

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Secomd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19. 2025

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Processional*

Douglas E. Wagner

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Loving God, in your providence and care we believe the best things are yet to come. Fill us with your grace — brimming over — so that we may taste and see your glory at the marriage feast of heaven and earth; through Christ, living water and true vine. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Ellie Forsyth

Call to Worship (responsive)

The steadfast love of the Lord is great.

God's faithfulness endures forever.

Here we drink from the fountain of life.

Here we feast at the table of grace.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 33 – *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

* Call to Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your glory. We have been fickle and unfaithful, but your steadfast love never fails. We try to save the best for ourselves, but you freely pour out your gifts for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Empower us, by your Holy Spirit to be faithful followers of your way and use our gifts for the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

**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, amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Miriam Crotwell

Prayer for Illumination

Light of the world, your good news is for all people. In this day's reading and proclamation, attune our ears to hear your life-giving Word. Open our hearts to receive your blessing, that we may bear your light in our lives, giving witness to your glory and strength. Amen.

First Reading – Isaiah 62:1-5

pew Bible pg. 604

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *We Look to Thee*

Bob Burroughs

Jesus, we look to thee, thy promised presence claim,
Thou in the midst of us shall be, assembled in thy Name.

Thy Name salvation is which here we come to praise;
Thy Name is life, and health and peace, and everlasting love;

Present we know thou art, but, O, thyself reveal.

Now, Lord, let every waiting heart thy mighty presence feel.

Second Reading – John 2:1-11

pew Bible pg. 863

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Sermon – *Do Whatever He Tells You*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 494 – *Jesus, Thy Joy of Loving Hearts*

* Affirmation of Faith: Adapted from the Confession of Belhar (unison)

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

Prayers of the People (responsive)

Joining our hearts and minds in prayer, let us call on the name of the Lord, saying: O God of grace, **bless us with peace.**

We pray for the church . . . Transform us from water into wine: from the ordinary people you have called into signs of Christ's glory in the world. O God of grace, **bless us with peace.**

We pray for the world . . . Let the nations know your saving love. Put an end to all war and oppression and restore the glory of your creation. O God of grace, **bless us with peace.**

We pray for this community . . . Let us work together to serve you. Help us to use the gifts of your Spirit for the good of the people in this place. O God of grace, **bless us with peace.**

We pray for loved ones . . . Give refuge to those who are hurting. Show them your steadfast love; heal them and deliver them from harm. O God of grace, **bless us with peace.**

Mighty God, strengthen your people so that we may live in the world as those you have chosen and called; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Invitation to Offering

God has prepared an abundant feast of grace and blessing for us. Let us share these good gifts with the world.

Offertory – *Elegy*

Raymond H. Haan

* The Doxology – Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Holy God, you create us and redeem us; you call us by name and we are precious in your sight. This good news overwhelms us with joy. With gratitude we give you all that we have and all that we are. May these gifts be expressions of your great delight for your people in all the places of the earth. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 39 – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

May the blessing of the Lord our God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **Alleluia!**

