

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Chorale Prelude on *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*, BuxWV 223
Dietrich Buxtehude

The Call to Worship

God's love reaches to the heavens; his faithfulness to the skies.

God's righteousness is like the highest mountains; his justice like the great deep.

How priceless is God's unfailing love. We take refuge in the shadow of God's wings.

We feast on the abundance that God provides.

Let us worship God, the source of life and light.

*The Hymn of Praise *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* 454

*The Call to Confession

God is light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies. People of God, let us acknowledge and confess our sins; let us ask God to illumine us with grace and truth in Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

*The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in your holy presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. We come to you because our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We come to you because we know the judgement we deserve, yet we humbly ask for your mercy. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Forgive us and set us free from the bondage of sin. [Silent confession.] Loving God, we thank you for your mercy and love. Grant us grace to grow more and more into your image. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

God has said, "I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." This is God's love and grace, for in Jesus Christ we have the forgiveness of sins.

Thanks be to God.

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579

**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.**

The Anthem Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song A. Smith

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading John 2:1-11 page 1511

The Sermon *Jesus' First Miracle* Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Hymn *Open My Eyes That I May See* 324

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

The Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders

Ordination and Installation: Deb Easlick and Cheryl Kelley

Installation: Linda Mattson, Mike Patton, Heather Rousseau, and Tammi Sova

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Variations on *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*,
BuxWV 223 – Dietrich Buxtehude

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *Lord, When I Came Into This Life* 522

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

*Postlude Gigue on *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*, BuxWV 223
Dietrich Buxtehude

Liturgist: Peggy Knutson

Ushers: Sayre Nichol, Mike Patton, and Larry Smith

Greeter: Betty Miller

Fellowship Hour: Peggy & Bob Donaldson

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and The Chancel Choir.

The flowers today are in appreciation of Fred Herter's organization of the Christmas carol sing-along for those who are in assisted living or homebound. Besides the joy and warmth gained for those individuals, there was satisfaction for the carolers who appreciate their own health and are thankful for the ability to share with others. Thanks Fred.

Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for refreshments and fellowship.

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JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE



John 2:1-11

Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

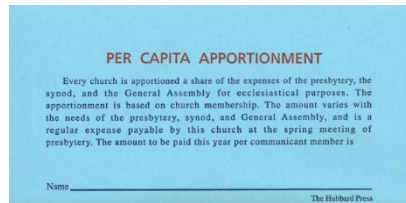
Announcements and Upcoming Events

*****2nd @ Second today at 10:15 in the library. The focus will be Luke & Acts on God's History of Salvation. *****

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is comfortable for you.

Per Capita



Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole; it is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The total 2025 Per Capita for our church is \$6,875.00, which equates to **\$30.69 per member** (not per household). This goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant and the Presbytery. If each member pays their Per Capita amount above their regular giving then pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.

January Mission

“Two Coins a Meal” is a wonderful program to help combat hunger – both globally (through PCUSA Hunger Program) and locally (through local food pantries). We invite you to begin gathering any spare change you may have at home. No donation is too small. Coins and paper monies will be accepted.



Worship Team

The signup sheets are out for January & February Liturgist, Ushers, Fellowship Hour, and Greeter. Please help out on Sundays where you can. We also need some people willing to learn and help with the Live-Stream operations. Please see Chuck Kemerer, Cheryl Kelley, Deb Easlick, or Bruce Smith if you are interested in learning the live-stream process

New Directory for 2025

A new directory will be printed in the first quarter of 2025. There is an editable copy for you to verify your information on the table in the gathering area. Please write “ok” next to your name if all the information is correct. The sooner we get everyone’s information correct; the sooner we can make the directory available. Thank You!

Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools have been closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), any church programming for that day will also be cancelled. This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women’s Circle, Community events.



Office Hours

The office hours for the week of January 20 will be Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.



****The deadline for February newsletter submissions is Wednesday, January 22 @ 5:00 p.m.****

John 2:1-11 NIV

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.