

*Welcome to*  
**PALMA CEIA**  
Presbyterian Church



*Traditional Service*

Sunday, February 23, 2025 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*Seventh Sunday in Epiphany*

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# GATHERING

**Prelude:** “Allegro” from *Suite Gothique*

Boëllmann

**Welcome**

**Chiming of the Hour:** (11:00 AM) The Junior Choir Handbells

**Introit:** “O Rest in the Lord, Wait Patiently For Him” from *Elijah*  
The Ladies of the Chancel Choir

Mendelssohn

**Call to Worship:** (*adapted from Psalm 37*)

L: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

**P: Trust in the Lord and do good;**

L: Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

**P: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,**

L: Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.  
The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;  
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

**All: The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked  
and saves them because they take refuge in him.**

**Invocation**

**Hymn #356:** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**Prayer of Confession:** (*In unison*)

Jesus said, “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.  
Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.”

Lord, we have passed judgment on others. We have condemned others in our hearts.

We have refused to forgive and we have been slow to give.

With contrite hearts, we repent. Hear now our confessions (*time of silence*)...

For in and through the presence of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Greeting One Another In The Peace of Christ**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

(*The congregation is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*)

**Act of Praise:** The 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.*

## THE WORD

**Prayer for Illumination**

### Scripture Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

<sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.'

<sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

**Children's Message:** Children of all ages are invited to the chancel steps.

As the children come forward and as they leave, the congregation may join in singing: "*What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.*" Following the Children's Message, children Pre-K3-1<sup>st</sup> grade may be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the Godly Play room. Children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary. There is also a staffed nursery on the first floor of Eastminster.

### Mission Celebration

#### Prayer of Dedication and Offering

**Offertory:** "Go Forth Into the World in Peace"

Rutter

*Text:*

*Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage.*

*Hold fast that which is good;*

*Render to no one evil for evil;*

*Strengthen the faint hearted;*

*Support the weak;*

*Help the afflicted;*

*Honor all people;*

*Love and serve the Lord,*

*Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*And the blessing of God Almighty,*

*the Father, the Son and the the Holy Ghost,*

*Be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.*

### Scripture Lesson: Luke 6:27-38

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the

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same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**Sermon:** “Opposite Day!”

Rev. Dr. Kenny Hubbell

**The Lord’s Prayer:** The Chancel Choir

Mathias

*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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Declaration of Faith:** The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## SENDING

**Hymn #388:** “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

**Charge and Benediction**

**Benediction Response:** “Dresden Amen”

**Postlude:** “Praeludium in C”

Bach

*The Flowers in the Chancel are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in memory of my beloved husband, Marvin Crabtree, by his wife, Ginger.*

**Leading in Worship Today:** Reverends Kenny Hubbell, John DeBevoise, and John Reiter; Nancy Callahan, Choir Director; Chancel Choir; Junior Choir Handbells; Allison Kelly and Anna Shuford, Ministry to children and families; Susan Peacock, Chief Usher; Bert Chamorro, Beadle; Beth DeBevoise and Scott Wilson, Livestreamers