Buffalo Hart Presbyterian Church Sunday, January 16, 2022

Welcome, Announcements and Celebrations:

- + The youth group will meet Wednesday, January 19, 6:30-8pm.
- + The Women's Group will hold their first meeting of the year tomorrow, January 17, 7pm at the church. Sheri will serve as hostess, and Karla will present Lesson 1.
- + The Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 23 at the conclusion of worship.

Prelude Judy Shutt, pianist

Call to Worship

inspired by Psalm 36:5-10

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

P: your steadfast love finds us.

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

P: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

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

P: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

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

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

Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" # 43

<u>Prayer of Invocation</u>: God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you. Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability, strength, courage, and passion. Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others. In all that we do, and in all that we are, may your name be glorified, that your kingdom will be with us and reside here on this earth. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 36:5-10 *OT 510*

<u>The Confession:</u> We pray for forgiveness when our use of your gifts has led to division and discord rather than increasing understanding and unity. We pray for forgiveness for the times when we have used the gifts of your Spirit to enhance our own glory rather

than using them to serve others. We pray for forgiveness for believing one gift to be superior to another rather than celebrating the various ways in which they complement each other and build up the whole community. Fill us anew with the Holy Spirit so that our worship, witness and service may reflect our unity and the faithful use of our diverse gifts. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

<u>Words of Assurance</u>: The good news is that God has continued to love and save us in and through Jesus, whom we confess as Savior and Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit. Friends, believe these words of grace: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn: "Freely, Freely" # 447

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Offertory

Doxology and Offering Prayer

Children's Message

Toddlers and children thru Grade 5 are invited to Sunday school.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 NT 174

Sermon: "What's Your Gift?" Pastor Nick Sutton

Hymn: "Living for Jesus" # 372

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" # 286

Benediction