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## *Service for the Lord's Day*

February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

### *Gathering Around the Word of Worship*

**Gathering Music**

**Striking of the Hour**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*

Johann Nicolaus Hanff

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

(based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

Love is patient.

**Love is kind.**

Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

**Love does not insist on its own way.**

Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

**Love rejoices in the truth.**

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**Love never ends, so let us worship the God who is love.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

**O Lord, you are a rock and a fortress, a place of safety and restoration. You are mighty to save and redeem. But we confess that we doubt your power to work through us. We hold on to the fear that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We struggle to make sense of your holy claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it pierces the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in human schemes, and are numb to cruel words and acts. Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world and accept your all-encompassing loving claim on our lives.**

*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

Confessional Hymn

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ, have mercy upon us,  
Lord, have mercy upon us*

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

based on 1 Corinthians 13:7

Hear the good news: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace! May mercy, peace and love be with you in abundance.

**And also with you!**

Children Are Welcome to Attend Children's Church at the Side Sanctuary Doors

*Hearing the Word*

*All Sit*

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

**God of Epiphany, we long to hear your holy Word in fresh ways. Open our ears to the call of your voice. Open our eyes to the dawning of a new day. Fill us with anticipation for your future. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalms 71:1-6

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

**Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

**Anthem**

*Light of the World*  
Bethany Daniels, violin

Karen Marroli

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**Sermon**

*Stumbling Block Words*

Kyle Otterbein

***Responding to the Word***

*All Stand*

**Response Hymn 440**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

**Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

excerpt from *The Second Helvetic Confession*, edited for inclusion)

**[We believe] faith [is] efficacious and active through love. It also quiets the conscience and opens a free access to God, so that we may draw near to [God] with confidence and may obtain from [God] what is useful and necessary. The same [faith] keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience in adversity, fashions and makes a true confession, and in a word, brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works.**

*All Sit*

**Offering**

*Call to Offering*

**Offertory Hymn**

*The Greatest Gift is Love*  
Bethany Daniels, violin

Mark Hayes

*All Stand*

**Doxology**

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

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison)

**O God, from whom come all the good things we enjoy, we offer our gifts in grateful response, remembering your generosity, love, and compassion. May all who are in need experience the unsearchable riches of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit even as their physical needs are met. Amen.**

*All Sit*

*Sealing the Word in the Sacrament*

**The Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Life up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

...Therefore, we join our voices with the saints and all creation to proclaim your praise...

**SANCTUS**

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

**Communion Hymn 649**

*Amazing Grace*

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**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

*A Moment of Silence*

*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

***Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World***

*All Stand*

**Closing Hymn 187**

*Jesus, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**BRADBURY**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*

*Anonymous (Die Lüneburger Orgeltabulatur)*





## *Announcements*

**USHERS:** Polen and Thomison families

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Susan Howard and Larry Warden

**COMMUNION PREPARERS AND CLEANUP:** Jim and Jean Harris

**COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE:** Johnna Smith, Aletheia Burt, Mack Overfelt, Wyatt Edmonds, Jeremiah Simpson and Quinn Hixon

**LAY READER:** Larry Warden

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Laura Parkerson

**NURSERY:** Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9:** Isaiah 6:1–8 (9–13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11; Luke 5:1–11

### **TODAY**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK** this week will be Phillip and Trudy Burkeen. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** continue to meet at 9:15 a.m. and will conclude an hour later in time for 10:30 a.m. church service.

*Attention Families with Children!* Join us today for our new Children's Church Series: Children in Worship! We will engage our children in an active, hands-on exploration of the ways we prepare for and engage in worship through songs, prayers, scriptures, and worship leaders. Joining with Mary Evans, Donna Wolbe and our worship leaders, we will prepare families for worshipping together with the whole church. Look for more information in our February Newsletter coming out this week.

**AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP** will meet today at 12:00 p.m. and will be eating out at Cafe Italia, 1567 Old Louisville Road this Sunday. This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others.

