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**Alexandria First Presbyterian Church**

141 Little York-Mount Pleasant Road

Milford, New Jersey

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Gathered in God’s grace and led by the Holy Spirit,

Alexandria First Presbyterian Church joyfully worships, prayerfully seeks,

and gratefully shares as a loving family growing in Jesus Christ.

**January 29, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Usher:** Evelyn Cameron **Worship Assistant:** Lois Bondor

**Director of Music Ministry:** Stefanie Watson **Minister:** The Rev. Nick Hatch

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

January 29, 2023 – 4th Sunday After Epiphany

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* arr. Mark Hayes

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT *Sanctuary*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried, and true.**

**With thanksgiving I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

**All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Look, here is the Lamb of God!

**All: Jesus calls us: come and see.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord.

. . . TO PRAISE AND CONFESS

\*HYMN 341 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you and return us to the path of righteousness.**

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayers.**

KYRIE 574 *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us*

 **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1. Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called
	1. you by name; you are mine. And so, I declare to you, in the name
	2. of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
2. **All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE GLORIA PATRI 579 *Glory Be to the Father*

**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.**

THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

 The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also, with you.**

Leader: Staying in our seats, I invite you to turn to your neighbor and greet

 each other with the Peace of Christ.

. . . TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM *This is My Father’s World*  Chancel Choir

 arr. Jay Rouse

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*Children are excused for Sunday school.*

HYMN 322, seated *Spirit of the Living God*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 1:29-42

Leader: The word of the Lord.

 **All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Starting With An Invitation* Rev. Hatch

. . . TO RESPOND IN FAITH

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION, *Insert God Has Work for Us to Do*

SILENT PRAYER

HYMN 535, Sing Twice *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS)

 Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

 **All: hear our prayers.**

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

 Offertory *Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song*

 arr. John Carter

 *During the Offertory, you may come forward and place your tithes and offerings in the plate.*

 \*Doxology 592

 **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.**

 \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . . TO GO OUT TO SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN 387 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

arr. Mark A. Miller

**What does the Lord require of you?**

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**What does the Lord require of you,**

**I want to know; I want to know.**

**Justice! Kindness!**

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*\*Please Stand If You Are Able*