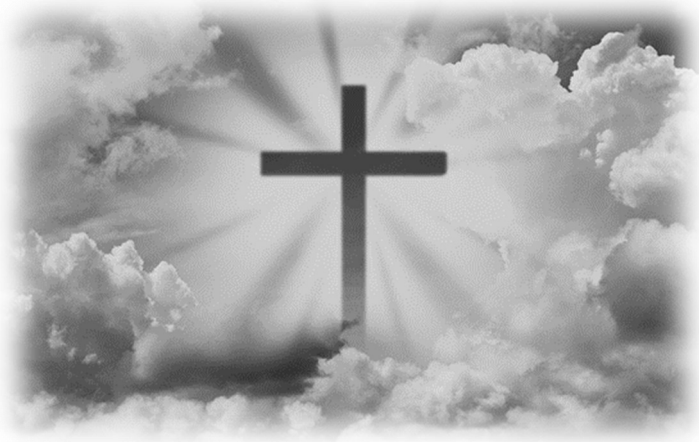


**7th Sunday after Epiphany
February 20, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**



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.*

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Voluntary

Fanfare

William Mathias
Abby Haake - Guest organist

*Call to Worship

The Reverend David Aber

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above MIT FRUDEN ZART

Call to Confession

Stacy Franzmann

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

*Response 567

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

**Glory 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

The Peace of the Lord be with you. **God's peace 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

Offertory O God, Our Help in Ages Past Charles Callahan
Stephanie Blaha, French Horn

***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 The Reverend David Aber

*Following the Time for Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to Room 104 for age-appropriate activities. **No children's choir today.***

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40

37:1 Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

37:2 for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

37:3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

37:4 Take delight in the Lord, and God will give you the desires of your heart.

37:5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God, and God will act.

37:6 God will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

37:7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for God; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

37:8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil.

37:9 For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

37:10 Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

37:11 But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

37:39 The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; God is their refuge in the time of trouble.

37:40 The Lord helps them and rescues them; God rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in God.

Hymn 387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

The Second Lesson Luke 6: 27-38

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon The Reverend David Aber

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People, Silent Reflection and The Lord's 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.**

*Hymn 343 Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary IV in Organo Pleno
from Four Chorale Preludes on LOBE DEN HERREN - Larry Visser

Serving as Liturgist today, is Stacy Franzmann, Worship Committee Moderator.

Announcements

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday In February we highlight the work of the Medical, Safety, Security Task Force Volunteers who monitor the pandemic, research safe protocols to determine a policy for social distancing and masking, and regularly review and update the policies to keep us all safe.

Abigail Haake's Bio Music Director & Organist, starting in June 2022

Abigail Haake is the Associate Director of Music and Organist at Madison Street United Methodist Church in Clarksville, TN, and the owner of Kindermusik With Abby Haake, a "Top Program" Kindermusik Studio. She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance from the University of Michigan, a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from the University of Michigan, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organ Performance from West Virginia Wesleyan College. Prior to moving to Tennessee, Dr. Haake held positions at large Presbyterian churches in West Virginia, Michigan, and North Carolina. Dr. Haake is married to John, a Colonel in the Army Special Forces, and they have two sons, Henry (11) and Thomas (6).

The Flowers in the Chancel Today are given by Susan Switzer Greene in loving memory of her father, Duane Switzer.

Please honor the reserved only handicap parking, in front of the playground, on Sunday morning.

Monthly Financial Report

<u>January 2022</u>	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<u>Total Revenues</u>	\$86,648.56	\$51,458.99	\$84,648.56	\$51,458.99
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$12,307.31	\$42,392.84	\$12,307.31	\$42,392.84
Net	\$72,341.25	\$9,066.15	\$72,341.25	\$9,066.15

Please contact the Finance Office if you would like a copy of the detailed financial report for the period ending January 31, 2022.

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

Westminster's policy presently includes the following:

- The dramatic rise of the Omicron COVID variant has necessitated review of Westminster's church service attendance policy. The concern of worshipers attending is evident in the significant number wearing masks. Session has agreed to require masks for all worshipers beginning with the January 30th service and extending at least through the month of February.*
- Seating in alternate pew rows will continue. Hopefully, this rapid spread of the virus will subside and allow us to relax this policy by the Easter season.*

Calendar of Church Building Events For February 20–27, 2022

Sunday, 2/20

- 9:30 am Nursery Opens
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
- 11:30 am Reception in WHH for Dr. Abigail Haake

Monday, 2/21

- 7:00 pm Zoom Women's Evening Circle

Tuesday, 2/22

- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting in Room 106

Thursday, 2/24

- 10:00 am WPC Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Sunday, 2/27

- 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
Children's Choir in the Choir Room
- 11:30 am Worship Committee Meeting in Room 106



Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.
- Weekly deadline for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Tuesday at noon.

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