

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024

Follow Me,
and I
will make you



become

fishers
of men.

Mark 1:17, ESV

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WE WELCOME YOU in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are a guest, please sign our guest book by the outside entrance. May God bless your worship here today!

Communion Note

The Lord's Supper is a gift of Christ given to those who He has called as His own. It is a gift that He instructs His family to use with care. It is for all baptized Christians who confess their sins, see Christ's forgiveness in the true body and blood of Christ they receive with the bread and wine. If you share this oneness of faith, please commune with us. If you have any questions, please speak with our pastor. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of each tray for those people with special needs.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
God's Time and Ours
January 21, 2024

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN 688 "COME, FOLLOW ME," THE SAVIOR SPAKE



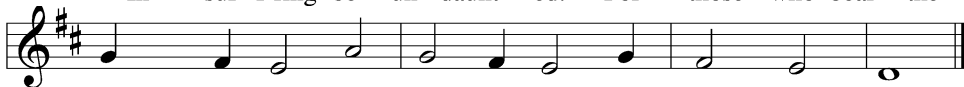
1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Jonah 3:2, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29, 31; Mark 1:15, 17*

Pastor Hearing the Word of God, we are called to confess our sin, trusting in the one true God who is faithful and just and who will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for meditation.

Pastor Though Jonah was reluctant when the Lord spoke to him the first time, He spoke to Jonah a second time and told him, "go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."

People As You, O Lord, have given us the message of the Gospel, we have been reluctant to go bring Your truth and grace to all people. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor Paul reminds the people of God, "The appointed time has grown very short. . . . The

present form of this world is passing away.”

People As You, O Lord, have given us each day and hold all time in Your hands, we have not used our time wisely. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor In today’s Gospel, Jesus called to Simon and Andrew, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him.

People As You, O Lord, have called us to follow You, we have instead sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor Even to the evil Ninevites, God showed His mercy upon their repentance. “When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.” Jesus proclaimed to the people, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Though we deserve His present and eternal punishment, God has relented by sending His Son to bear our sin and to be our Savior. Christ has taken our punishment on the cross, paid the price of our sins through His perfect life and sacrificial death, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

People: **praise the name of the LORD!**

Pastor: Blessèd be the name of the LORD

People: **from this time forth and forevermore!**

Pastor: The LORD is high above all nations,

People: **and his glory above the heavens!**

Pastor: He raises the poor from the dust

People: **and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

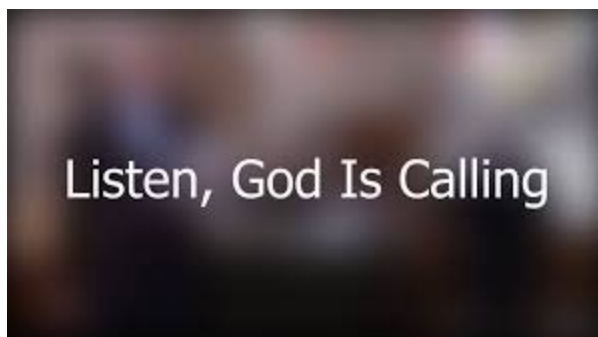
Pastor: to make them sit with princes,

People: **with the princes of his people.**

All: **Glory be 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.**


Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the LORD is to be praised!**



KYRIE 833 LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING

Refrain
Leader All

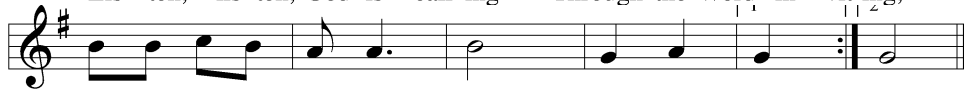


Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,
Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,


Leader All *Refrain*




That He came to save us— And set us free.
In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.
Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts,— Led by Your Word.

