

January 16, 2022 Second Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Call to Worship (Proverbs 31, Psalm 1, James 3)

Leader: Who is wise and understanding among us?

People: Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God's law.

Leader: Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

People: O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels! We draw near to you.

*Hymn of Praise Celebration Hymnal No. 33
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Prayer of Invocation

**We ask for your wisdom, O God,
not the earthly wisdom
that we hear and see every day.
Let your understanding
flow through our lives like a stream,
so that we may bear the good fruits
of welcome and compassion.
Teach us that our true dignity
is found in honoring you
by serving others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

Scripture James 3:14-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

Special Music Ann Traver Saadah

Sermon *Wise Words vs. Wicked Words* Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Celebration Hymnal No. 648

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.*

*Hymn of Going Forth *O Lord, You're Beautiful* Celebration Hymnal No. 643

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Make Us One
Make us one Lord, make us one
Holy Spirit, make us one
Let our love flow, so the world will know
We are one in you; we are one in you.

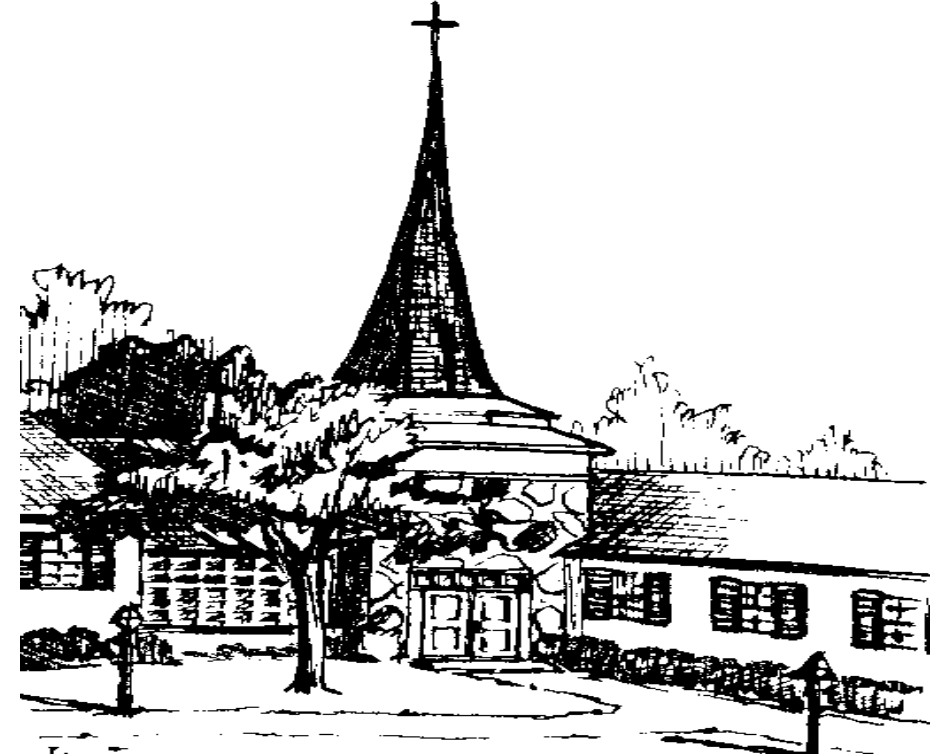
Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

WELCOME!

Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.



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