In the name of Jesus, bring good news to the poor. **Amen.**

* Postlude – *Praise the Lord*

Robert J. Powell

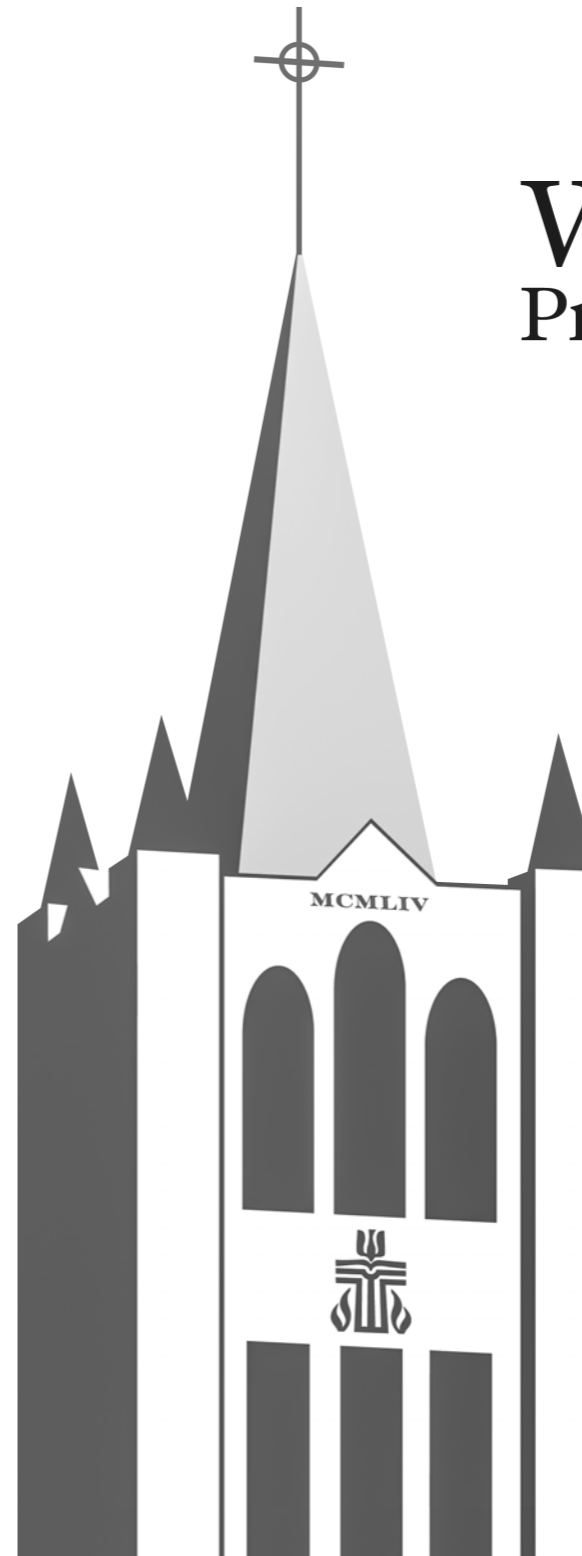


* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**. Today's liturgy is from *Call to Worship Lectionary Aids for 2015-2016, Year C*.

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“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation—everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

II Corinthians 5:17



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PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(* new added prayers)

Terri Banks, friend of Pam Love – at home with 24-hour care

Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's

Dave Beveridge, friend of Alice Crotwell – stomach cancer

Jan Bozeman – constant pain

Glenda Brown – prayers for health

Laura Pearce Cureton, Nancy Johnson's goddaughter – nerve block therapy continues

Kim Davis, Dan Davis's sister-in-law – battling cancer

Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia

Jessica Dubing, daughter of a friend of Ruthie Davis – paralyzed from motorcycle accident

Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance

Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia

Brigitte Glowiak, Carolyn McLarnan's family – breast cancer

Arlandra Harvey, former choir member – waiting for a kidney transplant

Charlotte Hill

Ann Johnson

Geraldine Jones

Collier Knutson, grandson of a friend of Gwen Combs – waiting on heart transplant

Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father – Alzheimer's

B.J. Lambert – strength and endurance

Margaret Lochhead's coach's niece – diagnosed with malignant brain tumor

Laura Mills, Ann Johnson's friend – cancer diagnosis

Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength

Mary Norval, co-worker of Chrissy Yelverton – cancer treatments

Carolyn Mitchell Pintard, Bill & Betty Mitchell's daughter – grave health issues

Debbie Quimby, Karen Reidenbach's aunt – recovering at home after long hospital stay

Shannon Love Roberson, daughter of Pam Love – health issues

Gibson Smith, friend of Charles Brown – cancer

Laura Todd, Grayson Rayborn's cousin – multiple health issues

Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Elizabeth Robinson, Betty & Bill Mitchell's daughter – chemo and radiation treatment

Isobel Treen, Carolyn McLarnan's cousin – heart issues

**Jerry Waltman – continued prayers, moved from home care to Asbury Hospice House*



Greeting and Announcements

Welcome to Westminster! We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please silence cell phones during the worship hour.

The January/February Today devotionals are on the narthex table.

Offering envelopes for 2025 are on a table in the narthex. Be sure to pick one up today.

The Session will meet today at 11:35 a.m.

New Beginnings will meet tomorrow at noon. Please let Tommy or Martha know that you are coming.

PW Prayer Ministry will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. Prayer cards for prayer requests are on the back of the pew. Please put the address so a card can be sent and placed with the offering. Come join this group as they pray and write cards. All are welcome to join.

Brown Bag Bible Study will meet Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.



Please join us for Wednesday night dinner this week at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are encouraged. We need a headcount, so please place a reservation slip in the offering plate or call the office.

Menu: Adults — Curry ground turkey cabbage soup, grilled cheese, salad, and dessert

Activities at 6 — The youth and children will retire upstairs, and Christopher will lead the adults in a book study by J. Ellsworth Kalas titled *A Faith of Her Own: Women of the Old Testament*.

Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Our next Potluck will be Jan. 29.

Men of the Church will meet on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery for breakfast.