**GUEST MUSICIAN** Today's guest musician is violinist Bethany Daniels. Growing up in the rolling hills of rural KY, Bethany, inspired by her dad's love of classical music, was moved to chase the haunting sound of the violin. In her high school years, she earned various scholarships for violin lessons, youth orchestra, and music camps. Upon graduation she received scholarships to study music at Western Kentucky University and University of Louisville and attended both. In 2020 she graduated with her bachelor degree in music therapy with an emphasis in hospice care. She spent the next five years as a private music instructor on piano guitar and violin, a general music teacher including conducting children's choir, and in various music therapy positions around the community. Bethany currently works as a Music Therapist with at risk youth in Rivendell Behavioral Hospital. In her free time, you can find her rock climbing, spending time with her nieces and nephews or playing music with friends.

### **COMING UP:**

**DAVID'S ROOM IN THE INN** continues at our church each Thursday evening, through mid-March. Please consider volunteering to assist. Many different options exist for supporting this ministry. Signup sheets are on the table at the chapel landing. Thank you!

**GLOVES WITH LOVE** Our 10th Street fence will be dressed in gloves, socks, hats, and scarves during the Winter season. Your donations of items to hang on the fence will be greatly appreciated. All donations can be dropped off in the church office. We also need volunteers for this mission. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Robin by email at [info@bgpres.org](mailto:info@bgpres.org) or call the office at 270-843-4707.

**FLOWER CALENDAR** Worship Ministry reminds the congregation that members are encouraged to place floral offerings in the Sanctuary for the enhancement of Sunday Services. Flowers may be purchased and placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, to honor or memorialize friends and loved ones. Call the church office to arrange for a date and a bulletin notation, if you wish to participate.

### **OTHER NEWS**

**LAY READERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH** A signup page is online for upcoming lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve on one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** Sunday Morning Circle meets the second Sunday in each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Ladies' Parlor. Circle 9 meets the second Monday in each month at 12:00 noon at a member's home; Tuesday Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday in each month at 7:00 p.m. at Diane Simmon's home; Wednesday Morning Circle meets the second Wednesday in each month at 9:30 a.m. in the 10th Street Parlor; An exact location for Circle 9 meetings will be provided on the church bulletin's calendar and in the 60-second email.

**OUR SOUPERBOWL OF CARING/CELEBRATION OF CHERYL** Join the youth for their annual Souper Bowl of Caring and our Celebration of Cheryl and her 18 years of service to the church. The event will take place after service on Sunday, February, 9th. You can support this event by providing soup, sandwiches, or dessert. Use the QR code to let us know what you will bring.



**NEWSLETTER FOLDERS/SEALERS** A signup page is online for upcoming months for Newsletter folders/sealers. If you are willing to volunteer to help in the office with this task, scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date.



**PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER (PLC)** is in need of volunteer substitute teachers for the 2, 3 and 4 years-old classes. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the PLC Director, Kimberly Watkins at [plcdirector@bgpres.org](mailto:plcdirector@bgpres.org).

**RESTOCK FOOD PANTRY** Our Food Pantry has seen a great many requests for food assistance recently. The office is always appreciative of food donations for restocking our shelves. Items may be brought to the church office. Thank you for any help with this ministry! It is also possible to volunteer as one of our Pantry Shoppers, who buy in bulk, using church pantry funds. Call the office if you have questions.

**FOOD DONATIONS THAT ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED:** Canned soups or ravioli, canned fruit or vegetables, canned beans, mac n' cheese, cans of meats (tuna, chicken, or Vienna sausages), cereal bars, individual cereal boxes, cracker packs, and rice.

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.

**Clerk of Session:** Debbie Trickey    **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

**Elders:** Class of 2025- Karol Kirby Ahmed, Buzz English, Pamela Napier, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden  
**Deacons:** Class of 2025- Barbara Brindle, Craig Long, Teri Polen, Ernie Small, Dan Stelling, Fred Trickey; Class of 2026- Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan

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### Calendar

#### Sunday, Feb 2

8:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Children's Music  
9:45 a.m. Godly Play  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating out Grp

#### Monday, Feb 3

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love  
11 :00 a.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

#### Tuesday, Feb 4

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga  
11:00 a.m. Special Care  
5:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

#### Wednesday, Feb 5

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group  
5:15-6-15 p.m. Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, Feb 6

6:00 p.m. David's Room in the Inn  
7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Group

#### Friday, Feb 7

7:30 a.m. Mens' Breakfast Group

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