

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 2020 11:00 AM

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CALLED TOGETHER

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PRELUDE "Variations on 'Jesus Calls Us'" D. Freunenburg

\*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 out of the shadows and into God's light!

**We will not play hide and seek, but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.**

Lay down all which is a burden to you!

**We will give our fears to God, who is our help in every moment.**

Follow the One who will lead you to new life!

**We long to live in God's presence every day of our lives.**

\*HYMN NO. 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to respond to your call to be all you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned by failing to follow or wandering from your ways, by wasting your gifts or forgetting your love.**

**By your loving mercy, help us to answer your call, even if it means leaving everything, to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. (silent prayers of confession) And all God's people say, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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**

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## TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

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SPECIAL MUSIC "Speak, O Lord" Townsend/McDonald

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word; take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness, that the Light of Christ may be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility; test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the

heights of Your plans for us. Truth unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til Your Church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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 Dr. Todd Wright

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 9:1-4 and Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON "After the Arrest" Dr. Todd Wright

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## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Declaration of Faith PCUS

**Christ calls us to be disciples.**

**In forming his people and sending them into the world**

**Jesus called individuals to be disciples.**

**They were to share the joy of his companionship,  
to understand and obey his teachings,  
and to follow him in life and death.**

**We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.**

**Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ**

**is God's undeserved; gift to each of us.**

**It is also God's demand upon every one of us,**

**never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.**

**Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,**

**we strive to become more faithful and effective**

**in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

\*HYMN NO. 170 "You Walk along Our Shoreline" WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" D. Wood

\*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.**

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## TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

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\*HYMN NO. 721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

\*Worshippers may stand as able.

Leader: Plain text  
People: Bold text

The call to worship is based on a prayer by Thom Shuman. The confession and pardon are modified from prayers in the "new" *Book of Common Worship*.

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 Bremer.

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



Rev. Dr. Todd Wright  
Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Amy Parker  
Minister of Education and the Arts  
Carolyn Perrine  
Organist  
Leslie Bremer  
Secretary  
Dionne Canterbury  
Children's Choir Dir.  
Sharon Curnutte  
Choir Director Emeritus

**SESSION**

**Class of 2020**  
Jack Grimm  
Kathy Kruk  
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

\*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 "Psalm of Joy" G. Blake

**GREETERS:** *Greeters before Worship:* Beth and Jeff Chiparo *Greeters after Worship:* Kathy Kruk and Sarah Stump

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

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** Patti Salisbury and Sarah Stump

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

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Rick and Debbie Hanna

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation to present the 2020 budget, reports from the Ministry Teams, and to vote on any changes to the pastor's call.

**THIS SUNDAY, January 26, 2020**

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday school
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:15 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Personnel Committee)
- + 12:30 – Lenten Worship Planning Meeting

**THIS WEEK**

- + Monday, January 27, 9:30 AM – Bridge; 5 PM – Tai Chi
- + Tuesday, January 28, 7 PM – Choir Practice
- + Wednesday, January 29, 11 AM – Bridge
- + Thursday, January 30, Newsletter
- + Friday, January 31, 7 PM – NA Meeting

**NEXT SUNDAY, February 2, 2020**

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday school
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Education Committee)

**Happy Birthday:** **Those having a birthday this week:** Peggy Cooley (26<sup>th</sup>), Vera Forman (27<sup>th</sup>). If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

**PRAYERS FOR:** Family of Jimmy Clark; Gretchen Spella; Jane Harich; Leon Copeland; Jeanne MacDonald; Peggy Palmer; Beth Chiparo; Lynn Gunnoe; Martha Foster; 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:** Gaaki Parish (Pronounced GAH'key)

**WV Council of Churches:** African Methodist Episcopal Church

**Churches in the Presbytery of WV:** Marsh Fork Presbyterian Church, Pickens Presbyterian Church, Valley Bend Presbyterian Church

**Missionaries:** Steve and Sonia Dettweiler

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"Fishers of men" by Hubert Jackson

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."*