

Service for the Lord’s Day
January 25, 2025
Third Sunday After Epiphany
Preparation

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE “Flute Solo and Gigue” (Hwv 598 & 599) G. F. Handel

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Ree Dillon

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Alice Smith

INTROIT “We Have Seen” R. Steven Branyon
(We have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him, Alleluia!)

† CALL TO WORSHIP
In the sea of life’s daily stress and strife,
in the struggle to keep our heads above the waves,
Jesus calls us from the shore:
“Follow me, and be fishers of people!”
God gathers us into new boats
built with room for friend and stranger.
“Follow me, and use your gifts with purpose.
Follow me, and build abundant life.”
We will be weavers of community, architects of justice, gardeners of
peace.
Let us worship the Lord!

† HYMN 804 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (v.1-5) Marion

† CALL TO CONFESSION
Christ calls us to follow, knowing that we are human. Jesus knows we are not perfect. He knows we will not always get it right. All he asks is that we try, learn, and try again. Let us go to God, telling how we have tried and failed, that God may teach us what we must learn.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats.We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Behold the Good News: Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us. Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve, let us answer Christ’s call.
Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us. Thanks be to God!

† ACT OF PRAISE 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

† PASSING OF THE PEACE
May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**
As God’s forgiven people, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

Proclamation

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Alice Smith
(Ages 3yr old-2nd Grade may go to Little Disciples)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 27:1, 4-9

ANTHEM “I Heard The Voice Of Jesus” arr. Lloyd Larson

(I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come now and follow me. Lay down your earthly cares, “ he said, “and I will set you free,” I came to Jesus as I was; I had no gifts to bring. He took my stubborn will, my pride and taught my heart to sing! I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, come now and drink, and live.” I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live for Him. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light; Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.” I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun; And in that light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:12-23

MESSAGE “God’s Promise of Ministry” Rev. Nick Setzer

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “Apostle’s Creed” pg. 35

† HYMN 720 “Jesus Calls Us” (v.1-4) Galilee

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY 606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.

† HYMN 838 “Standing on the Promises” (v.1-4) Promises

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION “Arise, Shine” R. Steven Branyon
(Arise, shine; for thy light has come.)

† POSTLUDE “Trumpet Tune is C” Henry Purcell
(from the Baroque Opera “Bonduca”)

Handel, Mozart and Haydn all composed for musical clocks which were especially popular in the 18th century. These musical clocks can still be found in many castles throughout Europe. Behind the face of these decorative clocks, there were often small to medium pipe organs that on the hour, half hour and quarter hour would play rolls of music. Figurines would appear, visually entertaining the eye while the music entertained the ear. When these rolls were later studied in the 20th century,, it gave the musicologists an idea of these composers' keyboard technique. Often the composers recorded these rolls themselves. It was then we were reminded of the technique of non-legato playing as a standard for early music. These musical clocks also symbolized to all who viewed or heard them of both the divine order and of our mortality. We are only allotted so much time on this earth, and we must choose to use it as wisely as possible.

Ladies’ Revelation Bible Study Resumes

The Ladies’ Bible Study of the book of Revelation has resumed after the holidays. We will meet at 6:00pm each Monday.

The 2026 flower calendar is open. Anyone who would like to (sponsor) the flowers during the coming year please contact Ree Dillon at 803-526-1098. January, February, March & May are taken.

SUMMER OF 2026 DATES FOR MONTREAT CONFERENCES ARE SET!
Youth Conference at Montreat July 11-18 (9th-12th)
Middle School Conference at Maryville College July 15th-19th (6th-8th)
Please put these dates on your calendars for next summer now! We have lots of youth who are eligible to go!

SPRING FAMILY RETREAT AT MONTREAT!
March 13, 14, 15, 2026

This is a great opportunity for our church family to enjoy the outdoors, fellowship, spiritual renewal and sharing together. Watch for more information soon, but put the dates on your calendar now!

