



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Hebrews 6:10

Colossians 3:23-24

Romans 12:5

Elder Keith Varnadoe

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We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Welcome

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****Call to Worship**

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Leader: God, stretching to the heavens -

People: God, lofty like the clouds -

Leader: God, mighty like the mountains -

People: God, immense like the great deep -

Leader: your salvation is expansive and generous, touching people and creatures alike.

People: We rejoice in the measures of your steadfast love!

Invitation to Confession

Keith Varnadoe

Leader: Please approach the throne of grace with me.

All: We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, we confess our sins in faith.

****Please stand if you are able**

Returning to the Lord through Confession

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Leader: Who among us has not been enticed and led astray by idols?

People: All of us come with need to confess.

Leader: Let us do so with trust in God's endless desire to forgive.

People: Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty.

Leader: For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, Gracious One.

All: Change us – like water into wine – to become what the world lacks, that our community, our nation, our church and all creation may know your justice and love. We surrender to You the sins that separate us from You and one another during this time of silence (Silence).

Leader: In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ

Keith Varnadoe

Leader: God has lifted you up from all that has pushed you down.

People: Gone are old names of derision: Forsaken, Desolate, Loser, Nobody.

Leader: Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, God calls you by new names: Wise, Knowing, Faithful, Healer, Prophet, Mystic. Hear, believe and trust your new name.

All: In Jesus Christ, my name is Forgiven.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with those gathered here.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another with a simple nod and a wave.

Prayer for Illumination

Keith Varnadoe

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church; a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 6:10

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For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do.

New Testament Reading

Colossians 3:23-24

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Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:5

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so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

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Thanksgiving Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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All: 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.

****Charge and Blessing**

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Leader: Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of His glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for He lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

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Pastoral Care Representative:

Reverend Christine Beitzel will be our pastoral care representative until a new Pastor is installed; revchrisdb@gmail.com, 562-822-3887.

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Peg and Toby normally go to lunch between 12 and 12:30 and are back by 1:30). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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