Order of Worship

**January 5,2025**

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who are sad and long for comfort;*

*to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want friendship; to all who hunger and thirst for something real and lasting; and to all who come here, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Prelude (*Please silence cell phones at this time*)**

**Welcome Members, Guests, Facebook, and Greeting\***

**Congregational Hymn: #747 “Sunshine in My Soul” v. 1&4**

### **Call to Worship:   Liturgist: Sondra Jester**

**Leader:**

**Almighty God, as we open Your Word, we are reminded of Your call to worship You with reverence and joy.**

**People:**

**We bow before You, our Maker, acknowledging Your sovereignty and love. You are our rock of salvation. Guide us in our worship today.**

**Leader: May our hearts be attuned to Your voice, and may our praises be a sweet melody in Your ears.**

**All God’s people said…Amen!!**

### **BGCC Choir: “The Amen Medley”**

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**Congregational Song: #92 “O How I Love Jesus” v. 1&2**

**Profession of Faith:**

**Elder Roy Palk, ALL:**

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one**[**God**](https://www.bibles.net/topic/who-is-god/)**,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

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**Public Prayer of Confession: Liturgist, Dave Vande Vrede**

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen**

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**A Time for Private Prayer and Silent Confession**

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**Congregational Singing: #434 “Revive Us Again” v. 1,3&4**

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**Teaching Moment: Elder Palk**

**Time For Spiritual Refreshing**

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**Pastoral Prayer and 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.***

**Offering and Offertory-Deacons please collect the Offering**

*(You are welcome to place your offering in the plates at this time, or one of the plates as you leave Worship, which are located near the exits. You may also give online. God bless you!)*

**Offertory Song**: #548 “As The Deer” arr. by Ken Gallo

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**Doxology**

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**Offertory Prayer to Thank God and Bless the Givers**

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**Closing Song: #410 “Standing on the Promises” v. 1**

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**Pray for the World and those in Need.**

**\*\*\*Announcements**

 *-Generosity/Giving*

**-Fellowship Time \*\*\*Welcome and Invite GUESTS to breakfast\*\*\***

 *-Opportunities to Serve this church: Sound booth, projector and screen*

**-\*\*\*Point out the members of the consistory: these are the spiritual leaders of the church. If you need anything, please grab them today.**

**Benediction**

**Almighty Sustainer**, **in a world riddled with doubt and uncertainty, be the anchor of our faith. Let not the waves of skepticism drown the flames of our belief. Instead, let our faith rise, unwavering, and steadfast. Even when we cannot see the next step, allow our trust in Your plan to be the guiding light.**

**Now, Father,may we go from this place refreshed and armed with invigoration and dedication to grow our faith and do good works for others for your glory.**

**Dear Lord, As the new year begins, we look to You for our hope, joy, and peace. Give us the courage to do all that You ask of us. Please also make us brave to not do what isn’t from You. Show us how to walk in grace and embrace Your love for us even more.**

**And all of God’s people said Amen!!**

***-\*\*\*Go to back to shake hands!***