

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 2020 11:00 AM

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TOGETHER

PRELUDE "Andante in F" W. Hall

*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

We wait patiently for our God.

We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One who calls us here.

We will not faint or give up as if we have labored in vain.

We will sing, we will sing of the One who makes us light to the nations.

We will tell of all God has done for us.

We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One whose salvation is for all.

*HYMN NO. 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are faithful, Patient God, even as we continue to live in the shadows of life. We could delight in your hopes for us, but choose to do things our way. We could serve the most vulnerable around us, but long to pal around with the powerful. We could share the glad news of deliverance, but prefer to swap stories and gossip.

There is none like you, Redeemer of all your children. You lean over to listen to our prayers, and whisper forgiveness to our souls. You lift us out of the holes we dig for ourselves, and set us on hope's solid ground. You strengthen our weak faith with the life, grace, and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior. (silent prayers of confession) And all God's people say, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come, dear friends and receive God's grace; see all that God is doing for you; follow Jesus, as he leads you closer to God.

**I will sing of God's love for me; I will sing a new song of hope and wonder.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

*SONG OF PRAISE "Glory to the Father"

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen**

TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Psalm 139" A. Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know everything I do. When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through. Before a word is on my tongue,

you know what I will say, your presence follows me day by day. Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away? If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there. Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart. See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen

GATHERING "Where Children Belong"

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN Amy Parker

SONG OF PREPARATION

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me,
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 49:1-7

SERMON "You Have A Message" Dr. Todd Wright

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Confession of 1967

God expressed his love for all mankind through Israel, whom he chose to be his covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, he disciplined the nation with his judgments and maintained his cause through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose for Israel and for mankind would be realized.

Out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

*HYMN NO. 749 "Come! Live in the Light" WE ARE CALLED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Offertory in E" T. Dubois

*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

*HYMN NO. 691 "Lord, When I Came into This Life" LAND OF REST

*BENEDICTION

*Worshippers may stand as able.

Leader: Plain text
People: Bold text

The prelude is based on Hymn No. 691, "Land of Rest."

The call to worship, 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.

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 Leslie Breinar.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, after worship.



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Rev. Dr. Todd Wright
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SESSION

Class of 2020

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Peggy Palmer
Patty Skaff
Brendan Stump

Class of 2021

Heather Barry
Greg Rader
Sarah Stump
Barbara Tabaretti

Class of 2022

Judy Haddock
Bob Hiser
Jeff Smith
Rona Smith

Clerk of Session
Rose Ann Walker

TRUSTEES

Richard Callard '20
John France '21
Nancy Wallace '22

*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 "Festival Piece on 'Marion' " G. Martin

GREETERS: *Greeters before Worship:* Rose Ann and John Walker *Greeters after Worship:* Greg Rader and Jack Grimm

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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Kathy Kruk and Vicki Cunningham

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

OFFERING COUNTERS: Don Parker and Bob Hiser

THIS SUNDAY, January 19, 2020

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday school
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

- + Monday, January 20, OFFICE CLOSED
- + Tuesday, January 21, 7 PM – Choir Practice
- + Wednesday, January 22, 11 AM – Bridge
- + Friday, January 24, 10 AM – Charleston Art Quilters; 7 PM – NA Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, January 26, 2020

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday school
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Congregational Meeting
- + 12:30 – Lenten Worship Planning Meeting

Happy Birthday **Those having a birthday this week:** Peyton Panger (22nd), Richard Callard (22nd), Peggy Cooley (26th). If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

PRAYERS FOR: Gretchen Spella, Jane Harich; Leon Copeland; Jeanne MacDonald; Peggy Palmer; Beth Chiparo; Lynn Gunnoe; Martha Foster; Jimmy Clark; Nancy Trotter; Maggie Powell; David Joslin; Sandy Copeland; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel

Those in care facilities: Martha Foster, Sherry Russell, Helen Singleton

Those overseas: Matthew Walker

All Students

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

Nyeri Presbytery: Kabiru Church (Pronounced KahBEE'roo)

WV Council of Churches: WV Church Women United

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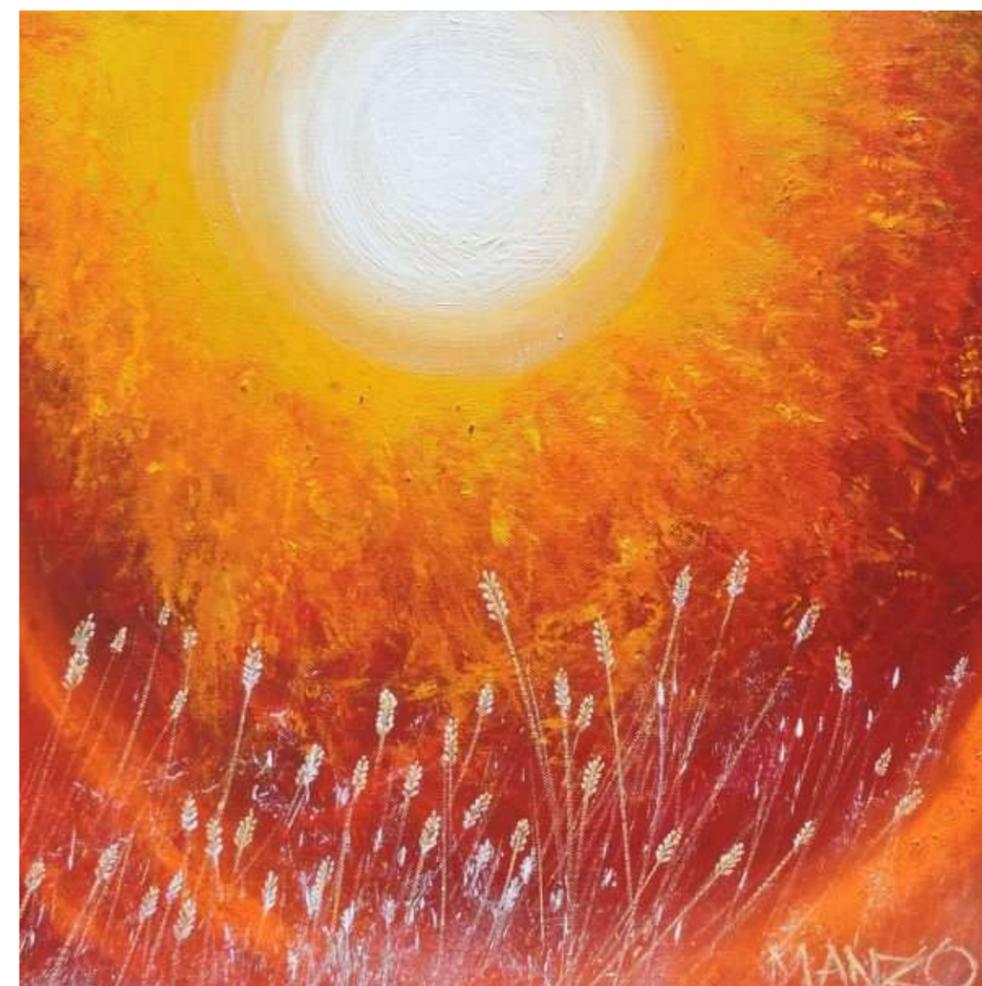
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"Light for the Nations" by Wendy Manzo

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.

"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."