The confirmation class and youth will meet twice a month for the next 5 months. They have a meal at their meetings. If anyone in the church would like to prepare supper or contribute money for a supper, please contact Alice or Molly. There are usually 14-20 youth and adults at these meetings. Thanks for your help in advance!

The church children ages 3 years old up through 5th grade will host a “Valentines with Grandparents” on Sunday, February 15th immediately following worship. Parents please give Alice a list of guests by Friday, February 6th. It will be a special time for all! We will have great food, games, fun & laughter.

Also, on February 22nd at 6pm, our Youth will host an “Adopt-a-Grandparent Love Supper” Watch for more details to follow.

SAVE THE DATES FOR VBS....JUNE 22-25

Please notify the church office if your address, email or phone has changed over the last year. Thanks!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here and hope that you'll experience God's love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God's peace be with you.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

All caregivers, Justin Snipes (son of Melissa & Patrick Young & grandson of Micky & Joe Howe), Matt Bozarth (Friend of Leigh Dayton) that is suffering from a rare cancer), Wayne McCormick, Jr.(surgery), Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Leigh Dayton, Shane Vickery (friend of Jake Walden) Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Martin Foster, Jim Ballard (Brother in law of Ann Lee), Lillian Carlisle (daughter of Jane Hiott Carlisle), Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman), Jackson (friend of the Waldens), Bill Herron(Leukemia),Donna Jo McKinney Ferrell and Jane McKinney Bolin (have cancer, they are nieces of Brenda Brandon), Lauren Bolin (niece of Terri Bratton) had twins, the twins are doing well and are being moved to progressive care , Chip Lee (father of Bethany James), Rebecca Byrd (preschool teacher, broke her leg), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom) recovering from broken hip, Randy Street (son in law of Jane Ratliff heart transplant), Jim Bolduc, Lorraine Stewart, Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), Linda Lee (sister in law of Eddie & Ann Lee injured in auto accident), Cynthia Brown-Stalling (heart attack) and family of Gayle Sebastian.

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Barbara & Bob Falls, Jane Spratt & Martin Foster

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in memory of Ron McAfee and Bill Garrison by Midge & Jane.

LITTLE DISCIPLES	NURSERY
Jan. 25th Chris Zesiger	Jan. 25th Susan Hill
Feb. 1st Liz Ann Hill	Feb. 1st Jenny Hill
ACOLYTES	CROSSBEARER
Jan. 25th Mackenna Zesiger/James Caveny	Tallon Zesiger
Feb. 1st Aubrey/Ryleigh Walden	Rhodes Hill

Enrollment for current preschool students and church members is underway. Public enrollment begins February 2nd.

Book club will meet February 10th at 6:30 to discuss our book, "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. Please come for fun and fellowship!

