

Second Sunday After the Epiphany  
Sunday, January 15, 2023



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**"Come and See"**

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**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:** "Making disciples of Jesus is the overflow of the delight in being disciples of Jesus."  
~ David Platt

**Ringling of the Church Bell**  
**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

**Elder Jan Owens**

The work of the Creator is visible.

**Let us respond with praise.**

The example of Jesus is apparent.

**Let us respond with obedience.**

The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

**Let us respond with joy.**

The word of God is calling.

**Let us worship in spirit and in truth. Amen**

**Prelude**

**Choral Introit: "I Surrender All"**

**\* Hymn: "Love Lifted Me" # 505**

**\* Passing the Peace**

**Sharing our Concerns, Joys, and Affirmations**

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

God of all creation and creatures, who in love made an everlasting covenant with us, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you. We have been willful and prideful. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us. Return us from the wilderness to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## 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

*You inclined your ear and heard my cry,  
and lifted me when I was low.  
Strengthen me for service  
as I carry your light in the world.  
Amen.*

## Household Prayer: Evening

*Jesus,  
fill me with your peace,  
that I may be strengthened to the end  
and find my rest in you.  
Amen.*

### **Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

The mercy of the Lord is like rain,  
like showers that water the earth.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**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**

As God blesses us with life's abundance, so we, in turn, bless others with what we have been given. For the church and all of its missions our morning's offering will now be received.

### **\* 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**

We give you thanks, O loving God,  
that you have placed in the hearts of your  
faithful people  
the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will.  
Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation  
and restore all people to Christ. **Amen.**

### **Choral Anthem: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

### **Prayer for Illumination** (unison)

Gracious and Holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

## 1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7 [NRSV]

### Elder Marty Cropper

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me.<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God."<sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength.<sup>6</sup> he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."<sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

## 2nd Scripture Reading: John 1: 29-42 [NRSV]

### Rev. Dan McKenty

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."<sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."<sup>35</sup> The next day John

**Current Prayer Concerns:** Eric Lego, Christina Moore, Amy Etheridge, Larry Weems, Dawn Butler, Connie Ellis, Bonnie Hancock, Ed Hurd, Margie Bauer Cramer, Eric Richardson, Samantha Kilgore, Janice Beckham, Jim Phillips, Lakelyn Draheim, 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 15	Sue Latour & Barbara Kipila
January 22	Jackie Bates & Dawn Butler
January 29	Lisa Bayles & Beth Fisher
February 5	Marty Cropper & Betsy Kipila

## WOW Meeting

Our January Bible study (**Tuesday, January 17th**) will find us studying two mothers of young men who have important lasting influence on our history. We will review Bathsheba, mother of Solomon and Mary, mother of Jesus. Read and discover the relationship these two mothers had with God and how they carried out His plans for their sons.

Important scripture to reference for Study: :1 Samuel 11-12, 1 Kings 1-3:15 and Luke 1. Luke 2:22-35, Matthew 2:13-18, Luke 2:41-52, John 2:1-11, John 19:22-27

Our meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall at **11:00 AM**. Please bring your bag lunch to enjoy during our fellowship and remember to bring your Bibles to be able participate fully in Jackie's study.

Psalms 119:97 oh how I love Your law. It is my meditation all day.

## Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun, Jan 15	Boy Scout Troop # 2173	4:00 PM
Tues Jan 17	WOW Meeting	11:00 AM
Wed. Jan 18	Food Pantry	9:00 AM
Wed, Jan 18	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Wed, Jan 18	Girl Scouts Troop # 812	6:00 PM
Fri, Jan 20	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

### Directory Update:

Addition - **Frank Redner**  
392 141st Street  
Ocean City, MD 21842  
571-438-8308

**Birthdays:** Tina McKenty (1/17); Lydia Frasca (1/19)

**Flowers:** Flowers in the chancel vases are given:  
~ In honor of Lydia Frasca and the celebration of her birthday on January 19th. May God bless you. ~ Shirley Warren

## 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".

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again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"<sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter)

**Time with Children & Youth**  
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**Sermon: "Come and See"**  
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**\*Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #52 verses 1, 4 & 6**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39**

We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

For those serving our country in dangerous places around the world, we pray for safety.

For those first coming to God's Word and to faith, we pray for encouragement and understanding.

For those facing persecution because of their faith, we pray for courage and deliverance.

For those facing terminal illness we pray for comfort and for assurance. For those close to us who are struggling, we pray for ....

For those without means and those without shelter, we pray for warmth and nourishment.

For the children of this world, we pray for safety and tenderness.

All of these prayers and petitions we bind together and bring to you in the strong name of your Son, our Lord and Savior who taught us to pray to you by 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.**

## \*Hymn "God Be with You" #602

### Charge

Benediction Two-Fold Amen

Postlude and Response

## Thanksgiving for Deliverance and Prayer for Help

I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book  
it is written of I delight to do your will,  
O my God; your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation; see,  
I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love  
and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;  
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
keep me safe forever.

Psalm 40:1-11