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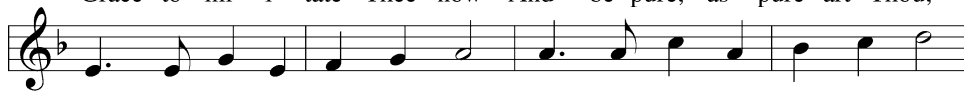
HYMN OF PRAISE 394 SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE



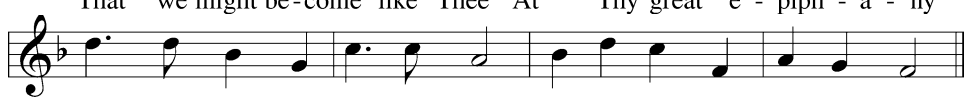
1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray. Gracious God, though not deserved, You continue to call to us as Your people as You came to Jonah with another opportunity of sharing Your message.
People Though not deserved, You showed mercy to the city of Nineveh through their repentance and You continue to show mercy to us.
Pastor Continue to grant us the gift of a bold and confident faith in You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever.

People Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jonah 3:1-5, 10* (Jonah goes to Nineveh.)

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 7:29-31* (32-35) (Faithful living with time given)

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:14-20* (Jesus calls the first disciples.)

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY O JESUS, KING OF GLORY



1 O Je - sus, King of Glo - ry, Both
 2 The east - ern sa - ges, bring - ing Their
 3 Thou art a might - y mon - arch, As
 4 Yet art Thou decked with beau - ty, With



Da - vid's Lord and Son! Thy
 trib - ute gifts to Thee, Bear
 by Thy Word is told, Yet
 rays of glo - rious light; Thy



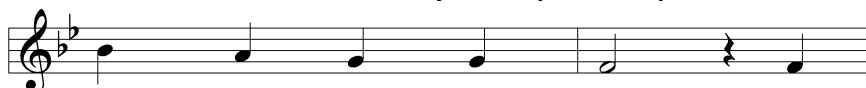
realm en - dures for - ev - er, In
 wit - ness to Thy king - dom And
 car - est Thou but lit - tle For
 works pro - claim Thy good - ness, And



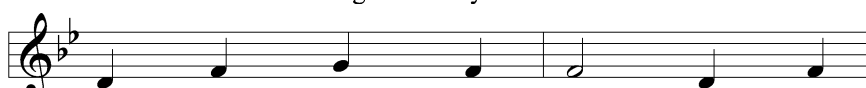
heav'n is fixed Thy throne. Help
 hum - bly bow the knee. To
 earth - ly goods or gold; On
 all Thy ways are right. Vouch -



that in earth's do - min - ions, Through -
 Thee the star is point - ing And
 no proud steed Thou rid - est, Thou
 safe to shield Thy peo - ple With



out from pole to pole, Thy
 the pro - phet - ic Word; Hence
 wear'st no jew - eled crown Nor
 Thine al - might - y arm That



reign may spread sal - va - tion To
 joy - ous - ly we hail Thee: Our
 dwell'st in lord - ly cas - tle, But
 they may dwell in safe - ty From



each be - night - ed soul.
 Sav - ior and our Lord!
 bear - est scoff and frown.
 those who mean them harm.

5 Ah, look on me with pity
 Though I am weak and poor;
 Admit me to Thy kingdom
 To dwell there, blest and sure.

I pray Thee, guide and keep me
 Safe from my bitter foes,
 From sin and death and Satan;
 Free me from all my woes.

6 And bid Thy Word within me
 Shine as the fairest star;
 Keep sin and all false doctrine
 Forever from me far.
 Help me confess Thee truly
 And with Thy Christendom
 Here own Thee King and Savior
 And in the world to come.

