

CHURCH LIFE

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE First Sunday After Epiphany

January 7, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude: As With Gladness Men of Old Rita Pittman

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jonathon Kosec

* Call to Worship

We use the responsive reading #928 this morning. All join in the bold print, Pastor reads the light print.

* Hymn # 317. "Beautiful Savior"

* Invocation

Offering Jesus, Lover of My Soul

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson Mark 1: 4-11 Hal Bates

Today's Message: "The Spirit's Presence" Rev. Kosec

Hymn # 194. "Arise, Your Light is Come!"

Prayers of the Church

- A Moment of Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

- Invitation to the Supper
- Words of Institution
- Prayer of Consecration
- Distribution of the Bread and the Cup
- The Communion Charge

* Closing Hymn # 676 "Go, My Children "

* Benediction

Postlude: Shine, Jesus Shine Rita Pittman

* You may choose to stand or remain seated.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a special prayer request this morning, let Pastor Jon know before worship begins and it will be included. Thank you.

Norma Goodwin

Kathy Harold

Joe Adkins as he struggles with Alzheimers

Barb Adkins as she is giving care to Joe

Jan Nichols

Pat Williamson

Those struggling with debilitating diseases

COVID IS STILL WITH US! Covid has once again reared its ugly head and we know that several members of our congregation presently have it. It goes without saying, but we will-- If you have Covid or been exposed to Covid, please follow accepted guidelines, and remain at home for the 7-10 days of testing. It might be well that if you do attend services during the first 10 days after exposure you would please wear a mask. You could have dealt with it easily but not everyone else might do the same. There are people at church still living with the results of long Covid and we want to keep everyone as safe as possible.

WELCOME TO YOU ALL: We are happy you chose to be with us this morning! Please be certain you sign our attendance sheets on the rear table before you leave. In our celebration of Communion this morning, all are invited to share. We distribute each element and all join in partaking them at the same time.

FOOD DONATIONS - Next Sunday is the food collection for the Salvation Army. Any and all canned foods and dry goods will be appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

BRUNCH WITH OUR MISSIONARY: Our missionary Erika Clauson will be our guest next Sunday. After the service, please join us at the Venezia for brunch. We will have the sign-up sheets at the back table.

Flower Arranging: Are you interested in flower arranging? part-time, maybe once a month or even less! It's completely up to you....and you don't have to be a perfectionist If you'd like to give it a try, please. contact Nan McCleerey at church or call 941-445-3769.

Scripture Reading
New Living Translation

This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.

John announced: "Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!"

One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him^[b] like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy."

BIRTHDAYS

Joanne Hamilton 1/9, Nicki Landau 1/12, Richard Lewis 1/12

ANNIVERSARY

Dennis & Laurie Plamer 1/12,

Head Usher: George Alexander

Usher/Greeters:

George Alexander, Hal Bates, Bob Rowles, Lou Rossi

Attendance Last Week: 61

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