



January 14, 2023 | 2nd Sunday After Epiphany

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Welcome! Prince of Peace is more than a place on a map. We are a beautiful mosaic of dedicated and diverse people who love Jesus and our neighbors. We care deeply about each other, our community and our world. We are a church on the move with Jesus as our inspiration. Thanks for adding your voice to God's song of love this morning. **Special welcome to our brothers and sisters from Shepherd of the Hills Choir!**

Partnering in Prayer: Jim Schmidlin Martha Weld

Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn

All Are Welcome

ELW# 641

Chorus

All are welcome friend and stranger
At the banquet of the Savior
All are welcome all are welcome here

From the woman who comes crying
Leaving tears at Jesus' feet
To the man who knows the right way
But cannot see ***Chorus***

From the ones who feel forgotten
Those who sense their place is gone
To the ones who live in hunger
Here you belong ***Chorus***

Go into the streets and cities
To the farms and families
Tell about the splendid table
God's mercy ***Chorus***

Call to Worship *(inspired by Psalm 36:5-10)*

L: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

C: your steadfast love finds us.

L: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

C: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

L: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

C: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

L: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

C: you hear our cries and answer our prayers. Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together...

C: We thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you. Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace. Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen. *(Written by Martin Luther King, Jr.)*

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Announcements/Prayer Requests

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-17: ¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. ¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in

the region and shadow of death light has dawned."¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music **I'm Climbing up the Mountain**
Prince of Peace and Shepherd of the Hills combined Choir

Message **Tempted in the Wilderness** *Pastor Rick Sherrill*

Message Hymn **I Want Jesus to Walk with Me** **ELW# 325**

1. I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Prayers of the Community

The Celebration of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

Distribution: *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If Communion will be received by **Intinction:** Please take the wafer and dip in either the chalice of wine or the chalice of grape juice. Or if by **Cups,** Proceed to the altar at the direction of the ushers. After you receive the bread and the wine or grape juice, you may return to your seat when you are ready. Those who do not yet (Or do not wish to) receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

Benediction

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
 safe and secure from all alarms;

leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Postlude

Please join us for fellowship and light dinner in the Arcadia Room 12 immediately following worship! Come back tomorrow to help hand out waters to the marathon runners at the POP water station- 7am-12:30p on 52nd St/Indian Schl Rd.

Visitor or New
to POP?



We'd love to connect!



POP Announcements

Reminder- NO worship on Sunday, January 15th – we encourage you to volunteer at the water station!

Volunteers needed! On January 15th – POP is hosting a water station (52ndSt/Indian School Rd) for the Rock' n 'Roll Marathon. We can use assistance anytime between 7am-12:30pm to setup, fill up & hand out water/Gatorade cups, and clean up. To Sign-up please Contact Steve Edgar at sledgar@gmail.com or 602-618-3364.

Offerings: Thank you for continuing to support Prince of Peace. You can mail offerings to the church office or signup for online giving. You can also use our Text to Give system –text the amount you want to give to 833-441-0048.

BG's next meetup time change! Meeting on Friday, January 20th, 5pm at Carol Kauffman's home! Potluck (BYOB).

Congregational Meeting for Prince of Peace and the Prince of Peace Foundation will be held on Sunday, February 26 following worship.

For January Outreach Program we will be collecting items to make "blessing bags" for those currently experiencing homelessness. Items we are requesting: *(these will be assembled in Feb by pre-s children)*

- **Box of Ziplock Gallon Bags**
- **Socks**
- **Travel Toothpaste**
- **Travel Mouth Wash**
- **Mini Water bottles**
- **Travel Deodorant**
- **Travel size wipes**
- **Protein bars**
- **Sanitary napkins/tampons**
- **Travel Kleenex**

Items are due back no later than Monday January 30th – in the narthex, pre-s office or church office.

Save the Dates: POP Foundation will be hosting a Bumped-Up Brunch on February 12th, 2023 after worship.

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Ashes to Go from 7am-10am and 3pm-6pm in front of the Sanctuary. Noon Service at Prince of Peace and a 6:30pm joint service at Shepherd of the Hills.

Have you reserved your spot yet for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land? Talk to Pastor Rick or Pastor Paul for details! Dates: October 16-25, 2023

Youth Theater – Next Show is Lion King Jr! Tickets are on sale now – scan the QR code or visit www.eventbrite.com/e/lion-king-jr-tickets-492730208317



The poster features the Disney logo at the top left, followed by "THE LION KING" in large, stylized orange letters. Below this, a yellow lion is shown in a circular frame, with "JR" in a red circle to its right. A monkey is hanging from a vine on the right side. A large QR code is on the left, with two yellow arrows pointing to it and the word "Tickets" in yellow. Two green rounded rectangles contain the dates "February 2, 3, 4" and "February 9, 10, 11" in black, with an ampersand between them. Below the dates, it says "all shows start at 7:00 pm" in yellow. At the bottom, a brown banner reads "Ticket sales, VIP tickets, concessions benefit POP Youth and Ministries!"

The School and Church offices are closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Holiday. Both will reopen on Tuesday, January 17th.



This block contains four QR codes. From left to right: a yellow box with "Give POP a follow!" and a Facebook QR code; a purple box with "popphoenix" and an Instagram QR code; a blue box with "newsletter" and a newsletter QR code; and a yellow box with "Sign up for POP emails!" and a sign-up QR code.