SET UP FOR HEARING AIDS TO CONNECT TO SANCTUARY AUDIO

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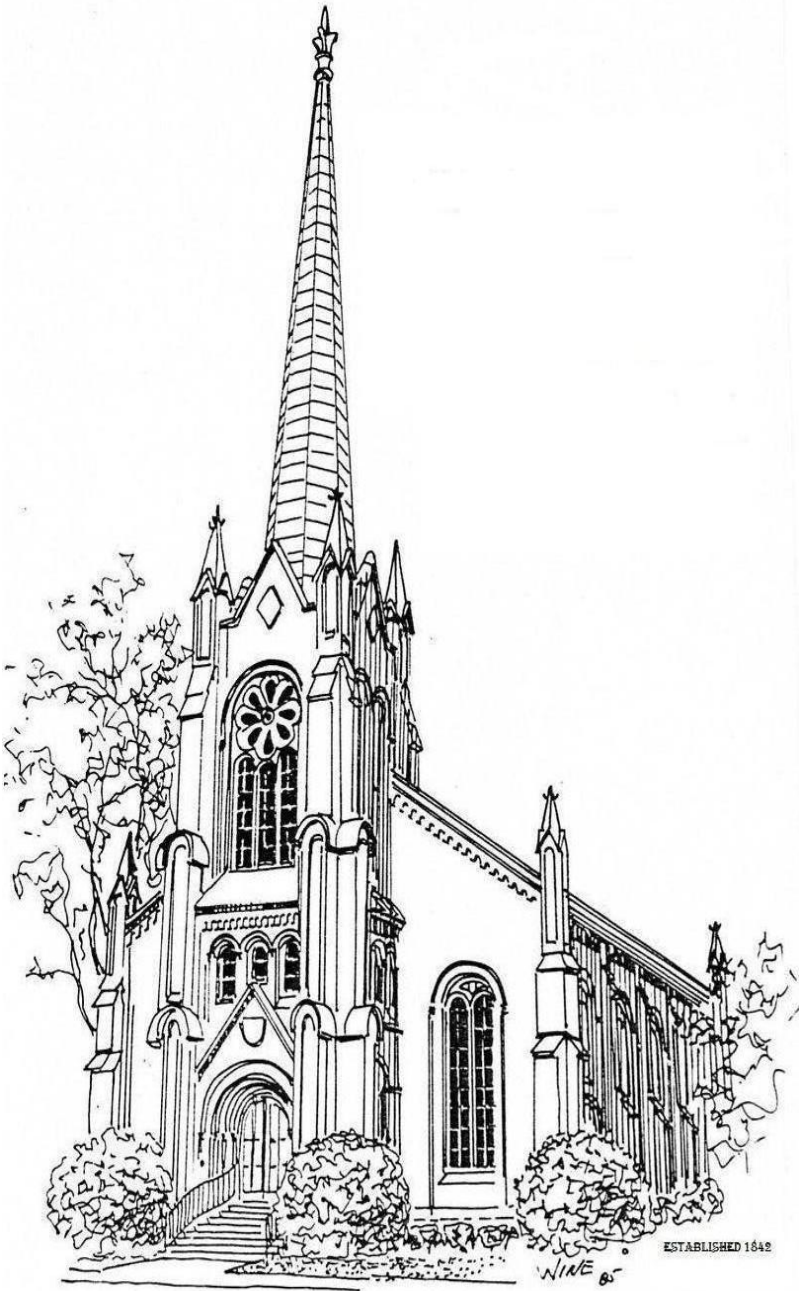
CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	1-25	10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Basketball Practice 5:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Youth
Mon.	1-26	5:00pm-8:30pm Basketball Practice 6:00pm Ladies Bible Study 8:00pm AA
Tues.	1-27	7:45am Sr. Highs at Southern Touch 12:15pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm Theology
Wed.	1-28	10:00am Acts Study 6:00pm Choir 8:00pm AA
Thur.	1-29	5:00-8:30pm Basketball Practice
Fri.	1-30	Basketball Biddy Und 7..@ Tirzah ARP 7pm Basketball Biddy 8 & 9..@ St. Johns UMC 7:30pm
Sat.	1-31	GYM IN USE Basketball Mite Boys..@ Mt. Holly MC 10am & 12 noon Basketball Girls 13 & Und.....TBD
Sun.	2-1	10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship

ELDERS		
CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027	CLASS OF 2028
Melissa Allman Christopher Black Liz Ann Hill Debbie Lowe	Ronnie Bailes David Dickson Eddie Lee Neil McWhorter Angie Pratt Tom Setzler	Rick Beard Pete Carroll Jenny Hill Sonya Kent Donna Langford Lynn Leake
DEACONS		
CLASS OF 2026 Jamie Caveny Jay Leake Shawn Jarrett Jake Walden		
TRUSTEES		
CLASS OF 2026 John Hiott, Sr.	CLASS OF 2027 Anna Templeton	CLASS OF 2028 Pat Holman

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