

Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



“Presentation of The Lord” Illuminated Manuscript

Worship for February 2, 2025

**Worship for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2025**

*We are glad you are worshipping with us today.
Please join us for refreshments after the worship service.*

Meditations (In preparation for worship)

"Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he; even when you turn gray I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save."

Isaiah 46:3-4

"We can rewire our brains and our souls to put ourselves in the presence of God in our everyday lives. In the ordinariness of our everyday temples of work and home and school and church, we can listen to the prompting of God's Spirit, perceive God afoot in the mundane, and gracefully live in constant expectation of God adventing in our lives."

Fr. Tony Kadavil

"Life is not simply about being born, but also being named, claimed, and welcomed into community and nurtured into being."

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Todd Peters

Prelude *My Lord, What a Mornin'* *(Traditional American Spiritual)*
arr. Larry Shackleton

Welcome!

Please stand if you are able. The congregation reads aloud the **bold print.*

Call to Worship

David Hitchcock

Beloved, let us love one another.

We love because God first loved us.

From the very beginning, God calls us.

God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own,
God embraced us and filled us with longing for justice and peace.

*Opening Hymn #3

Womb of Life and Source of Being

Confession and Pardon

Almighty God you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness.

Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Pardon

God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new. **Alleluia!** By the grace of Christ and with the unconditional nurture of a parent, God forgives us in love. **Amen!**

*Gloria #605

Praise to God the Father

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Conversation

Children's Hymn

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Prayer for Illumination

Poetry Lesson

Psalm 71:1-6 (pg.532)

David Hitchcock

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pg.698)

Sung Response #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (refrain)

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:22-40 (pg.59)

Sermon

“A Messy Family”

Rev. Courtney Steininger

***Affirmation of Faith** from “A Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)”

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Offering

Offertory

A Celtic Communion

arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology #606** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Spirit of God be with you all. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Give thanks to our God! **All our thanks, all our praise!**

...We praise you saying:

Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosana in the highest...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again...

Breaking of the Bread and Communion

Prayer after Communion

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #7 *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

Blessing and Distribution of Candles

Sung Response #467 *Give Us Light*

***Benediction**

Postlude *Go Down, Moses (Traditional American Spiritual)* arr. Mark Hayes



Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!

*If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship
meaningful and our fellowship inviting.*

*Please reach out to Pastor Courtney or Nancy Byrne to learn more about
Pebble Hill Church.*

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S ASSISTANTS:

AMINY AUDI AND JANINE BERNARD – USHERS

DAVID HITCHCOCK – LITURGIST

COMMUNION SERVERS

CINDI AND MARK FERGUSON,

DORIS GORMAN AND MARY ELIZABETH HAAS

COMMUNION PREPARERS

DONNA SOGNEFEST AND LYNDA WHEAT

THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIVE STREAMING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE.

We livestream on our church website at www.phpchurch.org.

When you go to the website, click on the Live Stream picture, located on the
Homepage, which will take you to the Pebble Hill Church YouTube channel. Once
there, click on the "Live" video to watch.

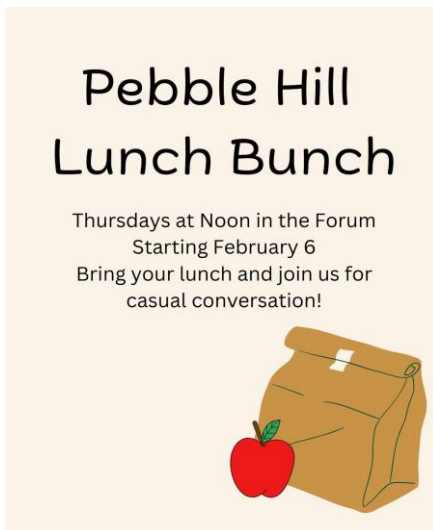


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Announcements



The February deadline for donations of non-perishable food items to the **food pantry** is Sunday, February 16th. The deacons will be making their delivery the following day. As always financial donations to the food pantry are also welcome. Thank you for your support.
The Deacons

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- ❖ We pray for the homeless and all people who are enduring the grip of winter temperatures.
- ❖ We pray for all those impacted by the wildfires in California. We pray for the residents, the relief aid teams and all of God's creatures.
- ❖ We pray for the Eastern Farmworkers, who provide for those who work our Central New York farms.
- ❖ We pray for all people living in Gaza, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Sudan, Yemen Ukraine and Russia, who endure hatred and continued violence.

This Week at Pebble Hill February 2 – February 8

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee and Fellowship – Atrium
	11:30 am	Adult Forum – Forum
Monday		
Tuesday	3:30 pm	Board of Deacons – CR
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Worship at The Nottingham
	1:00 pm	Tat and Chat – Atrium
	4:00 pm	Property Committee – Atrium
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary (Choir Loft)
Thursday	12:00 pm	Pebble Hill Lunch Bunch – Forum
Friday		
Saturday		