

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

11:00 A.M.

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TOGETHER

PRELUDE "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" J. Biery

INTROIT "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" No. 744, v. 1

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and learn the ways of life.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and learn the ways of life.

We have come to be the body of Christ gathered in worship.

*HYMN NO. 756 "O God of Every Nation" *LLANGLOFFAN*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In this season of light, Revealing God, we find ourselves wandering in the shadows of the world. In this time when we focus on Jesus' ministry of healing, we hold tight to all those emotions – hatred, fear, worry – which continue to damage us. In these days when we are invited to listen to Jesus' teachings, we confess it is easier to hear the seductive words of sin.

Forgive us, Resurrecting God, for trusting in promises which are short-lived, rather than in your Word which endures forever. You have sent Jesus before us so that, as we follow him, we might travel from that far country of fear and doubt to that better country of resurrection life. (silent prayers of confession) And all God's people say, **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Take delight in the good news, dear friends. Salvation is from our God, who restores us to new life.

God chooses to be gracious; God longs to give us our heart's desires; God provides healing and hope to all. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE *"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you!"*

*SONG OF PRAISE "Gloria, Gloria" No. 583

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" R. Farrant
Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive what is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee a now and evermore.

GATHERING "Where Children Belong"

**This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Amy Parker

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 45:3-11 and Luke 6:27-38

SERMON "Loving our Enemies" Dr. Todd Wright

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*HYMN NO. 661 "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" *SPARROW*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" J. Biery

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

The prelude is based on Hymn No. 377.

*Worshippers may stand as able.

Leader: Plain text
People: Bold text

The Call to Worship is from a prayer written by BJ Beu for *Ministry Matters*. The Confession and Pardon are based on prayers by Thom Shuman.

We pour water into the Baptismal bowl as a reminder that we are washed clean of all our sins.

The offertory is based on Hymn No. 817

We conclude worship with the Postlude. Those who leave during the postlude are requested to do so quietly and respectfully.

If you would like to give flowers to celebrate a special day or person, please contact Mary Howard.



STAFF

Rev. Dr. Todd Wright
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Amy Parker
Minister of Education
and the Arts
Carolyn Perrine
Organist

Mary Howard
Secretary

Dionne Canterbury
Children's Choir Dir.

Sharon Curnutte
Choir Director Emeritus

SESSION

Class of 2019

Cindy Hanna
Noah Lawson
Angie Price
Jim Smith
Chuck Stump

Class of 2020

Jack Grimm
Kathy Kruk
Peggy Palmer
Patty Skaff

Class of 2021

Heather Barry
Greg Rader
Sarah Stump
Barbara Tabaretti

Clerk of Session

Rose Ann Walker

TRUSTEES

Don Parker '19
Richard Callard '20
John France '21

*HYMN NO. 816 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Go with Us Lord" No. 748

**Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That with your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

*POSTLUDE "If Thou but Trust in God" J. S. Bach

GREETERS: *Greeters before Worship:* Jack and Sheila Grimm *Greeter after Worship:* Greg Rader and Kathy Kruk

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, Rev. Dr. Amy Parker; Carolyn Perrine, *organist*; Don Parker, *guitarist*

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Jessica Gentry and Rachel Stump

FLOWERS: The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God!

THIS SUNDAY, February 24, 2019

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday School
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Worship Team)
- + 12:30 PM – Sabbatical team in the library

THIS WEEK

- + Monday, February 25, 9:30 AM - Bridge
- + Monday, February 25, 5 PM – Tai Chi
- + Tuesday, February 26, 10 AM – AARP Taxes
- + Tuesday, February 26, 7 PM - Choir
- + Wednesday, February 27, 11:30 AM – Bridge
- + Wednesday, February 28 - NEWSLETTER
- + Thursday, February 28, 10 AM – AARP Taxes
- + Friday, March 1, 7 PM – NA Meeting
- + Saturday, March 2, 10 AM – AARP Taxes

NEXT SUNDAY, March 3, 2019

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday School
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Pancakes in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Fellowship Team)

Happy Birthday Those having a birthday this week Daniel Walker, Emily Wright (25th) Kyle Blank, Sharon Curnutte (28th) Sandra Zubick (1st) Jule Sockman (3rd) If we have missed your birthday please let us know!

PRAYERS FOR: Leon and Sandra Copeland; Bob Newman; Joan Mansell; Payne Smith; Rick Skaff; Martha Foster; Lynne Gunnoe; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Glenna Adams; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel.

Those in care facilities: Sherry Russell

Those overseas: Matthew Walker

All Students

Military Service: Paul Caruso, Rich Jarrett, and John Underhill

Nyeri Presbytery: The Giaichamwenge Church in the Giakanja Parish

WV Council of Churches: WV Church Women United

Churches in the Presbytery of WV: Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg; liberty Presbyterian Church, Green Bank; Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro

Missionaries: Steve and Sonia Dettweiler

Highlights of the February 16 Presbytery meeting at Kanawha United are available in the back of the sanctuary.

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detail from the book "Love Thine Enemies"

We believe children learn to worship by being in worship, so childcare for children (infant to kindergarten) begins after the Time for Children. The adult attendants will lead children out of the sanctuary to their room in the basement of the Education wing.

Worship bags for all children are available in the Narthex (at the back of the sanctuary).

Our sanctuary is equipped with hearing assist devices. Please see one of the ushers to borrow one during the service.

This Sunday's bulletin is printed on paper that contains at least 10% recycled fiber. A receptacle for recycling paper is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

This could be an innocent picture of workers heading out into the fields, except for the soldiers in the lower left corner. The Indianola German Prisoner of War Camp is located one mile north of Indianola, NE. It is one of only a few camps that are still intact and not farmed over or destroyed. The camp was built in 1943 on 250 acres. It was designed to hold and service 3,000 prisoners in 194 frame and masonry buildings. The POWs helped harvest corn on local farms since most of the country's young men were away fighting the war.

"Village Chapel Presbyterian Church is a congregation of God's people, a lively community of faith, striving to serve God according to God's ever evolving plan; passionately seeking opportunities to reflect God's love in our everyday lives through service, humility, self-examination and reflection, study and prayer. We are called to be generous and wise stewards of our God given gifts, talents, money and earthly resources, both as individuals and as the Body of Christ. Our mission, simply stated is that we are called to love, and to serve, and to be beacons of Christ's endless love and forgiveness, spreading God's eternal light to all people."