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YOUNG PEOPLES MESSAGE

SERMON - Mark 1:14-20 "Becoming a Disciple"

CREED Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

617 O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -

bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this
 they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that
 sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
 In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Isaiah 60:1, adapted*

Pastor Let us pray for the Church of God and for all people according to their needs, for You, O Lord, in all times and in all places, promise to hear our prayers and to answer them according to Your will. In this season of Epiphany where the light shines on our Savior, manifested as the Word made flesh, continue to reveal to us through Your Word the mercy and grace found in Jesus Christ alone. Arise and shine,

People **for our light has come.**

Pastor As You work Your will and send the salvation message through Your people, we are sometimes asked to go where we'd rather not go. Though not to Nineveh like Jonah, we have been called by the working of Your Spirit to go and make disciples of all nations. Grant to us a confident and bold faith to live as Your witnesses to the ends of the earth beginning in our homes, our church and community, and among all our neighbors in this world. Soften the hearts of the hard-hearted and open the minds of the close-minded that all may come to repentance and know You as the one true God who sent His Son into this world to redeem the world. Arise and shine,

People **for our light has come.**

Pastor As the present world is passing away and time is short, we see the brokenness and results of sin in our daily lives. For those who struggle in body, mind, or spirit, affirm to them Your promises of peace in Your time as Christ has overcome the world. Point us all to Your continued presence, and assure us that Jesus is victor over anything that we might fear. In Your good time, come and make all things new. Arise and shine,

People **for our light has come.**

Pastor As Jesus called His disciples to become fishers of men, they responded immediately

to drop their nets and follow. Give us such an urgency to also hear and heed the call and to follow in faith where Christ leads. As we do not know the hour of Your return, give an eagerness to our lives as faithful stewards of all we have been given with time, treasures, and abilities, that we use them to Your glory and for the sake of others. Arise and shine,

People for our light has come.

Pastor As You still come to us in our time of need, You come in the body and blood of our Savior given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Equip us for the continued journey through our days that we remain firm in faith and bear fruit that will last until You call us home. Arise and shine,

People for our light has come.

Additional petitions may be added.

Pastor Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who since the beginning of time has been present and continues to bless us in this time. Prepare our hearts with true repentance as we receive Your gracious giving of the forgiveness of sins in this Supper. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS 810 O GOD OF GOD, O LIGHT OF LIGHT

I O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of
praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

People Our Father who art in heaven,

PAX DOMINI

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

AGNUS DEI 810 O GOD OF GOD, O LIGHT OF LIGHT



2 For deep in proph-ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'



wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions



saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night



Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first - born



sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.

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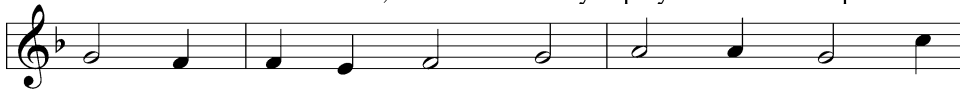
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COMMUNION HYMN 623 LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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COMMUNION HYMN 685 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS



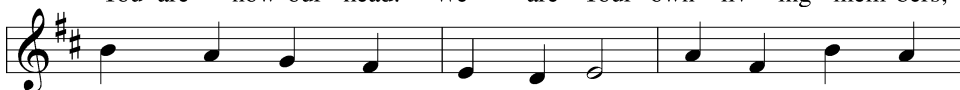
1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



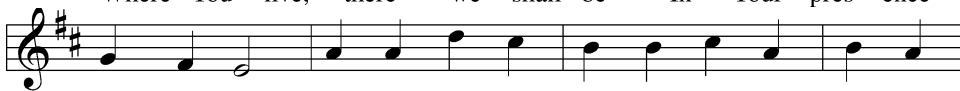
am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE HYMN 643 SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,



The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 U - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing



To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
 Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that Your grace is timeless and Your mercy is for all people. As we heed the call of Christ and follow, strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People Amen.

