

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla**

**Worship Service for Second Sunday after Epiphany**

*January 19, 2025*

**Pre-Service Music:** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:** *Kneeling at the Altar* – Sabrina Brem

**Introit #156:** *Sing of God Made Manifest (3)*  
Chancel Choir

**Responsive Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day**

God of the feast, God of abundance,

**you are always turning water into fine wine.**

Though the wine has run out,

**you work miracles among us.**

Though the work feels impossible,

**you accomplish wonders through us.**

Though many fail to perceive it,

**you reveal your glory among us.**

Help us to receive your good gifts this day,

**that we might learn to put our faith in you. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day** (from Psalm 36)

**O God, our fountain of life, grant us your good gifts  
this day. Call us to drink from your river of delights.  
Welcome us to feast in your house of abundance.  
Teach us to find refuge in you as we learn to walk in  
your light together this day. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #39:** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (stand)

**Call to Confession**

Let us join together before God and each other to confess our sin.

**In faith, let us confess our sin.**

**Prayer of Confession** (Erik Alsgaard [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com))

**Lord, we need a miracle today. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, we need a miracle today. We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world. We are discouraged in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference. We need a miracle today, Lord. Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain, will not be moved. Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds, cannot be counted. Your glory, like a mighty torch, will not be put out. Lord, crown us with your love. Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy. Lord, we need a miracle today. Amen.**

**Declaration of Pardon**

The good news has been passed down by prophets and priests:

**everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness in his name.**

We believe;

**Help our unbelief.**

Wherever we are on our journey,

**we are redeemed, forgiven, and loved.**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Gloria #583:**                      *Glory to God*                      (stand)

**Anthem:**                      *An Invitation to Praise*                      Parker/Pethel

**Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

*Worship leader will lead the prayers.*

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world.

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

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We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. We join together in the prayer that Jesus taught his followers to pray:

**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**

**Hymn #302:** *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace*

(seated)

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept you Word.  
Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we  
may hear your Word; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day:**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 62:1 – 5.

**Gospel Lesson:** John chapter 2, verses 1 – 11.

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

**Sermon:** *Being Right and Getting It Wrong* Rev. Brian Ellison

<https://youtu.be/4jA4fLG3uzo?si=sedOdlMemlbehY6w&t=89>

**Affirmation of Faith** *Prayer of Thanksgiving* (www.faithandworship.com)

**Merciful God, we believe you have gifted the Church through the goodness of your Grace to be your hands and do your work, to be your voice and share your words, to bring healing to a fallen world and broken lives make whole. You have gifted your people with the blessings of your Spirit, the power to transform lives and make all things new. Now may our hearts receive, our mouths proclaim, our hands prepare for service, that the love that we have known might overflow the lives we live and pour into the hearts of others, that all might receive your Grace, your renewing Spirit and your love. Amen.**

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings:** (please be seated)

**Doxology #607:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Prayer of Dedication:** John Birch-www.faithandworship.com

**Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this town. We ask this through your son, our Savior Jesus Christ who gave all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #761:** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

(stand)

**Charge and Benediction:** (remain standing)

Go now, with your trust in Christ who has quenched your thirst

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

**Postlude:** *I've Got the Joy* – George W. Cooke

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