

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

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
Marcus Liew, for restoration of vision
Kay, continued faith, poor prognosis
Maureen, dear friend of Lisa
Jean, friend of Cheri, breast cancer
Lydia, (teen) & family, emotional health
Justin, wisdom re: job
Rev. Shiv for encouragement
Judy Carr's sister-in-law, near death
Linda S: for improved health, joy
Our children's Sunday school teachers
Sean's God-daughter, Brittany.

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Giving on February 25: \$4,850
Giving to February: \$16,220

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 15. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?
A. He must be truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, he must also be true God.

Prayer needs

Father of Mike (Annette) Mathers, in hospice care
Father of Lisa Lochrie, in hospice care
Benita, for continued normal blood counts
Glad, home, getting stronger
Bunny for continued strength
Bryan, nephew of Terras family, cancer diagnosis
Lance and Sue, Isles family with cancers
Krystal's friend, Lolita, esophageal cancer
Noah, age 14, success in his work
Lisa, Pastor's niece, multiple cancers
Donna's family, Dan, heart surgery, slow recovery
Pastor Scott McKee
Janet Evans, in AZ, deterioration in health
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
Rene, age 53, breast cancer
Father of Xavier, released from prison, for healthy relationship with his son.
Brenda's friend Erin, for faith in loss of her father
Family (3 members) of Carolyn K, health issues

Pray for our elders and deacons as they serve the Lord in their various capacities, that they would have the mind of Christ in all decisions and ministry.



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Gathering Song: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (Page 6)

† Call to Worship (Psalm 105:1-5a, 45b)

Pastor: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Pastor: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Pastor: Remember the wonders he has done.

Unison: Praise the Lord!

† Hymn: In My Heart There Rings a Melody (page 7)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings

Today's Reader: Justin Isles

Luke 6:27-36 Responsive

²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Romans 13:8-10 Unison

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

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.

Announcements and Reminders

Next Sunday, March 10, will be the return to Daylight Savings Time.

As Easter approaches, you will want to be aware of these special days in the church calendar:

Palm Sunday, March 24, celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Tenebrae Service on Thursday, March 28, at 6 pm. This service reminds us of the suffering of our Lord and is full of scripture and song. Also known as a Service of Shadows.

Easter is March 31, and we rejoice together in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Come and join in the joy of this day.

Beginning next Sunday, you will be able to order Easter Lilies for display in the sanctuary. Cost is \$10.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Like a River Glorious

Guest Pianist: Ariel Mills

† 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

1 Corinthians 13 Responsive

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ **Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.**

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

¹¹ **When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.**

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Second Scripture Readings

Philippians 1:27—2:11 Responsive

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

²⁻¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

³ **Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.**

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature [c] of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ **Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,**

¹⁰ **that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
n heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

¹¹ **and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

O That Will Be Glory

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Happy to be Different, Part 2

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Litany on page 10

† Hymn: It Took a Miracle (Page 9)

† Responsive Litany (Romans 8:31-34)

Pastor: What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up; for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Pastor: Who will bring any charges against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

Unison: Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

In My Heart There Rings a Melody