

Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



“Creation” Illuminated Manuscript

Worship for January 26, 2025

**Worship for the Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 2025**

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

Meditations (In preparation for worship)

"He trusted in the Lord the God of Israel; so that there was no one like him among all the kings of Judah after him, or among those who were before him. For he held fast to the Lord; he did not depart from following him but kept the commandments that the Lord commanded Moses."

2 Kings 18:5-6

"God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, he overcomes the barriers between brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all men to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life."

The Confession of 1967

"The church is not always a pretty sight. As often as not we gaze upon collections of ordinary people whose personal and ecclesial lives are marred by all-too-visible failings. Must we be content with all that we see in the church, overlooking everything from personal pettiness to corporate evil? Of course not. The church is not exempt from scrutiny; we can and must assess the church's faith and life at all times. Our critique should not evaluate the actual church against an ideal image, but against the gospel of Christ's grace, God's love, and the communion of the Holy Spirit."

Joseph D. Small, *To Be Reformed: Living the Tradition*

Prelude

To God Be the Glory

arr. by William H. Diane

Welcome!

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

Call to Worship

Craig Cobb

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

To restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our faith:

To study the Word and ponder its message.

God calls us to build our community:

To build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

To preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

***Opening Hymn #301** *Let Us Build a House* (verses 1, 2, and 4)

Confession and Pardon

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust.

Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Pardon

God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.

Alleluia! 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 19 (pg. 498) **Craig Cobb**

Sung Response #591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* (refrain)

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:14-21 (pg.61)

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-18 (pg.174)

Sermon "Building Together" **Rev. Courtney Steininger**

Affirmation of Faith from "A Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)"

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

Offering

Offertory *Come My Way, My Truth, My Life* arr. Don Muro

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession and the 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 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.**

***Hymn #625** *How Great Thou Art*

***Benediction**

Postlude *O for a Thousand Tongues* arr. Gail Smith



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:

CINDI AND MARK FERGUSON – USHERS
CRAIG COBB – LITURGIST

*This morning's flowers are given by the Cobb Family.
Thank you.*

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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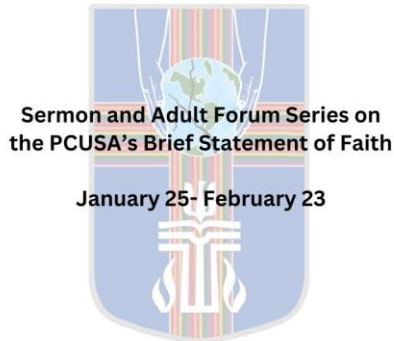
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Announcements

Communion Servers are needed Sunday, February 2. Please sign up in the Lounge or contact the church office.



***Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** urges your support in response to the devastating fires in California, which authorities are calling a historic and deadly wildfire event. PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate care. The magnitude of this event will require the development of long term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects. **Years of recovery lie ahead**, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated. To give by phone, call 800-728-7228, ext. 5885. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line;

U.S. Wildfires (DR000165) and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

P.O. Box 643700

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To give on line, please go to www.pcusa.org.

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- ❖ We pray for all those impacted by the wildfires in California. We pray that for the residents, the fire fighters, the relief aid teams and all of God's creatures.
- ❖ We pray for the family of George Esparza who passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning.
- ❖ We pray for the homeless and all people who are enduring the grip of winter temperatures.
- ❖ 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 and those in Ukraine and Russia, who endure hatred and continued violence.

This Week at Pebble Hill January 26 – February 1

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
	11:15 am	Coffee and Fellowship – Atrium
	11:30 am	Adult Forum – Forum

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday	1:00 pm	Nimble Needles – Commons
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary (Choir Loft)

Thursday

Friday

Saturday