

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

William Bolcom

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

from Psalm 27

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 God's temple.

For God will hide me in God's shelter in the day of trouble;

God will conceal me under the cover of God's tent;

God will set me high on a rock.

I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Come, let us worship God!

◆ Hymn 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you call us to place our lives in your hands and commit wholeheartedly to following you. We confess that we struggle to do so. Forgive us when we do not turn away from our own wants, let go of our safety nets, and trust that you will provide for us in all things. Increase our faith. Help us to see beyond our fears and embrace your vision for us and for the world you so love.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 71

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Sung Response



All glo - ry be to God in heaven, who un - to us the Son has given!
With all the an - gel choir re - joice, and prai - ses sing with heart and voice.

God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth

Sung Prayer for Illumination

J. S. Bach

*Blessed Jesus, at your word
We have come again to hear you;
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
And in glowing faith be near you.
By your gospel true and holy,
Teach us, Lord, to love you solely.*

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

OT p. 600
Carolyn Kelly

Second Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

NT p. 3

Sermon

A Call to Adventure

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**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!"
Amen.**

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Offertory

Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come

Healey Willan

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations, sing praises all ye people!
For God's merciful kindness is great toward us,
And the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Alleluia!

◆ Presentation of the Offering

HS 81

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor to God's name.**

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving

**O God, through the offering of these gifts, may we become a more open people —
open-minded in hearing your Word and wisdom, open-hearted in mending a broken
world, open-handed in answering your call to service, justice, and enacted love. With
thanks for all good gifts, we present to you a portion of our blessings and the whole of
ourselves. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 295

Go to the World!

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◆ Charge and Benediction

◆ Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Postlude

Puer nobis nascitur

Jean-Francois Dandrieu

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are given by Jim and Wendy Craig in thankfulness for their family.

What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, January 22

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary,

followed by the Annual Congregation Meeting and lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 26

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Saturday, January 28

10 a.m. Westminster Walkers, meet at the church front parking lot

Sunday, January 29

Souper Bowl Collection Ends

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Youth Group meet in Rite 13 for Souper Bowl results and lunch,
followed by bowling (pick up at Bowling Alley)

12:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Upper Lounge

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