

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
Youth Sunday*

February 2, 2020

8:30 and 11:00 am

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *This is the Time for Praise* Angerman/Nolan
Cantate

The Call To Worship (from *Micah 6:1-8*)
How can we stand up before God and show proper respect?

It's simple. Hear what the Lord says:

Do Justice.

Hear what the Lord says:

**Do what is fair and just to your neighbor;
be compassionate and loyal in love.**

Hear what the Lord says:

Be humble in Spirit.

God has told us what the Lord requires of us. Let us do it.

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Almighty God, source of all life, Your wisdom is beyond our understanding. You choose what is foolish in the world to knock down those who think themselves wise. Your ways challenge the ways of the world by anointing the poor, the meek, the mourners, and those who seek after righteousness. You lift up the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and the persecuted, even going so far as to call them "blessed." Confounded by Your goodness and astonished by Your grace, we ask that Your Spirit would fall afresh on us in this hour of worship. Move us to see the world and its people as You do. Amen.

*The Hymn 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

*The Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and grace, You create a new order for our lives: service before success, faith before knowledge, partnership over independence, the cross over the crown. Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world, rejecting Your call by what we have done, and what we have left undone. Forgive us the times we have failed to serve you with our whole heart, neglecting Your call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You, O Lord. Almighty God, lead us and teach us how to honor Your Name ... (time for silent confession)...

*The Assurance of Pardon

God forgives us our sins,

Not because we are righteous, but because God is good.

God calls us to try again,

Not because we are strong, but because God will help us.

God calls us as disciples,

Not because we are worthy, but because we are loved.

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,

and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Through the love of God in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.

Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

Lead us, O God, by the power of Your Spirit. Open our minds to hear Your scripture the way You desire for us to hear it, that by Your Word, we may be transformed – and through us, Your whole creation. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 15*

p. 609 in the pew Bible

The Old Testament Lesson: *Micah 6:1-8*

p. 1060 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Offertory

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

The Meditation

Walk On the Wild Side
Chris Hall

*The Hymn 749

Come! Live in the Light!

The Epistle Lesson: *I Corinthians 1:18-31*

p. 202 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 372

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The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 5:1-12*

p. 4 in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Meditation

Branching Out
Nick Medina

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith
(Paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 6 only)

p. 37-38 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering

The Gathering of Our Gifts
The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

Generous God, with thanks for all good gifts, we return a portion of what we have and our whole selves to You. Use what we give to bring justice to the oppressed, comfort to those who mourn, nourishment to those who hunger in body and spirit, and joy to all people. We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 769

For Everyone Born

*The Charge & Benediction

We have been nourished by God's grace and hope,
**and so we will go to those who hunger for justice,
as well as those who thirst for reconciliation.**

We are called to follow the One Who became weak and powerless,
**and so we will bring healing to the broken among us,
as well as comfort to those who grieve in every moment.**

We learn what is right and good from the Holy Spirit,
**and so we will go as fools to be blessings to the wise,
as well as to do not what is easy, but what is difficult.**

*The Postlude

the
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CHURCH



The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*

The Rev. Brittany Tamminga, *Associate Pastor*

Lindsey Williams, *Interim Assistant for Education Ministries*

Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*

Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 2/2-2/9

Today (2/2)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Rise Against Hunger Event, <i>FH</i>	12:15pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	1:30pm
PW NeverEnding Cir., <i>D. Vaughn's</i>	2:30pm
NO Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm

Monday (2/3)

PW Circle of Prayer, <i>CP</i>	10am
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Tuesday (2/4)

Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
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Wednesday (2/5)

Meditation, <i>CP</i>	6:30pm
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Thursday (2/6)

Women's Bible Study, <i>MH</i>	9:30am
Handbells, <i>S</i>	6pm
Adult Choir, <i>CR</i>	7:30pm

Saturday (2/8)

Micah Breakfast, <i>FH</i>	6:30am
School Feeding Bag Packing, <i>CP</i>	9am

Sunday (2/9)

Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:45am
Adult Mission Trip Meeting, <i>CF</i>	12:15pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	1:30pm
Cantate, <i>UCR</i>	5pm
Youth Fellowship & Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm
Session, <i>MH</i>	7pm

Location Key:

<i>CP</i> : Church Parlor	<i>MH</i> : Middle House
<i>S</i> : Sanctuary	<i>CH</i> : Church House
<i>EB</i> : Education Building	<i>CF</i> : Conference Room
<i>U</i> : Undercroft	<i>FH</i> : Fellowship Hall
<i>UCR</i> : Choir Room in Ed. Building	<i>CR</i> : Choir Room
<i>L</i> : Library	<i>EBL</i> : Ed. Building Lobby

*See announcement for details

Birthdays this Week

February

- Paula Kallay, Judy Lowman, Marty Wilder
- Laura Van Hulzen, Julie Young
- Mary Bailey, Anders Bothel, Lincoln Milstead
- Steve Cunningham, Preston Simms
- Mason Bako, Kelly Bond, Jeanne Ramsburg
- Noah Fellingner

Hospital Visitor 2/2-2/8

Patricia Langfitt, 370-4489

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8:30 and 11:00 am

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us!

