughtfully engage God's world and our own humanity. We're compelled by the reality that the Christian life is often full of doubt, fear, loneliness, shortfalls, and uncertainty, in the same way that it can be full of beauty, belonging, love, and hope.

Whoever you are today, whoever you have been, and whoever you have yet to be: you are welcome in this space. We hope to meet you this morning, and if not, we hope to say hello in the coming days. If you are interested in learning more about our ministry at Catonsville Presbyterian Church, consider opening your phone's camera and following the QR code on this page. We'll send a short email with some ways to get connected this week and in the weeks to come.



Once again, welcome. You are a beloved child of God.

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

We actively engage our intellects and our hearts in what we believe to be true: that God's peace, justice, and radical love are good news for every corner of our lives. We seek to be a place of freedom and liberation, where people of all ages and backgrounds deepen their connection to God and others while making a tangible difference in our Catonsville community and throughout the world.

Rooted in this faith, our congregation proudly affirms the gifts, callings, and God-given identities of LGBTQIA+ members, friends, and guests. God invites all of us to explore and discover the person God has created and known before all time.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Educational ministries are currently held on the second week of each month. These Second Sundays include childcare and youth programming beginning at 10:00 a.m. and multi-age church school for those in kindergarten through fifth grade. Visit [catonsvillepres.org/ministries/families](https://catonsvillepres.org/ministries/families) to learn more.

Today, you can find children's bulletins, books, and activities in the back of the sanctuary. The Fellowship Hall is available for families to use if desired. The service can be heard in the room and there's plenty of space for active children.

## WELCOMING ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Catonsville Presbyterian Church recognizes that people of all ages have varying abilities and needs. If you meet or see someone with differing needs, whether an adult or a child, please recognize that underlying conditions may occasionally cause behavior that might be misrepresented as inappropriate. Please reach out. Ask if there is a way you might assist and otherwise be understanding and supportive.

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<sup>†</sup> Please rise in body or in spirit

What to do, then,  
with such a blessing...

Trust me when I say  
all it wants  
is for you  
to fall in,  
to let yourself  
find yourself  
engulfed within  
the curious refuge  
that it holds

And then to go  
in the direction  
it propels you,  
following its flow  
that will bear you  
where you desired not  
where you dreamed not  
yet none but you  
could land.

— *Jan Richardson*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Setting by Wayne L. Wold

Kathleen Thomerson, author and composer, wrote this hymn in 1966 on a visit to The Church of the Redeemer in Houston, Texas; the location providing the tune name HOUSTON. Today's prelude is an effective setting of Thomerson's hymn by composer Wayne L. Wold. The simplicity of both hymn tune and text communicates deep conviction and a childlike faith while making numerous references to luminosity, making this a perfect choice for Epiphany.

*God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.*

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord, the keeper of every moment in eternity  
invites us to come, not only to hear words which can transform us,  
but to fill us with grace and hope.

**We are here to respond to that call,  
willing to be carried away from the familiar ways of our lives.**

The One who walks with us on our journeys, in the midst of our harried lives,  
calls us to lay aside all that entangles us, to follow Christ into service to others.

**God invites us to step into the waters of life and hope, reaching out to draw  
others to our side, so that together we might enter Christ's kin-dom of  
laughter and joy.**

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† HYMN # 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of procrastinating prophets, we can spend so much time waiting for the perfect moment, that we might miss the chance to help one another. We may worry so much about saying the right thing, that we say nothing to encourage a person who needs such words. We may be so wrapped up in dealing with the stresses of life, that we have no time to deal with your hopes and dreams for us.

Forgive us, God of second chances. By your grace, we can hear your words of compassion and forgiveness; by your mercy, we can place our feet back on the path of discipleship; by your love we are welcomed as your children by our Brother and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer of confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If it can happen in Nineveh, repentance and forgiveness can happen in us; if God can call a stubborn person like Jonah, God can call us to lives of faithful discipleship.

We will lay aside all our fears and doubts, all our worries and resistance, so we can follow Jesus, trusting always in the One who forgives us, in this moment, and all the moments to come.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE:**  
**HYMN # 721, VERSE 1**

“Lord, You Have Come  
to the Lakeshore”

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **LIFE IN COMMUNITY**



Come in your faith, and in your doubt! If you are joining us for the first time, we invite you to share your information by scanning the QR code. We would love to connect.

Upcoming events and recent announcements are available in the back of the bulletin and on our website at [catonsvillepres.org](http://catonsvillepres.org).

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**God who creates us and calls to us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to hear your Word, and embolden us to respond faithfully as we seek to follow Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Jonah (interactive story)

### **SCRIPTURE**

Mark 1:14-20

*Page 35 of the New Testament*

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## SERMON

“Stepping Out, Stepping Up”

*Dorothy Boulton*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### RESPONSE

*From A Declaration of Faith*

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death.

**We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God’s undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God’s demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by our siblings in Christ, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.**



### CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

*Dear Lord and Father,  
C. Hubert H. Parry*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea  
The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!

