



**EPIPHANY**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

**First Presbyterian Church  
Yuma, Colorado**



**We are glad you are here!!  
If you need a hearing assisted device,  
please ask for one in the sound booth.**

When you see \* before something in the service,  
please rise in body or spirit.



**February 2, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.  
Communion**

## **Greeting and Scripture**

### **Welcoming the Light of Christ**

#### **\*Call to Worship & Prayer**

One: In God we take refuge.

**All: God hears us and saves us.**

One: God is our rock and our fortress.

**All: God is our hope.**

One: And so we come, seeking God's peace.

**All: We come, offering God praise.**

**Dear Lord, thank you for your constant presence and for being our source of peace and strength. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

#### **\*"Awesome God"**

**#658**

Our God is an awesome God,  
He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love  
Our God is an awesome God!

#### **Prayer of Confession** *(in unison)*

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ...

#### **Words of Forgiveness and Peace**

One: Hear the good news: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

One: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in peace and love. Please stand as you are able and share this good news with those around you by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

**All: And also with you.**

### **Blessing of the Children and Youth**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes a child in my name, welcomes me."

**May the children, youth, and young adults who join with us in worship and fellowship feel our welcome and know that they are loved.**

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

**May we clear the path and offer our hand to guide the children, youth, and young adults in their journey of faith.**

Listen now young friends, and receive this blessing from your church family:

**May the Lord bless you and keep you;**

**May the Lord be kind and gracious to you;**

**May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.**

### **Prayer for Illumination** *(in unison)*

Holy God, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing your word of love, we may become your love for others. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

### **Psalm 71:1-6**

God's word for God's people.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **\*"Pass It On"**

**#557**

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;  
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found  
On God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;  
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know;  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

**MESSAGE**

**"LOVING THE UNLOVABLE"**

**PASTOR MIKE**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

We meet as friends at table, to listen and be heard,  
united by the Spirit, attentive to the Word.  
Through prayer and conversation we tune our varied views to Christ,  
whose love has made us the bearers of good news.

Fulfilled, and glad to follow wherever Christ may lead,  
we journey from the table to love a world in need  
with patience, truth and kindness, that justice may increase  
and all may sit at table in freedom, joy, and peace.

**\* Giving to God and Others** (*Offerings may be placed in the plates by each exit.*)

One: Friends, let us love not only in our words but also in our deeds

**All: through our tithes and offerings that we give today ...**

*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.*

**Doxology #34**

## **COMMUNION**

### **Invitation to the Table**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The Congregation speaks the words in **bold**.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


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

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our Way, Our Truth, Our Life..... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Distribution of Elements**

The communion elements will come to you in the pew. Please take one bread  and one juice; eat the bread when you are ready but hold the cup until all are served.

We drink together as a sign of our unity in Christ.

## Prayers of the People 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.

## Sharing the Light of Christ

### \*Charge & Blessing

### \*Sending Song

**"They'll Know We Are Christians"** (vs. 1, 2, 4)

#595

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*(Refrain):* And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *(refrain)*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. *(refrain)*

\* **Fellowship and Greeting:** Join us for conversation and delicious treats in Fellowship Hall.

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### **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

*Glory to God Alone!*

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons

Worship Leader: Colette McCracken

Organist / Pianist: Leslie Woody, LuAnne Hoch

Greeters: Raymond & Carol Heltenberg

Media Support: Bill & Colette McCracken

Communion Servers: Julie Rahm, Brett Rutledge, Chery Beauprez, Marie Wenger

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