

2nd Sunday after Epiphany



January 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

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At the ringing of the chimes please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment.

Bolded text is read or sung by all.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

COME

Voluntary

Aria

Flor Peeters

*Call to Worship

Psalm 36

Stacy Franzmann

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

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.

*Hymn 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

ENCOUNTER

Call to Confession

In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts.
Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, 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.

Silence is observed.

Response 574

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: Christ unmask the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.
Amen. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace - Greet both friends and strangers saying,
The peace of Christ be with you.

During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand will suffice.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

God is a generous giver of gifts that flow like a river from the fountain of life. Bring offerings and tributes with thanks and praise; for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

Offertory Anthem *From the Rising of the Sun* *F.A. Gore Ouseley*

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in ev'ry place incense shall be offer'd up unto my name: for my name shall be great among the heathen, thus saith the Lord.

Offering plates may be found as you exit the sanctuary.

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time with Young Disciples

Walter Hayes

Following the Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain with their families, participate in the children's K-6 choir rehearsal in room 207 or visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.

GROW

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding that we may receive the testimony of Scripture and believe in the signs that reveal your presence. We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

The First Lesson

1st Corinthians 12:1-11

New Testament

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.

3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another

the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Hymn #426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

The Second Lesson

John 2:1-11

New Testament

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it.

9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom

10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Party Time!

The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby

SERVE

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed as the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that he will come again. We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out, refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever empowering the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit restores our soul, reminding us of the gift of faith, the constant presence of God, and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, in every gathering of Christian believers, you bring together a people of gifts, strengths, and needs to manifest the universal body of Christ. We pray for your church throughout the world, that every local congregation may live as sisters and brothers in harmony, showing forth the light of Christ to the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In every age you raise up servant leaders for your people. We pray for all who teach and lead, and for all who serve in the name of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the sake of the common good of all people, you create human societies to be places of refuge and human flourishing. We pray for the leaders of governments and especially for those who lead us at the

national, state, and local level. May they receive wisdom to exercise government with true justice grounded in mercy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son, Jesus, performed the first of his signs of glory at a wedding in Cana. We pray for all who are joined as family, that they may live together with mutual support and love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord you are the giver of all good things: Receive our prayers that we offer for ourselves and for our world. In all things, grant us the courage to exercise our gifts for the good of our world, through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Silent Reflection

We pray silently...

And finally, together as the people of God, let us offer the words of the Lord's Prayer, saying in one voice:

**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.**

*Hymn #442

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*Charge and Benediction

May the Spirit's love, 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. **Amen.**

Voluntary

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Recognition: January 2022 - Leaders

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY: In January we highlight, the work of all the elected officers and leadership of our church.

This includes Elders, Deacons, Endowment Directors, the Clerk of Session, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and anyone who serves the Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly on behalf of WPC, and members of the Church Wide Nominating Committee. We thank them for their service which often occurs behind the scenes.

The White Rose in the Chancel Today is in memory of Barbara Ann Gates Gehring who entered eternal life on January 8, 2022.

Family Skating Event All are welcome to enjoy activities at Lock 3 such as ice skating and Polar Putt-Putt. The event will be on Sunday, January 23, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Families and Youth, Save the Date! Babysitting provided by youth Saturday, February 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy an early Valentine's date with your spouse!



Calendar of Church Events week of January 16—23, 2022

Sunday, 1/16

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby Preaching
Children's Choir in the Choir Room
- 11:30 am Worship Committee Meeting in Room 106

Monday, 1/17

- 7:00 pm Women's Evening Circle Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, 1/18

- 9:30 am Quilt Ministry Meeting in WHH
- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in Chancel
- 6:00 pm Zoom Finance Committee

Thursday, 1/20

- 9:30 am WPC Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Sunday, 1/23

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
The Reverend Dr. Tim Morrison Preaching
Children's Choir in the Choir Room
- 3:00 pm Family Skating at Lock 3

Calendar of WPC Worship Services at 10:30 a.m.

Month of January:

Sunday, January 23, The Reverend Dr. Tim Morrison preaching

Sunday, January 30, The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby preaching

Month of February:

Sunday, February 6, The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby preaching

Sunday, February 13, The Reverend Dr. George Murphy preaching

Sunday, February 20, The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby preaching

Sunday, February 27, The Reverend Cathy Ulrich preaching



***Please dispose of your used masks in the trash receptacles
located in the narthex and Wright-Herberich Hall.***



For the most recent CDC guidance, we encourage you to visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Westminster's policy presently includes the following:

- Masks are now optional for all vaccinated adults. Unvaccinated adults are asked to continue masking.
- Masks are also optional for children and youth of every age, whether they have been vaccinated or not. This is at the discretion of the parent or guardian of the child or youth.
- For the protection of our children, all nursery workers are fully vaccinated and wearing masks.
- Solos and congregational singing will continue both with and without masks.
- We will continue to observe social distancing measures, and the ushers will assist worshippers with seating in the sanctuary. The pews where worshippers are asked to sit are marked with a green sticker. If you would prefer to sit at a greater distance from others, please inform an usher who can guide you to a place where you will feel more comfortable.
- We have returned hymnals, Bibles, and giving envelopes to pews with green stickers. Offering trays and fellowship pads will not be passed at this time. Offering trays may be found at the entrance to the worship space.
- Livestreaming services will continue on YouTube.

Giving Online During these difficult times, the church remains grateful for your faithful support. To give electronically on the WPC website click under the tab "online giving" and use this QR Code.



Staff Schedule in the Office:

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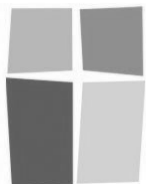
Bruce Klucharich, Audio-Visual Technician

Volunteers:

Kristy Yates, Director of Adult Bell Choir

Shelley Koutnik, Head of Staff

The Church Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.



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