

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM

January 22nd, 2023

² *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*
Isaiah 9:2

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

P: There is only one body and one Spirit,

L: Just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

P: One Lord, one faith, one baptism;

L: One God and father of us all,

P: Who is in all, through all, and above all.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" No. 43
"Blessed Assurance" No. 572

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, too often we believe that our hard work should earn us comfort, conveniences, and control. Too often, we rely on our own abilities to craft and maintain a life independent from You. Forgive us. More than anything else in the world, we need You! May we be poor in spirit that by Your Spirit we might receive the Kingdom of God, through Christ our Lord, Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** "Gloria Patri"

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"I'm Living in His Love"

Choir

***OFFERING RESPONSE:**

"Doxology"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 53:3-6

ANTHEM

"Joy of the Lord"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:24-2:5

SERMON

"The Hope of Glory"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

***Those who are able please stand.**



Ushers:

Welcome Desk: Autumn Moore

Liturgist: Roger Wolfe

Greeters: Connie Lamb

Fellowship Hour: Lori McCann

Child Care: Haley Holtgraver

<u><i>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</i></u>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
	1-3 PM	Club 35 @ Skate Castle
	3:30 PM	Youth Group
Monday:	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	5 PM	Agape Feast
January 29th:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School

AGAPE FEAST-Join us this Wednesday, January 25th at 5:00 for this month's community dinner.

MOM'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY- Will begin on February 5th after church and will be doing Gather Moms study by Jenny Worsham. "What if you could be more intentional with the time gifted to you in raising your children? The days are long, but the years are short." See Katie Schultz (724-504-8670) for more information. There is a signup sheet in the Library.

SKI TRIP- Our annual church ski trip will be February 25th at Peek N' Peak. We have reserved a private room. Rentals and group rate tickets are available. A signup sheet is in the Library.

CLUB 35- Club 35 will be going to Skate Castle today from 1-3 PM.

YOUTH GROUP- Youth Group will meet today January 22nd at 3:30 PM at the church.

CONFIRMATION CLASS- We will be having a confirmation class this spring for 5th grade and up. Please see Pastor Mike for more details. There is a signup sheet in the Library.

VOICE- VOICE will not be accepting donations for the months of January and February.

YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS- Are available in the Library for pickup. Call the office with any questions or concerns. Please let us know if we need to mail your statement.

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