To aid you in our liturgy, we want to acquaint you with our following custom: In the *Lord's Prayer*, we use the words, "*Forgive us our debts... our debtors.*"

We encourage you to stand for singing, if you are able, as the organ sounds the first note of introduction. When appropriate to the hymn, the organist and choir will lead the congregation in singing "*Amen.*"

Assistive listening devices (amplified earphones and Telecoil neckloops), and **large-print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

Child care is provided in the Education Building for infants through 4-year-olds.

All worshipers are encouraged to sign the Attendance/Friendship pad, greet your friends, and welcome visitors.

The flowers today are given by Meg and Dave Bohmke to the glory of God and in honor of the middle school and high school youth fellowship and leaders.

Capsule of Concern: Karla Lewis, Billie Plank, John Walker, Don Wilson

Lectionary readings for next Sunday, February 9:

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9 [10];
 I Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16];
 Matthew 5:13-20

Service Attendants

Liturgist
 High School Youth

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Terrie Crawley

Greeters
 Middle School Youth

Ushers
 Middle School Youth

Elevator Assistant
 Jeff Spinnanger

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Eric & Kathy Rocholl

Greeters
 Middle School Youth

Ushers
 Middle School Youth

Elevator Assistant
 Ellie Crane

Nursery Attendants
8:30 & 11:00 services
 Rachel Statler, Patty Toler,
 Heather Eland, Nick Medina

It is never too late to join a **Church School class**, and this semester a number of our classes, including *Seeking to Understand the Parables* and *Women in the Biblical World*, lend themselves well to drop-in participation. Please don't let missing a few classes keep you away – see you in Church School.

Youth Fellowship TODAY: Youth Sunday, the Souper Bowl of Caring, and our annual Rise Against Hunger food-packing event. It is a busy day in the life of our church and you won't want to miss a moment of it! *No Youth Fellowship/Supper tonight.*
NEXT WEEK: Itty-Bitty City: Church Edition. Join us for round 2.

The **2020 Confirmation Journey:** Today, Explorers and Mentors will join the congregation for the Rise Against Hunger event. Our *Explorers* and Mentors pairs are as follows: *Kaileen Coffman* - Amy Ellis; *Avery Foresman* - Brian Raska; *Cameron Sidebotham* - Steve Davis; *Andrew Spinnanger* - Don Nance; *Charlotte Young* - Amy Talmadge. Please pray for these young people and the adults and families who have partnered with them on this journey.

On Wednesday, February 12, **Prime Timers** will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Ristorante Renato, 422 William St., order from the lunch menu and have separate checks. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the restaurant. Please call Mary Lowman, 540-710-4941, or Sue Moorefield, 540-899-7772, by February 9 for reservations.

The 2020 **Congregational Retreat** at Camp Hanover is March 7-8. This is a great weekend to make new friends and renew old friendships in God's creation as you enjoy activities for all ages, worship, campfire, singing, free time, and great fellowship. The theme, is: *Awakened by the Spirit: Finding Joy in God's Nature*. The food is great and the accommodations are suitable for almost everyone. Registration forms are on the Church website and in the February Newsletter.

Our annual **Rise Against Hunger meal packing event** is today. Following worship, led by our youth, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to pack 20,000 meals; each meal is 29-cents. Come join the fun and look for the sign-up table outside the Sanctuary. We will also have the **Souper Bowl offering** that day, which will assist in the cost of the Rise Against Hunger meals. The Rise Against Hunger truck will arrive about 9:30 a.m., and volunteers are needed to assist in unloading the truck and setting up for the event.

The **Adult Mission trip** will be to New Bern, NC the week of March 22. We will be working with Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders to repair damage caused by Hurricane Florence. We worked with the Fuller Center last year, and there is work for all skill levels. There will be an **interest/information meeting on February 9, at 12:15 p.m.** in the Conference Room. A registration fee of \$125 is due by Feb 19, checks should be made payable to The Presbyterian Church with Adult Mission Trip in the memo. Marsha Lockett and John Howe are the organizers of this mission trip and please contact one of them for more information.

It is time to replenish our supply of **school feeding bags** for Stafford Food Security. You, your families and neighbors are invited to come to the Church House Parlor on Saturday, February 8, at 9:00 a.m. for a **packing event**. All ages are welcome.

The **congregation** may help support the **Cold Night Shelter** by donating socks, long underwear, gloves, t-shirts, and new/gently used pillow cases. Bring items to the church and place them in the bins outside the Sanctuary or in the Lobby. Please pray for the shelter and the guests.

School Dressing Days - Our church has been asked to donate new and gently used hoodies, tennis shoes of all sizes for boys and girls, flats for teenage girls, and 3-ring binder notebooks. You may bring items to the church and place them in the bins outside the Sanctuary or in the Education Building Lobby. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

A position of **regular paid nursery worker** is available for our Sunday morning nursery. We are looking for someone available Sunday mornings from 8:15-12:15. If you or someone you know would like more information about the position, please contact Michelle Porter porters_porters@yahoo.com.

The **Sacred Dance Ensemble** began in 1996 as an interdenominational ministry following the call to glorify God through the art of dance. We offer visual interpretations of the spoken Word, hymns and sacred music, hoping to open the eyes of the beholder with new insight and understanding of God's love for us all. We welcome anyone who is curious to explore this form of worship on Sunday February 16, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Undercroft. We will use our whole selves to speak the Lord's Prayer. Questions? contact Vicky Wilder, 540-786-7227.