



The Order of Worship

January 15, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

“God’s control is never usurped. If at times we despair because of the relatively slow progress being made in ending racial discrimination, let us gain new heart in the fact that God is able. In our sometimes difficult and often lonesome walk up freedom’s road, we do not walk alone. God walks with us. God has placed within the very structures of the universe certain absolute moral laws. We can neither defy nor break them. If we disobey them, they will break us. The forces of evil may temporarily conquer truth, but truth will ultimately conquer its conqueror. Our God is able.”

Martin Luther King Jr., 1956

PRELUDE
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP

Daniel Lewis

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.
All: We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:
 One: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.
All: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life,
 One: the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.
All: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.
 One: Let us worship God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 827 (*Glory to God* hymnal) O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
Wie schön leuchtet

*CALL TO CONFESSION
 *PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, we turn to you. Our sin is more than we can bear; but you have forgiven us completely. We sin more than we know, and you forgive us more than we can imagine. In your mercy, help us accept your grace, become more free, and live as new people.

*KYRIE ELEISON arr. David N. Johnson

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
 Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
 People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**
 *RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O’Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 49:1-7
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Daniel Lewis
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.
 SCRIPTURE READING John 1:29-42
 SERMON “The Questions to Ask” Rev. Dr. Anne McKee
 *HYMN NO. 350 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
Keep Your Lamps
 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1967

I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a “thing-oriented” society to a “person-oriented” society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered.
 A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. On the one hand we are called to play the good Samaritan on life’s roadside; but that will be only

an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life’s highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord’s Prayer
During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.
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.

THE OFFERING
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
 (9:00) The Three Kings Peter Cornelius
 Three kings have come from the eastern land; A star hath led them to Jordan’s strand. And in Judaea are asking the Three, Where the newborn Saviour of earth may be? With gold and myrrh and incense so rare They seek to worship the Infant there.

How brightly shines now the light on high; As to the manger the kings draw nigh. They look with rapture upon the boy, They bend before him o’ercome with joy; With gold and myrrh and incense so rare They all adore the Infant there.

O child of man! bend thou also low! The kings went thither, o with them go! The star of mercy, compassion’s star, Shall point thee the pathway to Him afar, And fail thee gold and incense so rare, Give then thy heart to Jesus there! Give him thy heart!

translation: Maybelle Shapleigh
 Daniel Berry, Bass
 (11:00) Angels We Have Heard on High Paul Laubengayer
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o’er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains. (Refrain)

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song? (Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)
 trans. James Chadwick

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology *Old Hundredth*
 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

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 339** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE**

*Indicates standing.

**Many of the prayers and responses in today’s service are taken from the sermons of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Melanie Lewis and Stephen Fortney
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Cindy Spangler

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: (11:00) Josie Chattin and Katie Manrod

GREETERS: (11:00) Sue Byerly and Anne Crais

LITURGIST: Daniel Lewis

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Andrew Gordon

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

USHERS: (9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and David Woodall

(11:00) Tim and Joyce Ryan, John Salsbery, Jay Schmid, Brenda Seip

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in loving memory of Jim Pryor by Marty Pryor.

OUR THANKS to Dan Berry for his enrichment of our worship this morning, to Ruth Ann Bendy for leading the Chancel Choir, and John Brock for serving as organist while Peter Van Eenam is away.

CIVIL RIGHTS TRIP SAVE THE DATE!! Friends, Families, Youth and Adults! You are all invited to join us for a full weekend Civil Rights trip to Selma, Montgomery, and Tuskegee, Alabama. We will be walking in the steps of Civil Rights pioneers before us and sharing the trip with sisters and brothers from Emmanuel Pres, St. Paul AME Zion, and other peace and justice advocates. This experience promises to be an inspiring weekend of learning, worship, friendship, and fun. Dates for this special trip are Friday, February 24 (late afternoon) to Sunday, February 26. More details are coming soon!!!

LISA KAUFMAN HALL DEDICATION: On Sunday January 29 at 12:15, all are invited to a reception and brief program to celebrate the renovations of the Fellowship Hall and to rename it as the Lisa Kaufman Hall. Please join us in thanking the property ministry team and in remembering Lisa. If you're able to bring light refreshments - finger sandwiches, fruit, nuts (cake will be served) - please contact Stephanie Lynch Wright at.

INCOGNITO: We are cordially invited to a Social Justice Event, Saturday, Jan 21st, at Episcopal Church of the Ascension (800 S Northshore Dr.) Saturday is a play entitled "Incognito" by Michael Fosberg and is meant to foster discussion around Social Justice. There will be follow-on events during the Spring. There will be 2 performances at 10AM and 5PM. More information and registration (FREE) is at www.asoutherncityspeaks.org. Contact William Milam , for more information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 am

- **Adult Bible Study:** Led by Scott Brunger, this class meets in the McKinnon Room. The class chooses a book of the Bible to unpack in depth.
- **Feasting on the Word:** This is a lectionary-based curriculum. The class, led by a rotating team of knowledgeable teachers, studies the scriptures that are used in worship. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall.
- **The Wired Word:** Take a look at current events with a theological eye. The class, which meets in the library, is facilitated by a rotating team. The library is in the education wing.

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

During 9:00 Worship:

Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

During 10:00 Hour:

Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

Fellowship time for kids 1st-4th grade

During 11:00 Hour:

Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Primary Sunday school for children 4 years old.-Kindergarten

Intermediate Sunday school for children 1st-4th grade

(Children will be walked to Sunday school classes following the Time with the Children during the 11:00 worship service)

THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE invites EVERYONE in the congregation to attend ONE visioning/pastor search meeting. There are several opportunities coming up in January, and those at noon or in the evenings will feature snacks or a meal:

- Sunday, January 15, 10:00 am: Bible Study Class, McKinnon Room
- Sunday, January 15, after church: Anyone who is part of the choir/music programs, Upstairs Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday January 22, 10:00 am: Congregation-wide. Anyone who hasn't come to another conversation. Downstairs Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday, January 25, 5:30-7:00: Congregation-wide. Anyone who hasn't come to another conversation. Upstairs Fellowship Hall.

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 15

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

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12:15 - Christmas Production Cast Party - McKinnon Room

12:15 - PNC Meeting w Choirs - Fellowship Hall

2:00pm - Companions In Christ

Monday, January 16

Church Office Closed in observance of MLK Jr. Holiday

7:00 - Congregational Zoom

Tuesday, January 17

10:30 Ladies Book Club

6:00pm - Choristers

Wednesday, January 18

4:45pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 19

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Handbell Choir

BIG SCARY QUESTIONS: At noon on Tuesday January 23, the spring series of Big Scary Questions will begin. This is a discussion-based class in which we look at statements the PCUSA has made on various social issues and discuss both the challenging issues and the theology that shapes the response. The class will meet for seven consecutive Tuesdays, wrapping up on March 7.

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB: will meet on Tuesday, January 17th, to begin the new year by choosing books to discuss. Please come with suggestions. We will also discuss the newest book by Elizabeth Strout, *Lucy by the Sea*, at this meeting. We invite any women of the church who enjoy reading and discussing books to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meetings are at 10:30 a.m. in the library. Contact Linda Rutherford at (865) 384- 3435 for information or questions.