

Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship this day.** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **Our Liturgist on this day is Brian Aspen.**
- ✓ **Council Meeting this Wednesday at 5:00 pm.**
- ✓ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Saturday.** Pray for all Christian denominations.
- ✓ **Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 26th following worship.**
- ✓ **Wednesday Study Group** will begin a new Bible Study on February 5th. We will be reading "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws" by Adam Hamilton. This is the principal Gospel for the year 2025. Plan now to join us.

Please pray:

- **For those in entertainment and recreation** who remind us that balance in our lives is a priority of God. May they empower us to reclaim "fun" and "joy" in the midst of our labors.
 - **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
 - **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders.
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“†” Invites all to stand in body or in spirit

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

† CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

God is with us always and calls us each by name.

When we pass through difficulties and stress,

God is with us and calls us by name.

When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. Amen.

† HYMN

CH #16

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the universe,

we stand amazed at your power and glory.

We are eager to worship you and offer our praise,

but we are often reluctant to answer

when we hear you calling our name.

We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary,

but shy away from the river,

lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Forgive us when we forget your promise

to be with us always, O God.

Renew us with the power of your ever-present

love, and strengthen us to proclaim your gospel

throughout the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† 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 always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 17:1-14

CHILDREN’S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

MESSAGE

“Joining the Family of God” Rev. C Aurand

† HYMN

CH #272

“The Church’s One Foundation”

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF OFFERING

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN

CH #434

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

† BENEDICTION