

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany Sunday, January 22, 2023



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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ringing of the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 (responsive)

Deacon Beth Fisher

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? **One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! Amen.

Prelude

Choral Introit: "Take My Life and it Be"

* Hymn: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" # 108

* Passing the Peace

Sharing our Concerns, Joys, and Affirmations

2023 Session and Deacons

Elders

Sue Latour - Clerk
Bob Brenner
Steve Hales
Bill Owens
Jan Owens
Bob Reese
Marty Cropper
Nancy Wright
Rich Wright

Deacons

Ann Hales
Beth Fisher
Karen Eberle
Carol Reese
Mary Snyder
Peggy Webster
Jan Phillips

2023 Session Committee Chairs

Clerk of Session	Sue Latour
Worship Committee	Jan Owens
Fellowship Committee	Marty Cropper
Christian Education Committee	Mabel Rogers
Personnel Committee	Bill Owens & Steve Hales
Building & Maintenance Committee	Bob Reese & Bob Brenner
Mission Committee	Rich Wright & Jan Owens
Financial Committee	Steve Hales & Mabel Rogers
Nominating Committee	Rich Wright & Sue Latour

Household Prayer: Morning

*Lord Jesus, you call me to be a faithful disciple.
Enable me to hear your voice
above the distractions of this day, to see each challenge
as an opportunity for faithful witness,
and to offer myself in obedient service in all that I do.
Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Your face, O Lord, have I sought this day and
your beauty have I beheld.
I have seen you in the face of the stranger,
and beheld your beauty in creation.
Thank you, and keep me aware.
Amen.*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of grace, God of forgiveness, we come to you as a stiff necked and broken people. We have succumbed to the tempter and worship false idols of our own making. We adorn ourselves with baubles and trinkets. We care more for things than we do for others. We heap food on our tables and ignore those who go hungry. We pursue the path of the empty and the shallow. Forgive us, O God. Bring us your Spirit and your Word to shine light anew on our faces. Lead us in your paths of righteousness, fullness and mercy. Teach us to again embrace life, the life given us through the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Through Jesus Christ we are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God.**

* Gloria Patri (unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

God gives us gifts and talents to serve him and to serve one another, today we come with gifts of our own that God's church and God's mission be fulfilled.

* Doxology (unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

God of our salvation,
receive these gifts we offer
and bless them for the work of your kingdom,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Choral Anthem: "Rock of Ages"

Prayer for Illumination (union)

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts – a spring of hope for a thirsty world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-4 [NRSV]

Elder Nancy Wright

¹But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23 [NRSV]

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¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles' ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother,

Current Prayer Concerns:

Karen Cobb Snyder, Christina Moore, Amy Etheridge, Dawn Butler, Connie Ellis, Bonnie Hancock, Ed Hurd, Margie Bauer Cramer, Eric Richardson, Samantha Kilgore, Janice Beckham, Jim Phillips, Russ Shallcross, Carol Nelson, Joyce & Jack Vavrek, Bob Lebo, Tanya Ehlers, Lydia Frasca, and Diane Devanna

Those homebound or undergoing treatment: John Snyder

Berlin Nursing Home: For all those who we were unable to visit or sing with during this time of virus.

Fellowship Hosts Coming Up

January 22	Jackie Bates & Dawn Butler
January 29	Lisa Bayles & Beth Fisher
February 5	Sue Latour & Betsy Kipila
February 12	Nancy Wright & Carol Reese
February 19	Karen Eberle & Mary Snyder
February 26	Jan Owens & Peggy Webster

Volunteers for the Food Pantry Needed

We are seeking volunteers to help at our Wednesday Food Pantry. From 9AM - 11:30AM greet people, guide them to the Food Pantry, and help restock the pantry from our storage, as needed.

It's a great way to engage those in our community that need some extra help, while offering some much needed encouragement.

A sign-up sheet is on the glass table in the back of the sanctuary. Please consider participating in this much needed ministry.

February Movie Night

Our next movie night will be held in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, February 3rd at 6:30 PM**. We will be showing Sight & Sound's "David".

Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself.

Experience one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life in this original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun, Jan 22	Boy Scout Troop # 2173	4:00 PM
Wed. Jan 25	Food Pantry	9:00 AM
Wed, Jan 25	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Wed, Jan 25	Girl Scouts Troop # 812	6:00 PM
Fri, Jan 27	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Fri, Feb 3	Movie Night	6:30 PM

Birthdays: Sarah Dypsky (1/28)

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vases are given:
~ in loving memory of our mom Pauline Kipila, who is rejoicing in Heaven and celebrating her 109th birthday with God the Father and Jesus His Son. Missing you ~ Barbara & Betsy

It's Girl Scout Cookie Sales Time of the Year

Your fellow congregant and member of Girl Scout Troop 812, Summer Brenner, is taking orders for delivery within the next two weeks.

An order form will be available from her, after our Church Service for the next four (4) weeks or you may call Summer at 443-754-1485.

A supply of cookies should be available for immediate purchase beginning next Sunday, January 29th in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you all for your support of the Girl Scout Program!

P.S. We have a new favor for y'all to try this year, Raspberry Mint. I am told that it looks similar to Thin Mints and inside filling is pink and the taste is to die for. :) Just kidding.

Thank you for helping us MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

Summer Brenner



casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.¹⁹ And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Time with Children & Youth
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Sermon: "Living the Life Radical"
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***Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" # 435**

Sacrament of Baptism:
Sherman Foster, Danyelle Purnell,
Shamari Foster, and Gavyn Foster

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Let us pray to the Lord, saying,
God of light, hear our prayer.
Loving God,
your light reveals the needs of our world
and your salvation offers hope to the lost.
Therefore, we pray for our world and our community.

For your holy church,
that all the baptized may live in harmony with one another,
and our pastors and teachers may be wise and gracious
ministers of the gospel,
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For the world and for all who suffer the rod of oppression:
break the yoke of violence,
and free all people from the burden of war and domestic strife;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations,
that they may be just and faithful in their duty
and serve the good of all creation;
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer disease of body and mind,
that they may know the power of your healing grace;
God of light, **hear our prayer.** And we pray for

For those who have died
and for those who will die this day,
that they may find eternal rest;
and for those who care for the dying
that they may find peace and comfort.
God of light, **hear our prayer.**

Hear, O Lord, the cries of your people.
Be gracious to us and answer us,
for you are our salvation;
through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray your
holy prayer saying, **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.**

* "Take the Name of Jesus with You" # 116

Charge Benediction "Go Now in Peace" Postlude and Response

