Welcome to



29 Jan 2023 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection* Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession - Entering into the Presence of the Lord

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ₱ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19) C: Amen

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination. P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

Announcements and Schedule

Studies this Week:

Wednesday – 7:00pm – Women's Group – La Villa's 7:00pm – Men's Group – 160 Kirkley Place Thursday –10:30am – Bible Study – 1517 Thomas Jefferson Rd 7:30pm – Bible Study - 19 George St

We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.

Today is the final day to collect Hats, Gloves, & Scarves.

In February we are collecting Fashion Accessories (costume jewelry, inexpensive watches, sunglasses, neck chains, etc.) for the Christmas Shoe Boxes. There will be a tote in the Narthex for boys and one for girls. Let's fill these up each month so we can see how many boxes we can fill this coming November.

The luncheon for those who read through the bible in it's entirety during 2022 will be at the Neighbor's Place restaurant on 12 February at noon. Please plan to attend and share the experience.

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be at 7:00am on 22 February.

On the First Sunday of Lent (26 February) we will have three special events: 1.) Web Griffin will be preaching the sermon. 2.) We will resume having a Prayer Companion at Communion. And, 3.) We will have a fellowship meal after the service for all.

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Call to Worship – Psalm 15 *Hymn #474 "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" First Lesson – Micah 6.1-8 Call to Prayer # 488 "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison) Second Lesson – I Corinthians 1.18-31 Offertory -*Doxology - #668 *Gospel – Matthew 5.1-12 "Praise be to thee, O Christ" "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Sarah Dietrich Sermon – "The Difference between the Author and a Waiter" *The Apostles' Creed Communion The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. The Unending Hymn: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest. The Mystery of Faith: Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again. Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ *Hymn #470 "Without Him" *Benediction

*Dismissal and Recessional

Praver List Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Liz Griffin, Harry Burns, Larry Shepley, Diane Geiger, Gail Everett, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Mike Toney, Jean Moriety, Heather Wright, Jimmy Gratto, Fred Greene, Starke Camden, Jean McCormick, Cyndy Williams, Nikki Vogt, Gwen Miller, Chip Brand, Helen Kinzer & those persecuted around the world. Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country. The situation in the Ukraine, the people of Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella and Lorina, friends of Andy's. Glen Harvev Emmielou Yoder, Carey's niece, is having cardio-logical issues and will be seeing a cardiologist on Thursday. Mary Kessler, friend of the Dietrich's Yvette Clark Betty Lou Hall, Gail's aunt, aging issues Michael & Danielle Dorrsett's baby Paisley, who will need heart surgery Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter Kathy Van Clapdurp Jan Grey Bea Gardner, recuperating from knee surgery Wayne Williams regaining strength Robert Wright, recuperating from a heart attack Chris Griffin, Web's mom, general health issues Kelly Osborne, daughter of friend of the Kinzer's with cancer Sharon Powell, cancer, and Lisa Reynolds, Requested by the Harveys Cayden Slayton, 11 yo, difficulties with COVID from last year Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter's brother in law, cardiac concerns Justice Ashwell, Carolyn's grandson Laura Cash, friend of Web's Louanna Epley, lost her husband; Katie's sister in law Sherry Marsh, starting dialysis, and her family Debbie Reeves, cancer Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha's Bob and Vivienne, friends of the Dietrich's, health issues of Bob

Elwood Hutchins and his wife, with dementia, friends of Martha Dr. Jim and Sue Henry, Mona's parents Melody Henry, Mona's sister a nurse and all health care givers

Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes