

# BIG CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rensselaer, MO

January 16, 2022 11:00 a.m.

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## Prelude

**\*Hymn of Praise #131** *"Come, Christians Join to Sing"*

## \*Prayer of Invocation

**\*Call to Worship** *(from Daniel 2)*

**Leader:** *Blessed be the Name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.*

**PEOPLE:** **He changes times and seasons. He removes kings, and He sets up kings.**

**Leader:** *He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and hidden things. He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him.*

**PEOPLE:** **To you, O God of our fathers, we give thanks and praise.**

**Leader:** *Blessed be the Name of God forever and ever.*

**\*Hymn #378** *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison): *(of Valley of Vision)*

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of **pride** and **unbelief**, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of **neglect to seek You** in my daily life. My transgressions and short-comings present me with a list of accusations, but I praise You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them by Your Spirit, that I might bless You, O my God.

**Private Prayers** (silently before God)

**Words of Assurance** *Acts 26:18*

**\*Gloria Patri** 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.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (printed on insert): *Apostles' Creed*

## Welcome & Announcements

*(Children ages 0-4 may go downstairs to Nursery Tadpoles at this time.)*

## Sharing of Needs and Mercies

**Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer** (printed in insert)

## Worshiping God with Tithes & Offerings

**\*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

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Hymn #236** *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

## Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture Message** *Matthew 2:11-15*  
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**\*Sending Hymn #303** *"Be Thou My Vision"*

## \*Benediction & Response

Thanks to our God! Hallelujah!

## \*Postlude

*\* Please stand, if you are able and it is comfortable for you.  
Assistive listening devices are available upon request.*

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*Rev. Nathan Markley, Pastor  
Rebecca McElroy, Pianist  
All Members, Ministers*

**\*Hymn of Praise #131** *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

1 Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!" Amen.

**\*Hymn #236** *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No angel visitant, no opening skies;  
But take the dimness of my soul away.

3 Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?  
All, all Thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind;  
I see Thy cross—there teach my heart to cling:  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

4 Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5 Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame. Amen.

**\* Hymn #378** *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour divine: Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire; As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my Guide; Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Saviour, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul! Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn #303** *"Be Thou My Vision"*

1 Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2 Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

## Announcements

- 1) Nursery has resumed during our worship services. If you'd like to help care for our kids, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- 2) Join us directly after worship on **January 30** for a series of events:
  - a) Congregational Meeting (*all are welcome; only members vote*)
  - b) Carry-In Dinner (*please bring a dish to share*)
  - c) Officers Meeting (*for all elders and deacons*)

## *Apostles' 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;<sup>1</sup>  
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<sup>2</sup> church;  
The communion of saints;  
The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body;  
And the life everlasting. Amen

### A note to parents:

We're always glad when kids join us in the sanctuary to worship God! If you wish, children ages 0-4 may exit to the Nursery downstairs after the Welcome. Parents are also free to use the upstairs balcony any time with their children, accessible up the stairs just outside the sanctuary.



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<sup>1</sup> While we believe in an eternal place that Scripture calls Hell, the word which has historically been translated as "hell" here means that Jesus really, truly died.

<sup>2</sup> The catholic ("little c") church consists of all believers in Christ's church and is not a particular reference to the Roman Catholic Church.