† DOXOLOGY # 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, change our hearts and our lives. Renew us by your good news.  
Use the gifts we bring for your holy work of transformation, as we seek to go  
where Jesus leads us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &  
THE 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.

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† Please rise in body or in spirit

**For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

† HYMN # 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”

† BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**

*As With Gladness, Men of Old (DIX)*  
Setting by Wayne L. Wold.

As with Gladness, Men of Old is an Epiphany hymn about the visit of the Biblical magi to the young child, Jesus. William Chatterton Dix penned the hymn on January 6, 1859, while recuperating in bed from an extended illness. The settings of today's prelude and postlude were written by Wayne L. Wold, an esteemed organist and composer with over 400 published organ and choral works. Wold is Director of Music and Organist at First Evangelical Lutheran Church just down the road in Ellicott City Maryland, Professor Emeritus of Music and Chapel Organist at Hood College, and adjunct faculty at Shenandoah University. He served as Organist for many years at the Presidential Retreat at Camp David and is a former teacher and friend.

## **SOURCES**

Image: Jan Richardson, *Jonah's Blessing*.

Interactive Jonah story by Cindy Fritz and Peter Horn.

The 197th General Assembly (PCUSA, 1985) made its own the action of the 177th General Assembly (PCUS, 1977) with reference to *A Declaration of Faith* which is as follows: “That *A Declaration of Faith* be adopted as a contemporary statement of

faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration . . . ” (Minutes, PCUS, 1977, Part I, p. 168), with the understanding that only the current Book of Confessions has constitutional standing.

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*Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

*The Presbyterian Outlook*, Stephanie Sorge, ed. Teri McDowell Ott (Richmond, VA: 2024).

*Where the Broken Gather: Lectionary Resources for RCL Year B*, Thom M. Shuman, 2014

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## LEARNING & GROWING

Access the articles for Adult Education at [catonsvillepres.org/belonging](http://catonsvillepres.org/belonging)

### PERILS AND PROMISE OF THE PULPIT

**Sunday, January 21 | Led by Ken Kovacs | 9:00 a.m. in the Library**

Thomas Long, the “dean” of American Protestant preachers, former professor of preaching at Princeton Seminary and Candler Divinity School at Emory, wrote an essay in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, which has received a lot of attention: *The Perilous and Promising Pulpit*.

Long believes, “In a new and disturbing way, preaching has become perilous.” But there’s room for promise when we remember what is really going on when a congregation faithfully and courageously listens for the Word of God.

### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**January 25 | Led by Ken Kovacs | 10:30 a.m. in the Library**

TMBS continues this week on the upcoming lectionary texts. Join us at 10:30 a.m. in the library. We’ll take a break for several weeks and then resume with a new study for Lent. Look for details.

### MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**January 21 | After worship in the Fellowship Hall**

Middle and high school youth are invited to a Mardi Gras pancake lunch! After worship on Sunday, January 21, we’ll make pancakes, play some games, and meet with confirmands. Youth group will wrap up around 1:30 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **This week: Plant-based Potluck**

There's still time to RSVP for our plant-based potluck on January 27 at 5:30 p.m.! Contact Laurie White ([thewhites@brickhouse112.com](mailto:thewhites@brickhouse112.com)) today to let her know you're coming or if you can help set up or clean up.

### **Envision Board "Bouncers"**

The Envision Grant deadline of March 1 is rapidly approaching and now is the time to start thinking about the process of applying. Next Sunday (January 28), board members will be in the Fellowship Hall to help you develop your idea and answer any questions about the application process. Please stop by even if you're unsure you have an idea. Think of us as a sounding board. We'd love to hear what you are dreaming about.

### **Catonsville Concerts at 3 News**

Elizabeth Yeoh-Wang performs at today's Catonsville Concerts at 3 program. Known for her performances of both standard harp repertoire and her own transcriptions, Elizabeth holds degrees from the New England Conservatory and Harvard University.

If you haven't already, subscribe to the Concerts at 3 email list. You'll be reminded before upcoming events and be the first to know about new concerts. Visit [tinyurl.com/concerts3](http://tinyurl.com/concerts3) to sign up.

### **Congregational Meeting**

Session has called for the Annual Congregational Meeting to take place immediately following worship on Sunday, January 28. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the 2024 budget, review the pastors' Terms of Call for 2024, and any other business the congregation wishes to address.

## Pastors' Schedules

Dorothy Boulton is attending the annual APCE Christian educator's conference and will be out of the office beginning Tuesday, January 23 and will return for worship on Sunday, January 28. Ken Kovacs will be out of the office beginning Tuesday, January 30, and will return for worship on Sunday, February 18. He will be traveling to Zürich, Switzerland, to continue his studies at the C.G. Jung Institute.

## Child Care Registration This Week

Reminder to all families currently enrolled at FCCC that registration is this week! Register any time from 7 a.m. on Monday, January 22 to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, January 28 to secure your spot for summer camp and school year 2024-2025! Visit [cpcfccc.org](http://cpcfccc.org) for details. Church members, returning campers, and new families will register beginning Monday, February 12 for any remaining spots.

