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Growing, Serving, Celebrating

4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025

10:00 am



**Friends, at this stop on your life's pilgrimage
we bid you welcome
with the hope that here you will find
the love of God, which He offers
to all who seek to serve and follow Him!**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Nettleton/setting by Joel Raney

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

A TIME FOR STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

From the very beginning, God calls us.

God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

God is with us and sustains us.

*HYMN: No. 463 "How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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, your love incarnate Amen.

(moment of silent confession)

RESPONSE: "Kyrie eleison"

Hymn No. 578

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son (4x)

Lord have mercy

Chri-ste e-le-i-son (4x)

Christ have mercy

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: Hymn No. 447 "We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please greet those near you with words such as "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Children PreK—5th Gr. leave for Sunday School.)

ANTHEM: "Sing Aloud to God Our Strength (from Psalm 81)"

Eugene Butler

Chancel Choir

Sing aloud to God, our strength. Shout for joy to Him! Raise a song and sound the timbrel, Praise is due to thee, O God in Zion! Blessed be the Lord, Our God, who alone does wondrous things! Sound the trumpet at the feast day, Blessed be His glorious name forever! Great and mighty are His works! Raise the song and sound the timbrel. Sound the trumpet at the feast day. Amen and amen! Sing aloud to God, our strength. Shout for joy to Him!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pew Bible (OT) p. 656

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 71:1-6

Pew Bible (OT) p. 503

In you, O, I take refuge;
me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
your ear to me and save.**

Be to me a rock of refuge,
strong fortress, save me,
you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O God, from the hand of the wicked,
the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O, are my hope,
trust, O, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.**

*RESPONSE: Hymn No. 581 "Gloria Patri"

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen.***

SECOND READING: Luke 4:21-30

Pew Bible (NT) p. 57

SERMON: "The Slow Process of Aging"

*HYMN: No. 691 "Lord, When I Came into This Life"

LAND OF REST

OFFERTORY: "Lord, Be Glorified"

Arr. by Michael Ryan

Youth Handbell Choir:

Ian Gawron, Ben Wadon, Samantha Gawron, Gavin Gawron,
Emerson Cannon, Katie Johnson, Laura Kreher

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn No. 609

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures high
and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit
one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Grape juice is used in place of wine. Gluten free wafers/bread used at all times.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM: "Eat This Bread" & "Jesus, Remember Me"

Chancel Choir

Taizé

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

*HYMN: No. 722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" CANONBURY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Contrasts"

Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

Minister: Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing
Director of Music Ministry: Kotoe Shimojo
Sunday School Superintendent: Jenna Abel
Bell Ringer: Story Family
Lay Reader: Brendan Swain
Greeters: Gavin Gawron & Brody Swain
Ushers: Samantha & Ian Gawron
Nursery: Kelli Hickey & Laura Andolina
Live Stream: Dave Gardiner
Counters: Paul Belanger, Jamie Dussing, Dave Burghardt
Communion Servers: Marsha Brauer, Carolyn Burke, Jeff Deal, Patricia Estill, Jon Hickey, Bob Poczik, Jim Wadon, Maryalice Yaiko, Tom Yaiko

Flowers: For my dad Ron Ziegler on what would've been his 74th birthday and for his granddaughter, Cecilia's second birthday which are both on February 2, from Jenna Mohsini.

Christ Candle: In honor of my daughters and their families from Sue Mason.

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, February 2nd 4th Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am	Worship/Communion —Sanctuary Adult Education—Bodine Room
9:15 am	Coffee/Fellowship—Narthex
9:20 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
10 am	Worship/Communion —Sanctuary & Online Nursery—Upper Hall Christian Education Wing Youth Participation Sunday
10:15 am	Sunday School/Youth Classes
11 am	Children's Choir rehearsal—Bodine Room
11:15 am	Coffee/Fellowship—Narthex

Monday, February 3rd

9 am—2 pm	Nursery School/UPK- Upper South End, Ed Wing
9 am—2 pm	Clarence Food Pantry—Bodine Room
6 pm	Gordon Highlanders Rehearsal—UFH/Parking Lot

Tuesday, February 4th

9 am—2 pm	Nursery School/UPK- Upper South End, Ed Wing
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Wednesday, February 5th

