

**Please keep the People on our Prayer List
in your prayers.**



Announcements

Friday, January 19

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Kirby's IGA

Sunday, January 21

8:00 am Worship Music Practice

8:50 am Adult Sunday School

9:00 am Youth, Junior & Senior High Sunday School

10:15 am Worship at the Cross

6:00 pm Youth Group Meeting

Friday, February 2

5-9 pm Dinner Club at the Country Club

Lana & Tom Hosting

Please RSVP by January 26

Dinner Options include Beef, Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian

Ruling Elder, Tim Silence - Guest Pulpit Supply

Tom Henderson - Liturgist

Rachelle Cekander - Music Director/Piano/Liturgy

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10:15 am

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Indicates Standing**

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 139

One: Lord, You have searched me out and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up. You discern my thoughts from afar.

Many: **You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but You, O Lord, know it altogether.**

One: You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Many: **You yourself created my inmost parts;
You knit me together in my mother's womb.**

One: I will thank You because I am marvelously made.

Many: **We praise You, for all your works are wonderful!
We are blessed indeed to be called your children.**

***(104) O Lord, How Shall I meet You**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Together

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace, You have called us to work in building your kingdom on earth, a kingdom of love and peace, but we have pursued our own plans and desires. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed and in our envy the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride and in our arrogance the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and in our discord the world is thirsty. Much of your creation lives in chaos and strife. Have mercy on us and deliver us from our own failures and unfaithfulness. Strengthen our resolve to be your servants and light in this world.

Words of Assurance

***(582) Glory to God**

***A Sign of Peace**

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
Many: **And, also, with you.**

The Message

Ruling Elder, Tim Silence

**“Been to Ninevah Lately?”
Jonah 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; John 1:43-51**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Together

One: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Many: **We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor. The Spirit binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

One: As the prophets and apostles were inspired, so are we inspired by scripture and the Holy Spirit which guide our faith and life in Christ.

Many: **In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

***(107 V1, 3 & 4) Awake! Awake & Greet the New Morn**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Together

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.

Offering Invitation

Offering

Praise Team

Take My Hand Precious Lord

***(606) Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***(81) Glorious Things of These are Spoken**

***Blessing & Benediction**

*** Come Walk with Us in the Light of Jesus Christ**

By RM Cekander

We are called as caring Christians to walk with Jesus every day.
As God’s faithful followers, we leave this place to teach, to serve, to pray
And to love one another as God loves us. Come walk with us in the light of Jesus Christ!

Go out to serve and live the Word!

Ways to Connect - We are always happy to hear from you!



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