

January 19, 2025
Second Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE "Canon in D" with "Seek Ye First" Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

How precious is the steadfast love of God. Ps. 36:7, 9
All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.
Christ is the fountain of life.
In Christ we behold the Light of God.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN: GTG #12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, 1 Cor. 12:2
we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world.
We have depended on our possessions
and have not placed our trust in your grace.
We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer
and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.
We have sought security in the might of the sword
rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.
Forgive us, we pray.
Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

HYMN: GTG #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Mary Garland Jackson

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

+ Those who are able may stand. 1 GTG = *Glory to God* (purple hymnal)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Roll, Jordan Roll" Strohman / Schaum

+ **RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
(United States, 1991)

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 62:1-5 O.T. page 527
God like the bridegroom and the bride

PSALM Psalm 36:5-10
We feast on the abundance of God's house

Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.
How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.
Continue your loving kindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 N.T. page 133
A variety of gifts but one Spirit

GOSPEL LESSON John 2:1-11 N.T. page 71
The wedding at Cana

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "I Am He!" Aspinall / McDonald

SERMON "The Good Wine" Rev. Bill Pinches

+ **HYMN: GTG #263** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" CORONATION

+ **CHARGE**

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Amen.

+ **BLESSING**

May the Spirit's love, Ps. 36:8-9; 1 Cor. 12:1-12
flowing like water across the face of the earth,
fill you with every gift for the good of the world.
And the blessing of God,
Eternal Source, Fountain of Life, and Giver of Gifts,
be with you always.
Alleluia!

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADERS' HYMN

POSTLUDE "Children of the Heavenly Father" Swedish

You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Barbara Georgescu
Greeters: Max Harman and Peg Shaub
Next Week's Greeters: Joann DePeel and Mary Torrey
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by
Sue Riley
in memory of
Donovan Riley

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#14: Stephen:

Stephen, a Deacon in Jerusalem, becomes the first Christian martyr when the Jewish Council tries him for blasphemy and stones him to death. (*Acts 6:7—7:60*)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 40. How did Jesus Christ fulfill the office of priest?

He was the Lamb of God that took away the sin of the world; he became our priest and sacrifice in one. Confronted by our hopelessness in sin and death, Christ interceded by offering himself — his entire person and work — in order to reconcile us to God.

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Class of 2025: Doreen Chapman, Mary Garland Jackson, Greg Lang, Monte Shuck (*Recording Clerk*).

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

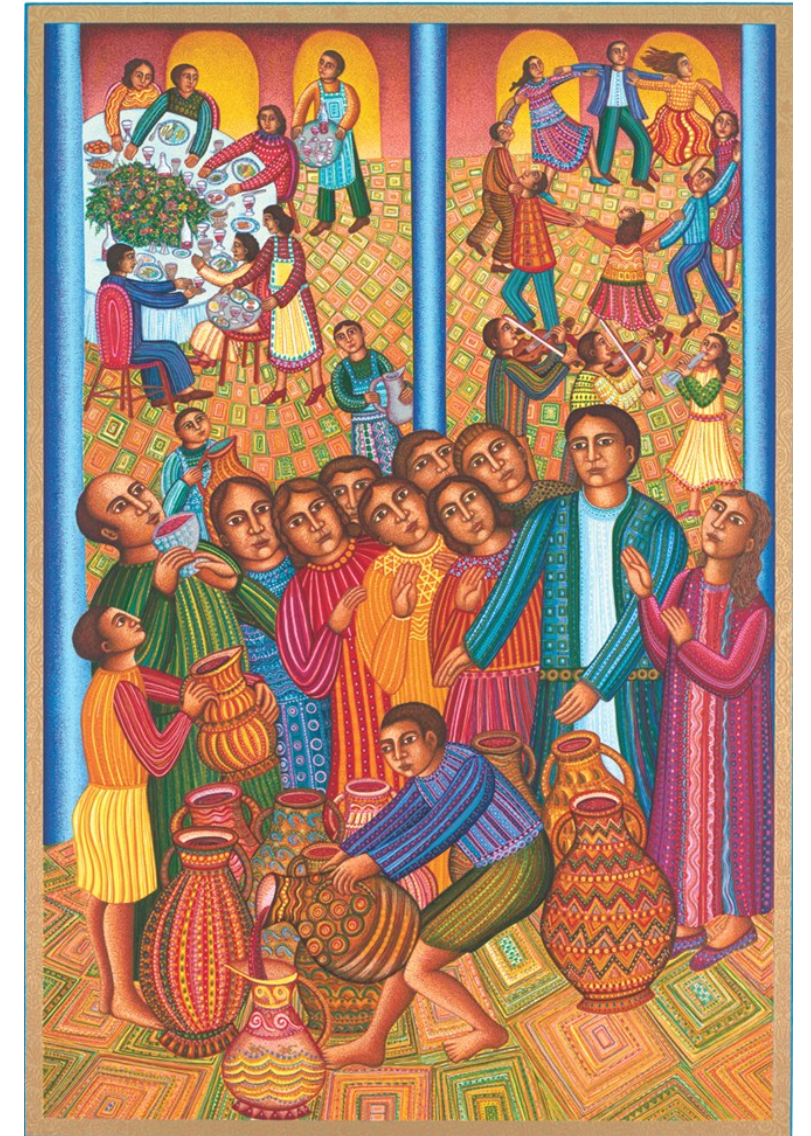
Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:30 am
Mon. - Sun.	Pastor Bill at spiritual retreat in New Mexico	
Monday	Church Office closed (Martin Luther King Day)	
Tuesday	Visitation for Carma Philip	10:00 am
	Memorial Service for Carma Philip	11:00 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (<i>in the Chapel</i>)	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday	4:00—6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan. 24: Bill Leutscher

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actively serving and nurturing one another and our neighbors,
embracing diversity, and fostering spiritual growth*