

### To Our Visitors

We welcome you and hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome among us. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

#### Prayer needs

Patty, asthma symptoms  
Brenda and co-worker Pat, very long work hours, for sustaining grace  
Rob, homeless in FL, depressed  
Karen's sister's son, John, Down's, for gov't compassion for insurance, etc.  
Rosie, Linda's daughter, grieving  
Ed, for mobility with less pain  
Jen, for healing of ankle, mobility  
Emilee, for employment  
Marie J, for employment ad comfort  
Marcus Liew, for restoration of vision  
Kay, continued faith, poor prognosis  
Maureen, dear friend of Lisa  
Jean, friend of Cheri, breast cancer  
Nancy, Bunny's daughter, shingles  
Brenda for wisdom to start a Bible study at her job

#### Prayer needs

Benita for normal blood counts, and encouragement  
Glad, in rehab, getting stronger  
Nancy H. for continued strength  
Bunny for continued strength  
Bryan, nephew of Terras family, cancer diagnosis  
Lance and Sue, Isles family with cancers  
Krystal's friend, Lolita, esophageal cancer  
Karen's friend, home alone after back surgery  
Sean's aunt, fresh grief, his uncle died recently  
Noah, age 14, grandson of Isles, extended family conflict  
Lisa, Pastor's niece, newly discovered cancers  
Donna's family, Dan, heart surgery, slow recovery  
Pastor Scott McKee  
Former member, Judy V. and family in FL, recurrent cancer  
Janet Evans, in AZ, confusion  
College students for continuing faith and clear witness  
Pray for strength for caregivers in families of the ill  
Pray for our military as they serve in dangerous places  
Andrew, son of Craig, deployed to Qatar

#### Thank you for your faithful giving.

January giving was \$12,603.

Please continue to pray for our ministry partners in other countries being impacted by war. Pray for safety and creative ways to spread the Gospel in difficult times.

#### Heidelberg Catechism Q. 11: But isn't God merciful?

A. God is certainly merciful but he is also just. His justice demands that sins, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty—eternal punishment of body and soul.



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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power (Page 8-9)

#### † Call to Worship (Psalm 51:10-17)

Pastor: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**People: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**People: Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Pastor: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

**Unison: My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God will not despise.**

#### † Hymn: Holy, Holy , Holy (Page 7)

#### † Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

† Standing as you are able

**First Scripture Readings**

Reader: Donna Whiting

**2 Peter 1:16-21 Responsive**

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

<sup>17</sup> **He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."**

<sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup> **We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.**

<sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**Psalm 137 Responsive**

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept  
when we remembered Zion.

<sup>2</sup> There on the poplars  
we hung our harps,

<sup>3</sup> for there our captors asked us for songs,  
our tormentors demanded songs of joy;  
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

**How can we sing the songs of the LORD  
while in a foreign land?**

<sup>5</sup> **If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
may my right hand forget its skill.**

<sup>6</sup> **May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you,**

**if I do not consider Jerusalem  
my highest joy.**

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## **Tell Me the Old, Old Story**

Remember, LORD, what the Edomites did  
on the day Jerusalem fell.

“Tear it down,” they cried,  
“tear it down to its foundations!”

<sup>8</sup> Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction,  
happy is the one who repays you  
according to what you have done to us.

<sup>9</sup> Happy is the one who seizes your infants  
and dashes them against the rocks.

**This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God**

### **† Gloria Patri**

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.

**† Hymn: Tell Me the Old, Old Story (Page 10)**

### **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: In the Bleak Mid-Winter**

**arr: Yuta Sugano**

### **Doxology**

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.

## Second Scripture Readings

### 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 Responsive

<sup>6</sup> God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you <sup>7</sup> and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.

<sup>8</sup> **He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might <sup>10</sup> on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.**

This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

### 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 Responsive

<sup>6</sup> In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. <sup>7</sup>

**For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you.**

<sup>9</sup> We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

<sup>11</sup> **We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busy-bodies. <sup>12</sup> Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. <sup>13</sup> And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.**

<sup>14</sup> Take special note of anyone who does not obey our instruction in this letter. Do not associate with them, in order that they may feel ashamed. <sup>15</sup> Yet do not regard them as an enemy, but warn them as you would a fellow believer.

<sup>16</sup> **Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.**

<sup>17</sup> I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand, which is the distinguishing mark in all my letters. This is how I write.

<sup>18</sup> **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.**

## The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power-2

**The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power-1**

**This is the Word of the Lord**

Thanks be to God

**Sermon: Get Moving**

Dr. James N. McGuire

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

(See page 6 for litany)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**† Hymn: Onward, Christian Soldiers (Page 11)**

**Responsive Litany (1 Corinthians 1:4-9)**

Pastor: I always thank my God for you because of his grace given to you in Christ Jesus.

**People: For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.**

Pastor: Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

**People: He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Unison: God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Benediction**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

**Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire**

**Musician: Yuta Sugano**

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

### **The Apostle's Creed (Unison)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7)**

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are proved right when you speak  
and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;  
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

### **Receiving the Elements of the Lord's Supper**