SENDING HYMN 733 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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AS WE DEPART

Ever had those days that felt like weeks or those weeks that felt like days? Those minutes that felt like hours, or the hours that felt like minutes? Time is a fickle thing on this earth, as we are bound by it yet our perspective of it is ever changing. Our Scripture Readings today all deal with time. As God deemed it time for Nineveh to have the opportunity to repent and know His grace, He came to Jonah a second time. In the Epistle, Paul reminds us time is short, and the physical world is passing away. In the Gospel, Jesus would begin His earthly ministry and call His disciples, echoing the words of John the Baptist, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand” (Mark 1:15). Though to the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day, we live each day knowing that all time is in His hands. Until He calls His people to glory, we rejoice for the time to gather where His Spirit is, be blessed by His Word of Law and Gospel, rejoice in mercy and forgiveness, and make use of the time given to be witnesses to others.

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PRAYERS

Please remember these people in your personal prayers.

Members with health concerns:

Jeanette Bunting	Millie Kroll	Lloyd Wessels
Pete Smykla	JP Dunger	Melodie Bradley
Don Richter	Dorothy Herrod	Kimberly Brinkerhoff
Zac Dodge	Siri Richter	Joann Wessels Rook
Sherry Reed	Cherrie Bradley	Jimmy Herrod
Waymond Meins	Henry Thompson	

Annette Dodge, who fell at work and broke her wrist

Judy Wellenberger, home recovering

Danny Forrest, heart problems

Randy Thorpe, Cathy Webb's brother, CLL (Leukemia)

Kasen Harris, Grandson of Carol Michael's best friend, health concerns

Candace Hogue, lung cancer

William Hogue, Betty Bennett Carter Johnson's son-in-law, major stroke

James Marshall-Jernigan, Chronic Myeloid Leukemia

Desiree Kuhs, friend of Melodie Bradley, brain tumor and a rare disease called Wegners

Melodie Bradley's cousin, Lindsay, cancer

David Witt, cousin of Bill Witt, cancer

Kathryn Lincecum, daughter of Siri & Don Richter—heart & health concerns

Lisa Sayers, mother of missing daughter Sam, has breast cancer for the 3rd time

Prayers for people needing silent prayer requests.

Prayers for the Sayers family for answers, on their missing daughter Sam

Vanessa Upton, friend of Lynne Russell's, metastatic breast cancer, spot on her lung, getting treatment.

Rev. Michael Harnack Pastor in Burbank Cal. Has been diagnosed with an autoimmune disease called CIDP

Dan & Betty Rice

Monte Coleman, health concerns

Prayers for those on our hearts

Those who mourn, Amanda Marshall and her family on the sudden passing of her dad Bruce Whitney.

Care givers - For the family and friends who provide care and support for the ill and shut-ins.

For our congregations, our members, our nation, all Military and their families, 1st Responders,

Firemen, Police and for Pine Bluff, all those around the world in need of prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our worship video:

Worship service on <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnkah2JqGwLDiudmTBDQaGQ>

10:00 Wednesday, Newsletter Committee

10:00 Thursday, Bible Study

2023 Offerings statements are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick them up if you have not done so.

Flower sign-up sheets for 2024 are on the table in the Narthex. Price will be \$35.00 in 2024

Pictures for our new photo directory are taking place on Sundays. If you cannot make it on a given Sunday, make arrangements with Pastor or Donna to have one done during the week.

Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Thank You!



**In His Service This Week
January 21st - January 28th**

Sunday, January 21st, 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

- 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
- 10:45 Worship with Communion
- 12:00 Council Meeting
- 5:00 Worship in Crossett

Wednesday, January 24th

- 10:00 Newsletter Committee

Thursday, January 25th

- 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study

Sunday, January 28th, 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

- 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
- 10:45 Worship with Communion

Text for next Sunday - Deut. 18:15-20
1 Cor. 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Attendance: SS/ABC - 15 Worship: - 34 Online - 5

The Flowers that grace our altar this morning are provided by **Arleen Parsley "In memory of Loved Ones"**