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Growing, Serving, Celebrating



**7th Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 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: "Sinfonia 5"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

TIME FOR STILLNESS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble

*HYMN No. 13 "The Mighty God with Power Speaks" KINGSFOLD

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us;

we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your

selfless love. Change our lives by your

matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

(moment of silent confession)

RESPONSE: Hymn No. 578 "Kyrie eleison"

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 through 12th Grade will leave for Sunday School.)

ANTHEM: "Awake, My Heart"

Jane M. Marshall (1924-2019)

Chancel Choir

**Awake, my heart, and render To God thy sure defender, Thy Maker, thy preserver, A song of love and fervor.*

Confirm my deeds and guide me: My day, with thee beside me, Beginning, middle, ending, Will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling, With joy and gladness swelling; Thy word my nurture, thy word my nurture, giv'n To bring me on toward heaven.

*Repeat **

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Pew Bible (OT) p. 40

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Pew Bible (OT) p. 483

Do not fret because of the wicked;

do not be envious of wrongdoers,

for they will soon fade like the grass,

and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good;

so you will live in the land and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;

trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light,

and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;

do not fret over those who prosper in their way,

over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off,

but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

But the meek shall inherit the land,

and delight in abundant prosperity.

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;

he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

The Lord helps them and rescues them;

he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,

because they take refuge in him.

*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 without end. Amen.

SECOND READING: Luke 6:27-38

Pew Bible (NT) p. 60

SERMON: "Mutual Salvation"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED Hymnal page 35

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN No. 756 "O God of Every Nation"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our church family members who are in care facilities or homebound: Allene Falk, Wayne Gardiner, Janet Hodges, Sue Kinnin, Renee Mavis, Jane Schutz.

Our

church family members in the hospital, receiving treatments and/or recovering at home: Bev Drake, Jared Grenzebach, Norm Kreib, Scott Kronmuller, Debbie Meinzer, Audrey Owen, Margaret Thayer, Bill Weikert, Paull Utter, Ruth and Glenn Shupe.

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.

OFFERTORY: "Aria"

Giovanni Battista Martini (1706-1784)

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

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!

*HYMN No. 619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "He Keeps Me Singing

" SWEETEST NAME/arr. by Stan Pethel

Minister: Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing
Director of Music Ministry: Kotoe Shimojo
Sunday School Superintendent: Jenna Abel
Bell Ringer: Chidester Family
Acolyte: Anthony Hoy
Bible Carrier: Finn Andolina
Lay Reader: Steve Dale
Greeters: Kim Story & Trish Kenyon
Ushers: Bren & Marilyn Price
Nursery: Mary Barron & Lyn Hornbuckle
Live Stream: Dave Gardiner
Counters: Paul Belanger, Jamie Dussing, Karen Cummins
Flowers: Given in Memory of James A Kenyon by Trish, Jillian Kenyon and Madison Sciolino.
Christ Candle: Happy Birthday today Sue Zografos!!

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, February 23rd 7th 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**—Sanctuary & Online
 Nursery—Upper Hall Christian Education Wing
 10:15 am Sunday School/Youth Classes
 11:15 am Coffee/Fellowship—Narthex
 11:30 am Family Story-Telling Presentation/Workshop UFH

Monday, February 24th

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 25th

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

Wednesday, February 26th

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

Thursday, February 27th

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 28th

9 am—2 pm Nursery School/UPK- Upper South End, Ed Wing
 5:30 pm Set up for Chuck Hodges Reception

Saturday, March 1st

11 am Chuck Hodges Funeral/Reception to Follow

Sunday, March 2nd Transfiguration of the Lord

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
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 10:15 am Sunday School/Youth Classes

11:15 am	Coffee/Fellowship—Narthex
11:15am	Canoe Trip Meeting UFH
4 pm–5 pm	Evensong Service by Westminster Choir
5:30pm	Set up for Shrove Tuesday Potato Pancake Dinner

Pantry Needs this week are: Sloppy Joe Sauce, Sugar, Mayonnaise. Thanks!

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and messages of encouragement while I was hospitalized last weekend. The support that our church family provides helps in so many ways during difficult times. Jeffrey and Christine Deal

Join us in the Upper Fellowship Hall, following the 10:00 am worship service, for an engaging and insightful presentation by Bob Poczik on family story-telling.

We are looking for a few volunteers who would be interested in learning the communion routine. Purchasing supplies (as needed), setting up (on Saturday), working with servers to get them into their correct positions (on Sunday). Please connect with Barbara Schreiber if you wish to "give it a try".

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 of Buffalo. They not only provide rigorous music instruction, but also a creative home for refugee, immigrant, and historically marginalized youth.

It's that time of year!

Canoe Trip Meeting

Our first meeting to begin planning our 2024 trip to [Algonquin Provincial Park](#) will be on, **March 2, 11:30 am** in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Any interested adults and youth (8th grade & up), as well as the parents of interested youth are invited to attend this informational/organizational following the 10 am service. Please get your coffee and join us.

The New Member Discussion, which was postponed this past Sunday due to inclement weather, will be rescheduled to Sunday, March 9, following the 10:00 am worship service.

Several folks have asked about donating flowers in church, and were wondering just how it works. First, there is a sign up sheet on the mobile kiosk in the narthex. We work with a local florist that provides and delivers the flowers each week. will take care of ordering the flowers from the florist. Sign up for any open Sunday. Please only one name(family) per week. The cost for flowers is \$55. check can be made out directly to the church. As the donor, you have the option of taking the flowers after the 10 am service, or the deacons will deliver them to one of our shut ins or homebound members. We also put a dedication of your choosing in the bulletin. Many people have them in honor or memory of someone. Your dedication should be submitted by email, if possible, to Lisa in the church office. If you have any further questions regarding Sunday flower donations please don't hesitate to ask, Barbara Utter @ 716-741-3208.-queenmum2017@gmail.com