

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 15, 2023

(Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Installation of Officers)



“See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them as their God and they will be God’s peoples.”

Revelation 21:3

Theme: Persistent and Essential Hope

GATHERING

Prelude: “In the Bleak Midwinter” Lynn Arthur Koch

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

*Call to Worship - Psalm 98

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: God’s right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

Leader: The Lord has remembered the steadfast love and faithfulness given to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of the horn.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills is.

People: Let the floods clap their hands, and the hills sing together for joy.

*Hymn: #159 "O Song a Song of Bethlehem" (see download)

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, architect of this world and all others, You entered time in a common, ordinary human way, yet within the arc of an incredibly divine story. Woven through the pages of history is the telling and retelling of this story, the naming of names, and the identification of the players in the cast. We offer thanks for the drama that continues to play. That amazingly we are invited to be a part, indeed, that we are created to be a part. Lead us to seek its unfolding significance for our time. Remind us that the divine arc of history is meant for

those in all lands near and far, for the believing and the skeptical, for those strong in faith as well as those who are weak, for the rich as for the poor alike. In this season of Epiphany, continue to enlighten us by your gracious guidance. Lifting up the Holy Name of Jesus, we pray, AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Christians, Let Us Love One Another”

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: **“From Nonsense to Sense”**

“For we did not follow cleverly designed stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” 2 Peter 1:16 (NIV)

Hymn #500: “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread” (see download)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Installation of Officers

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear, the ways we are called to serve. May all our gifts of time and labor embody our desire to share and contribute to your coming reign among us and all people. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #691 "Lord, When I Came into This Life" (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "As With Gladness Men of Old" Janet Linker
The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who are able, please stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Betty Sowers

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in
Loving Memory of Doris and Lee Brown
Given by their children and grandchildren**

If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of someone or a special occasion, next Sunday **January 22** is open. Please call the church office at 717-687-6619.

The **Deacons** will meeting today after worship in the Library.

There will be a **Chancel Choir** rehearsal following worship this morning.

A **Session Meeting** is scheduled for this Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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