

WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

GATHERING TIME (10:15 – 10:30 AM) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6145951009>

Dial 929 436 2866 or 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 614 595 1009

WELCOME & PRELUDE

God is Good. **All the time.** & All the time. **God is good.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

P: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

L: Christ is the fountain of life.

P: In Christ we behold the Light of God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: Christ unmasks the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 9

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Psalm 36:5-10

⁵Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. ⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. ⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. ⁸They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. ⁹For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. ¹⁰O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

YOUTH MESSAGE

The Miracle Worker

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING John 2:1-11 The Wedding at Cana

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "Nine Hundred Bottles of Wine"

HYMN "Trust and Obey" No. 437 (See attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS & CONCERNS – PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – 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.

CALL TO OFFERING - PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN "There Is Power in the Blood" No. 449 (See attached)

CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you joy, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see his face, feel his grace forever.

May the Lord mighty God bless and keep you forever.

Trust and Obey

437

Now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Ephesians 5:8

1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a
 2. Not a shad - ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His
 3. Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor - row we share, But our
 4. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of His love Un - til
 5. Then in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll

glo - ry He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a -
 smile quick - ly drives it a - way. Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a
 toil He doth rich - ly re - pay. Not a grief nor a loss, Not a
 all on the al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He shows And the
 walk by His side in the way. What He says we will do; Where He

Refrain

bides with us still, And with all who will trust and o - bey.
 sigh nor a tear Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
 frown nor a cross But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey,
 joy He be - stows Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 sends we will go; Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

For there's no oth - er way To be hap - py in Je - sus But to trust and o - bey.

WORDS: John H. Sammis, 1887
 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1887

TRUST AND OBEY
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There Is Power in the Blood

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*You who once were far away have been brought near
through the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:13*

1. Would you be free from your bur - den of sin? There's pow'r in the blood,
2. Would you be free from your pas - sion and pride? There's pow'r in the blood,
3. Would you be whit - er, much whit - er than snow? There's pow'r in the blood,
4. Would you do ser - vice for Je - sus, your King? There's pow'r in the blood,

pow'r in the blood. Would you o'er e - vil a vic - to - ry win? There's
pow'r in the blood. Come for a cleans - ing to Cal - va - ry's tide. There's
pow'r in the blood. Sin - stains are lost in its life - giv - ing flow. There's
pow'r in the blood. Would you live dai - ly His prais - es to sing? There's

Refrain
won - der - ful pow'r in the blood. There is pow'r, pow'r, won - der - work - ing
There is pow'r, there is pow'r, won - der - work - ing

pow'r In the blood of the Lamb. There is pow'r, pow'r,
pow'r In the blood of the Lamb. There is pow'r, there is pow'r,

won - der - work - ing pow'r In the pre - cious blood of the Lamb.