

January 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE "Songs with Words, Op. 19-1, 6" Mendelssohn

WELCOME

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

OPENING SENTENCES Ps. 96:1; Mic. 6:8; 1 Cor. 13:13

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth!

What does the Holy One require of us?

To be just, kind, and humble before God.

Now faith, hope, and love abide;

and the greatest of these is love.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN #115 "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADER'S HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 1:8-9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rom. 5:5
... we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #441 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" THOMPSON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING Rom. 12:1

OFFERTORY "French Suite No. 2, Sarabande" Bach

+RESPONSE #809 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*
(England, 1647; language updated)

Q. Which is the First Commandment?

A. The First Commandment is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Q. What is required in the First Commandment?

A. The First Commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Q. What is forbidden in the First Commandment?

A. The First Commandment forbids the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other which is due to him alone.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Micah 6:1-8

PSALM Psalm 15

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue,

they do no evil to their friends;

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health

and do not take back their word.

**They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.**

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:1-12

RESPONSE

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Lead Me, Lord" Becker / arr. Hayes

SERMON "The Beatitudes" Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN #374 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
"Now Thank We All Our God"

+BLESSING Isa. 6:3

... be with you now and always.

Amen.

+CHARGE 1 Cor. 16:13-14

... Let all that you do be done in love.

Thanks be to God!

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Sevenfold Amen" Stainer

POSTLUDE "Waltz in a" Chopin

**Join us for fellowship after worship
in the Memorial Room.**

It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Debbie Shellenbarger

Greeters: Rex Hauser and Mary Garland Jackson

Sound: Andrew Pinches

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Steve VanDyke

Today's flowers are given by Luanna and Eric Foster
in memory of Bruce and Edith Rogers, Connie Foster,
Leon and Andy Pelio, Carol Foster, and Daniel Foster.

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#20. *Philip*:

After the apostles were scattered, legends say that the apostle Philip peached the Gospel and healed people in Greece, Syria, and Phrygia (part of modern Turkey).

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 52. How should I treat non-Christians and people of other religions?

As much as I can, I should meet friendship with friendship, hostility with kindness, generosity with gratitude, persecution with forbearance, truth with agreement, and error with truth. I should express my faith with humility and devotion as the occasion requires, whether silently or openly, boldly or meekly, by word or by deed. I should avoid compromising the truth on the one hand and being narrow-minded on the other. In short, I should always welcome and accept these others in a way that honors and reflects the Lord's welcome and acceptance of me.

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DAILY PRAYER

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Education	11:15 am
Monday	Women's Association Craft and Lunch	10:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:30 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Administration Committee	7:00 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Linda Myall	Jan. 29
Will Ozee	Feb. 1
Debbie Shellenbarger	Feb. 3
Barb Gibson	Feb. 4
Greg Lang	Feb. 4

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*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*