

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

11:00 am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #346BB "Pass Me Not" *Dr. Renee Huff*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT #332 "Give Me Thy Heart" *Dr. Renee Huff*

WORDS OF PRAISE **Psalm 147:1-5** *Eddie Homes*

How good it is to sing praises to our God; for the Lord is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; God gathers the outcasts of Israel.

God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

The Lord determines the number of the stars; God gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; God's understanding is beyond measure.

Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN #834 "Precious Lord"

*OPENING PRAYER *Eddie Homes*

Merciful God, forgive us for hoarding your blessings and not sharing them with others. We keep silent when a word is needed, and we speak when silence is the right course.

Our hands remain idle and clean, when they should be busy working with your people.

Our hearts remain distant from your call to love one another.

Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, empower us. Make us bold disciples who graciously and authentically share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in our words and our actions throughout this world.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE** *Eddie Homes*

The good news: we are who God has made us, created and
born again in Christ Jesus for good works, which God
predestined to be our way of life.
Believe this good news! We have been saved. We have been
redeemed. We have been forgiven.
Alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Eddie Homes*

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #796** "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"
Dr. Renee Huff

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 1:29-39** *Rev. Jeff Binder*

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Clarity of Purpose" *Rev. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #796** "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

CALL TO OFFERING *Rev. Jeff Binder*

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #606** *Old Hundredth*

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymnal #559

Lord's Prayer

Hymnal pg. 35

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

*CLOSING HYMN #835 "Just a Closer Walk"

*BLESSING & SENDING Galatians 5:13-14 *Rev. Jeff Binder*

We were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,

but through love, may we become servants to one another.

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

We shall love our neighbors as ourselves.

Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE #348BB "He Touched Me" *Dr. Renee Huff*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC GROUPS BEGIN The first day of choir rehearsals will be Tuesday, February 6 from 5:30-6:30pm, and the handbell choir will begin that same night from 7-8pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome, even if you can't read music. Note: There will be no music rehearsals on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (when Session and other meetings occur).

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE Our Ash Wednesday worship service will take place on February 14 at 5:30pm in the chapel.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place Sunday, February 25, immediately after worship. The Annual Report, the 2024 annual budget, and the results of the *Conversations* assessment will be presented.

After the meeting, we will have a light lunch of chili and cornbread. The congregation is asked to provide desserts. There will also be a town hall meeting. Please RSVP to Heidi at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704 if you plan to attend.

SACKS OF LOVE has been pushed back to Monday, February 12.

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Healing and comfort for Ann Ashworth and family upon the passing of her husband, Bill.; Anne (friend of Scott & Sharon Wilson); the family of Linda Riley Hickey, who passed away suddenly; Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; Karen Shipsted & Angela Pumpry (friends of Robin Knott); Charlie Obaugh; Natalie Dodge; Sherry von Oeyen; Alan Obaugh; Justin Tate; Anjie Wronko
Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.

Elders

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Sam Clem, Discipleship
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Barbara Richardson, Congregational Life

Class of 2025

Stephany Morgan, Missions & Outreach
Bret Ritchie, Administration
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