

# TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. (Luke 4:28, 29)*

*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*February 3, 2019*

\*Please stand if you are able

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

## CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

LAY LEADER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**We are here to offer God our worship and praise.**

Before God formed you in your mother's womb,  
God knew you.

**Before we drew our first breath,**

**God consecrated us in holy love.**

Let us worship the one who knows and loves us.

**Let us worship the one who is our rock  
and our fortress in times of trouble.**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

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## OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Wrap us in the arms of your love, Holy One,  
as we gather in worship this day.

Teach us to be patient and kind in our actions,  
and humble of heart in all of our ways.

Help us see and know ourselves  
as well as you see and know us,  
that our words may be true  
and our love may be pure.

Build us into a community that bears all things,  
believes all things, and hopes all things  
in the name of Love, which never ends. Amen.

**\*HYMN: #370 This Is My Father's World**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor,  
trusting in the mercy of our Lord.

**\*Please stand if you are able**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**ALL**

**God of truth and love,  
when we yearn for certainty in an uncertain world,  
remind us that we know only in part;  
when we long for others to see things our way,  
remind us that we see in a mirror dimly;  
when we seek to impose our ways upon others,  
remind us that we have failings of our own.  
Harken us to your voice once more,  
and reveal to us the truths that you alone can see.  
In your holy name,  
we seek your guidance now. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**LAY LEADER**

The one who formed us in our mothers' wombs  
looks upon us with love and seeks our highest good.  
Rejoice in the good news that we are fully known,  
and that we are loved with a love that heals all wounds  
and breaks down all barriers that lie between us.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**ALL**

**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.**

**\*THE PEACE**

**LAY LEADER**

Now faith, hope, and love abide as signs of God's care for us.  
Let us share these signs with one another as we pass the peace of Christ.  
The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also, with you.**

**ANTHEM:** "We Gather at Your Table Lord" by Walter Ehret

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PASTOR**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

**SCRIPTURE:**

**PASTOR**

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

**SERMON “*Hometown Boy Makes Good?*”**

**PASTOR**

**\*HYMN: #697 Take My Life**

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**PASTOR**

**A TIME OF SHARING – *JOYS AND CONCERNS***

**PASTOR**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PASTOR**

*(Responsively)*

God of all goodness,

We live in times of stress and controversy, injustice and cruelty.

At times we cry to you for rescue

and remember that we have leaned on you since our birth as we pray,

**O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for leaders and nations around the world,

that they may seek justice and peace,

**O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for your church in all its forms,

that we may be the love you want,

**O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for victims of domestic violence and victims of war;

grant your healing and give your peace.

**O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for those trapped by natural disaster;

embrace them with your calm and send them relief.

**O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for those who are ill or suffering,

that they may feel the comfort of your love.

**O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for your creation,

that the health of the earth may be restored.

**O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

We pray for those who are born today and those who will die today;

may their quality of life be governed by loving choices.

**O God of all creation, be our hope and trust.**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

God our Wisdom,  
enable us to be humble and kind in all things.  
Remind us that, whatever the issue,  
today we know only in part.  
And even now faith, hope, and love abide;  
and the greatest of these is love.  
Help us to be, like you, Love;

As we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying...**Our Father...**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**LAY LEADER**

With faith leading the way, with hope lighting our path,  
and with love leading us home;  
let us open our hearts as we share with the world the wondrous gift of love.

### **\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #333**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!!*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**LAY LEADER**

Source of every good gift,  
you have watched over us all the days of our lives—  
guiding our ways, protecting us from harm,  
and showering us with your blessings.  
Receive these offerings from our grateful hearts,  
and bless the world with our heartfelt thanks,  
that all might know your amazing gift of love. Amen.

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**PASTOR**

Come to the table, children of God, for all are welcome here.

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*Responsively*)

Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our loving God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You continue to speak to us now  
through the teachings of Jesus,  
and through every breath of our bodies,  
every beat of our hearts.

We thank you for millions of stars;  
for oceans and rivers and uncountable raindrops;  
for stark branches scratching out wordless songs on a sullen sky;  
for the gifts of the earth and the work of human hands.

And so, with your creatures on earth  
and all the heavenly chorus,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy One,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in your holy Name.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and holy is your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who proclaimed the year of your favor,  
promising good news for the poor  
release for the captives,  
restoration of sight for those who cannot see,  
and that all who are oppressed will go free.

**\*Please stand if you are able**

On the night in which he gave himself up,  
Jesus took bread, broke it, saying:  
“Take, eat, all of you.  
This is my body, broken for you.  
Whenever you eat it, do so in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup, saying:  
“This is the cup of the new covenant,  
poured out for the healing of the world.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do so in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts  
in Jesus Christ, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and vine.  
Make them be for us the body of Christ,  
and make us all members of the body of Christ,  
nourished for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**ELDERS**

\***HYMN:** # 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

**CHARGE and BLESSING**

**PASTOR**

**POSTLUDE**

***WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:***

*Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for refreshments and a time of fellowship.*

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Operation Warm Heart

During the coldest months, December to March, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless sponsors an emergency shelter program called Operation Warm Heart. With the help of local churches and community groups, up to 14 homeless individuals are given clothing, toiletries, a hot meal and a warm bed each night of the week.

Volunteers to help cook meals, provide hospitality or sort donations to make personal kits for each guest are always needed.

Townley has partnered with the St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church in Elizabeth to provide temporary overnight shelter for these individuals. The dates are as follows:

#### **Monday, February 11**

Monday, February 25

Monday, March 11

Monday, March 25

Volunteer to greet and serve an evening meal from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Let Pastor Ron know what dates you are available. You need not volunteer for all the dates. Thank you!

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Townley Presbyterian Church will be held in Fellowship Hall **today**, immediately following the 10:00 am worship service for the purpose of electing officers, presenting the budget, and any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

To learn more about Townley Presbyterian Church:

- Email us at: [townleychurch@yahoo.com](mailto:townleychurch@yahoo.com)
- Call the office:  
(908) 686-1028
- Visit our website: [Townleychurch.org](http://Townleychurch.org)
- Like Us on Facebook: Townley Church

*Ron Thompson, Pastor*

### Nursing Home Visitation

Second Sunday of the month:

**February 10, 2019**

Join us at 2:00 PM at the Delaire Convalescent Center 400 W Stimpson Ave, Linden, NJ to share the Good News in word, song and presence.

The **Sweet Heart Brunch** will be held on February 17, 2019 after service. Please see June Donohue.

### "A Time for Prayer"

Mondays at 4:00 PM

If you can't make it to the church, take some "Time to Pray".

### Food Pantry

Connecticut Farms needs peanut butter, cereal, and school supplies.

### Book Club

Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month right after service. We are currently reading "A Year of Living Biblically". Join us!

### A Note from Our Treasurer

1/27/2019

We received \$726 in pledge & plate and \$100 Per Capita.

*Janet Sangekar*

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

10 Barbara Sandorse

18 Lisa Heims

22 Betty Bryant

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