9 am—2 pm	Nursery School/UPK- Upper South End, Ed Wing
9 am	Loose Screws Social Club—Various

Thursday, February 6th

9 am—2 pm	Nursery School/UPK- Upper South End, Ed Wing
7:15 pm—8:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary & LFH

Friday, February 7th

9 am—2 pm	Nursery School/UPK- Upper South End, Ed Wing
6 pm—8 pm	Kids Night Out -LFH & UFH

Saturday February 8th

1 pm—2 pm	Memorial Service of Kate Poczik—Sanctuary
6 pm—9 pm	Corvette Club Meeting—UFH

Sunday, February 9th

8:30 am	Worship/Communion —Sanctuary Adult Education—Bodine Room
9:15 am	Coffee/Fellowship—Narthex
9:20 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
10 am	Worship —Sanctuary & Online Nursery—Upper Hall Christian Education Wing
10:15 am	Sunday School/Youth Classes
11:15 am	Coffee/Fellowship—Narthex

Pantry Needs this week are: Vinegar, Salt, Regular / Decaf Coffee. Thanks!

Are you looking for an opportunity to impact your local community by helping to build/renovate homes for those in need? We're looking to assemble small teams to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity projects in the Buffalo area. **Don't worry, work is indoors during the cold months!** Teams can be as large as 8 on a project. Youth who are at least 16 years old are encouraged to join. No experience is needed and tools, instruction, and supervision are provided. The last Saturday of every month is reserved for faith based organizations. Depending upon interest expressed we're going to target either February 22 or March 29 for the first outing. We'll try to accommodate all who volunteer on either one of those dates or a future date. If interested, please fill in the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex or contact Paul Belanger.

The February Kids Night Out

date has changed from February 14th to the 7th. Children from Kindergarten to 5th grade are invited to join us from 6 pm - 8 pm on February 7th.

Name Tags, there are order forms near the name tag box for anyone who needs a name tag. Please fill out your name and preference of tag. An order will be placed within the next 2 weeks.

Women 'n Wisdom

The next meeting of Women 'n Wisdom is on Monday, February 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at BestCellar Book Bar, located on Main Street, in the plaza across from the High School. A light menu and drinks are available for purchase, <https://bestcellarbookbar.com>. All ages are welcome! We will continue exploring the idea of "rhythms of prayer." Please join us the second Monday of every month, 6:30 p.m. for a time of renewal, reflection, and relationship with each other as we live into God's presence among us, and grow into wisdom! How nice it has been.

Have you been attending for some time, and are interested in joining our church? Would you like to know more, but weren't sure when to ask? Join us for a New Members Discussion on Sunday, February 16, at 11:15am. We'll begin in the Library off the Upper Fellowship Hall, and talk about what it means to be a member of Christ's Church, and what it means to be a member of this church. Whether you know you want to join, or are curious, this is the conversation for you!

Sunday, March 2 at 4 pm: The Evensong by the choir of Westminster Presbyterian Church directed by Garrett Martin will be held

in the Sanctuary. The Evensong is a service that includes anthems, sung prayers, and homily. Free will offering will be taken to benefit Buffalo String Works, a non-profit organization whose mission is to ignite personal and community leadership through accessible, youth-centered music education in the city side of Buffalo. They not only provide rigorous music instruction, but also a creative home for refugee, immigrant, and historically marginalized youth.

Welcome and thank you for worshiping with us today!

Some things you should know:

- Please silence mobile devices when entering the sanctuary.**
- Please stand as you are able when *asterisk appears.**
- Nursery care is available in the education wing for children from birth to 36 months during the 10 am worship service.

Children 3 years old to 1st grade are invited to Junior Church in the Christian Education wing following the Children's Sermon at the 10 am service.

Communion is served at the pews or by intinction (alternating months) during the 10 am service on the first Sunday of the month. Gluten free bread/wafer is used at all times.

- We live stream the service each Sunday and as well as special services throughout the year.**

Additional assistance available from the ushers:

- Large print Hymnals, Bibles & Bulletins.**
- Printed copies of today's sermon available prior to the services; available online on most Mondays.**
- Location of the Elevator, Hearing Devices, Recorded Services.**

Please join us after the Worship Service for coffee and fellowship in the Narthex.