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The Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

February 5, 2023

5th Sunday after Epiphany



PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Please take this time to fill out the attendance register located at the end of your pew.

PRELUDE “Reflections” Edward Broughton

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let your light shine!

We are the salt of the earth.

Let your light shine!

We are the light of the world.

Let your light shine!

Praise the Lord for the gifts that God has given us!

Let your light shine!

Let us Worship Our God!

***GATHERING HYMN GTG #408** “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Into this space we bring our weights and burdens—
the things we have done or not done, said or not said.

Trusting in God’s mercy,

let us lay down those burdens before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform righteousness; we go to church, we donate, we volunteer, but we care more about how we are seen than our



Community Cares for Homeless Shelter.

The first Sunday of each month the deacons are collecting items for the Community Cares Family Shelter. You may leave items in the boxes at the entrances at any time.

Toiletries, cleaning supplies, dry/canned goods, children’s snacks or paper products are needed by the families.

New items needed: bedding for 7 Full and 38 Twin beds, as well as towels (bath, washcloths, and hand towels.)



Sign-up sheets for the after-worship fellowship luncheon are located in the narthex and the lobby. Please join us next Sunday, February 12, after the service!



Session has called a Congregational/Corporation meeting for **Sunday, February 19** following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to report the final Financial report for the year 2023 and Membership Statistics for the year 2022.



Stevie, Fred and family would like to thank the congregation for the prayers, cards, calls & texts received during the hospitalization and the passing of Jane Zeiters.



In the event of inclement weather, tune into ABC27 News and watch the ticker for possible closings for worship.

~~~~~ **Church Calendar** ~~~~~

Sunday, Feb 5      9:15 am Sunday School (adults & children)  
                         10:30 am Worship in person and online  
                                         Puppet Ministry

Tuesday, Feb 7      7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 1 6:30 pm Chancel Choir  
                         7:30 pm Handbell Choir

Sunday, Feb 12    9:15 am Sunday School (adults & children)  
                         10:30 am Worship in person and online  
                                         **Fellowship Luncheon to follow**



**Greeters are needed for 2023!**

Please contact Kathy Palmer at (717) 977-7863 or sign up in the narthex to schedule a Sunday as a greeter!



The **Designated Communion Offering for the month of February** will go to the **Therapy Dog Program**. Jared and Carrie Krebs will be housing and caring for a therapy dog in their home somewhere within the year.

They are asking for financial support to be able to bring the dog into their home. The dog will be used at the Shippensburg Middle School for trauma crisis for students in the school as well as in individual classrooms, as needed. Please consider contributing to this very worthy program during the month of February. If you have any questions concerning the program, feel free to talk with Jared or Carrie at (717) 578-0887.

**faithfulness to you.**

**We show off our piousness, instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources with those in the most need. Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves, and teach us your way, the way that leads to justice and peace.**

**TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Beloved, hear the good news:  
When we cry for help, God says, "Here I am!"  
When we ask for mercy,  
God grants it freely, longing for a closer walk with us.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**\*HYMN GTG #581 "Glory Be to the Father"**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**ANTHEM** "Be Strong in the Lord" by Michael Barrett

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOD'S WORD WRITTEN** Luke 5:1-11

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED** At Sea with the Savior:  
Part 2 "Becoming True Fishers"

**\*HYMN GtG #501** "Jesus I Have Promised" (Insert)

**THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY** "Jesus is Coming Again" arr. Fred Bock

**DOXOLOGY**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN GtG #649** "Amazing Grace"

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Festival March" Robert J. Powell

Pastor is Rev. **Edward H. Blank.**

Liturgist is **Kemper Dyson.**

Elder of the Week is **Quay Stolt.**

Greeter is **Gilda Blank.**

Usher is **Ray Staver.**

Acolyte is **Troy Porter.**

Organist is **Ingrid Winckler.**

Nursery Coordinator is **Brenda Varner.**

Deacon of the Month is **Judy Heberlig.**



The beautiful flowers gracing our sanctuary today are given by Joyce Russell and Ken and Joe Weller in memory of **Dick, Shirley and Ray Weller and Anna Mae Cramer.**



This week we pray for **Christ Presbyterian Church** in Camp Hill in our Presbytery cycle of prayer, **Ebenezer Church of God** in local churches and **Lirio de los Valles Presbyterian Church** in Comayagua, Honduras.

~~~~~ *Joys and Concerns* ~~~~~

This Week's prayer concerns: Sympathy to Don Cover on the passing of his brother-in-law Glenn on January 26. Bob Harper was admitted to the hospital after suffering a mild TIA (transient ischemic attack). Pray for Pavlo, Konstantin, and his family in Ukraine.

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

Deb Arnold and Trystan, Vi Barr, Rev. Bill Beck, John Benkovic, Sally Boden, Chaplain Thomas Bruce, Michael Chamberlin, Mark Clever, Peg Corwin, Jack Diehl, Linda Dickinson, Priscilla Donahue, Dottie Reese, Daryl Fletcher, Susan (Harper) Gilmore, Michael Harglerode, Bob Harper, Dave and Donna Hartman, Al and Arlene Keer, Maury Mahan, Jax, Pat Mogan, Briana Nunez, Larry Ocker, Troy and Megan Porter, Ken Raymond, Alfreda Reed, Susan and Greg Riggs, Randy Rojtowicz, Lestine and Mike Sayles, Jim Stroup, Warren and Janelle Yeager.