## PLEDGE UPDATE

PLEDGE UPDATE			2024	2023	
“Thank you for your amazing response to the 2024 stewardship campaign. We are so grateful for your generosity.” – Jadie Mayes and Keith Glennan, <i>pledge secretaries</i>			Less than \$1,000	16	19
			\$1,000 - \$2,000	17	21
			\$2,000 - \$3,000	19	21
			\$3,000 - \$5,000	11	9
Number of pledges	87	92	\$5,000 - \$7,500	10	12
Total amount pledged	\$391,377	\$371,594	\$7,500 - \$10,000	7	3
Average pledge amt.	\$4,499	\$4,039	More than \$10,000	7	7

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Day	Event	Location/Time	Contact
<b>Today</b>	Adult Education: Perils of the Pulpit	Library, 9 a.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
	Worship	Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Middle and High School Youth Group	Fellowship Hall, after worship	Dorothy Boulton dboulton@catonsvillepres.org
	Worship Committee	France Room, after worship	Howie Nixon hlnixon2@gmail.com
	Catonsville Concerts at 3	Sanctuary, 3 p.m.	David Hutton dhutton1@verizon.net
<b>Mon.</b>	Exploring Membership Gathering	France Room, 7 p.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
<b>Tues.</b>	Needlework Group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
	Staff Meeting	1 p.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Adult Education Committee	7 p.m.	Susan Jaeger susan.jaeger7@gmail.com
<b>Thurs.</b>	Bible Study	Library, 10:30 a.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, 7 p.m.	Greg Knauf gknauf@catonsvillepres.org

<b>Sat.</b>	Plant-Based Potluck	Fellowship Hall, 5:30 p.m.	Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com
<b>(Next Sun.)</b>	Worship	Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary, after worship	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org

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**COVENANT NETWORK  
OF PRESBYTERIANS**

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

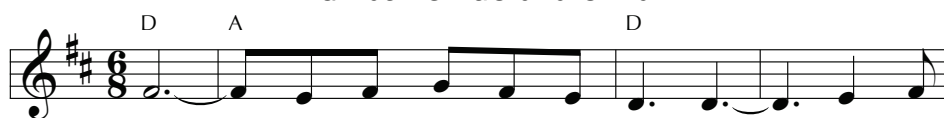
- 1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

- 1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

## 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*Tú has venido a la orilla*

1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing  
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat  
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my  
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly  
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; 7 you will  
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant  
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.  
 find there my nets and la - bor.  
 love that keeps on lov - ing.  
 friend, as thus you call me:

*Refrain / Estribillo*

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while  
 Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my  
 en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la a -

This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me. By your  
 re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to a

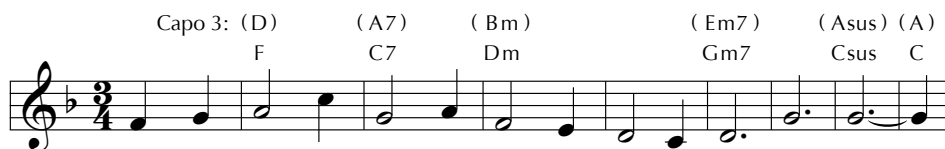
side I will seek oth - er seas.  
 ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

## SPANISH

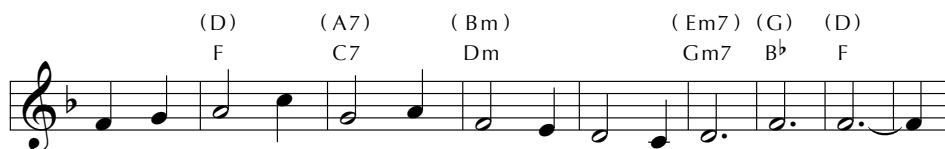
- 1 Tú has venido a la orilla,  
 no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos,  
 tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo
- 2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:  
 en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas,  
 tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo
- 3 Tú necesitas mis manos,  
 mi cansancio que a otros descansa,  
 amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo
- 4 Tú, pescador de otros lagos,  
 ansia eterna de almas que esperan,  
 amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

## 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

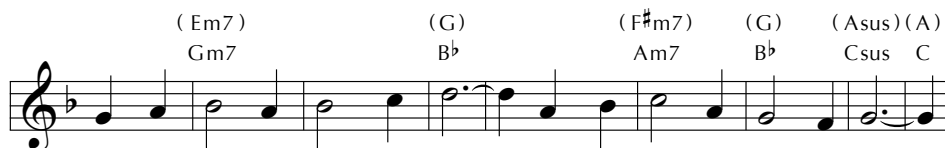
## The Summons



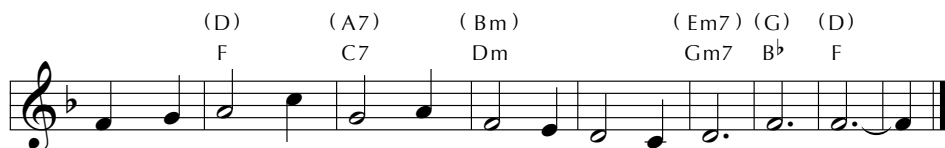
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.