

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 4th, 2024

10:00 AM

¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:15-17

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: As we gather here in Your presence O God

P: We feel the Holy Spirit descend upon us

L: And as we give You praise and worship this morning

P: We join our brothers and sisters around the world to proclaim that You are our Lord and Savior.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

“In the Garden”

No. 635

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and ever-loving God, You tend to our every need and watch over us without fail, yet we take your gifts for granted. All too often we think that we have earned what we have and that we deserve the gifts You give us. We are jealous of what other people possess and think that we deserve more than we have. We allow our love for worldly possessions to overshadow our love for You. Have mercy on us Lord for we are weak and are easily deceived into thinking that it is our possessions that are the measure of success. Lord, forgive our near-sightedness and help us to be the disciples that you expect us to be. Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Behold the Lamb”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Doxology”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:15-20

ANTHEM

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 38:1-7

SERMON

“Where Were You?”

Tim Rausch

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

*HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

No. 460

COMMUNION

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

No. 621

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Sue Freund, Debbie Rose, Cindy Palladino, & Tina Cygan **Greeters:** Autumn Moore

Welcome Desk: Pam Greb

Fellowship Hour: Nancy Rettig

Liturgist: Steve Franklin

Child Care: Sarah Murtha

<u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship & Communion
	11 AM	Sunday School
	6-8 PM	Youth Group
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
	6:30 PM	Deacon/Trustee Meeting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	7 PM	Choir
Saturday:	9 AM	Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Cafe
February 11th:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
	11 AM	Care Team Meeting
	12-2 PM	Youth Group

Ash Wednesday Service- We invite you to join us on Wednesday, February 14th for our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM as we gather for a reflective night of worship.

Faith & Fellowship Nights- Mark your calendars, as we will host Faith & Fellowship Night during Lent, beginning Wednesday, Feb 21st with dinner served at 5:30 and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7. **We will need volunteers to help with the dinners and the children's program. Sign up sheets are located in the Library.**

Souper Bowl Food Drive- Today is the last day we will be collecting items for the food drive. We would like to thank everyone who has already donated. The Youth Group will be shopping this evening with the monetary donations they have received.

Meridian Care Team- Will meet next Sunday, February 11th following worship in Parker Hall.

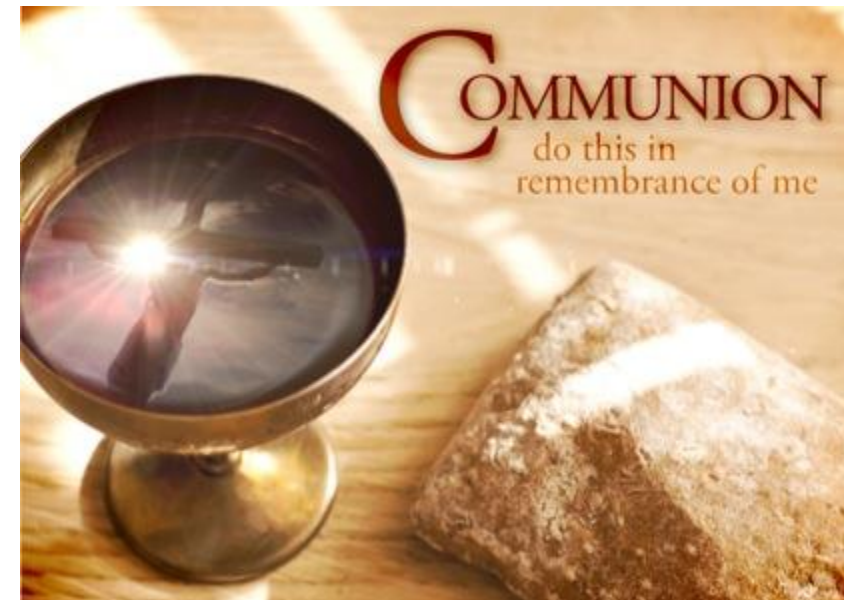
Alice Gilliland Fund – If you are planning on sending your children to camp this summer, the Church has scholarships available. Please see the Church office for scholarship forms and more information.

Lowri House Stuffed Animal Drive- We will be collecting new and gently used stuffed animals through Feb 11th to help kids in emergency situations. They will be given to advocacy homes, police stations, ambulances, the Red Cross, and other responders who might encounter children in need. There is a box in the Narthex.

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