

Welcome to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together. **Guests are invited to stop by our Guest Table in Fellowship Hall** to receive a small gift and pick up more information about our faith family. We welcome all who worship with us today as friends; you do not need to be a member to participate in the activities of this congregation.

Children: Children up through 2nd grade are invited to "The Kids Room," Room #4, during the worship service. Children 3rd grade and up remain in the worship service.

Gigantic Needlepoint Sale: Saturday, January 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Canvases, Frames, Threads, Scissors, Weights, Laying Tools, Totes, Books, Containers for Equipment. Enter through the front door by the fountain.

SNACK BAGS for the HOMELESS! Today in Charter Hall we will begin collecting 10 different items to fill Snack Bags for the needy. These items include: Bottled Water, Boxes of Tuna or Chicken Salad with crackers, Peanut Butter Cracker Packets, Cheese and Cracker Packets, Granola Bars, Trail Mix (in small packages), Vienna Sausage in pop top cans, Apple Sauce Cups/Fruit Snacks, Beef Jerky sticks, and Individual bags of cookies. Collection will continue each Sunday through February 9. Monetary Donations are welcomed.

Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women: The Women's Ministries group will be privileged to hear Carol Main relate her first-hand experiences at the Finger Lakes Region of New York, the sites of the Women's Rights and the Civil Rights movements. At 11:30 a.m. on January 21, Main, a participant from our Synod, will share her insights about the trip and the rich history of the region. Luncheon reservations (\$11.00) can be made at the Women's Ministries table today after worship.

BY My Side Chorus: Stop by after worship today for information on the BY My Side Chorus for those with mild cognitive impairment/memory loss, which will be starting January 23.

Empty Bowls: Tickets will be available to purchase today in Fellowship Hall through February 9. Tickets are \$20 in advance for seating times of 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Next Sunday immediately following Worship, we will share our Annual Meeting as a Congregation making transparent all the workings of this Church throughout the last year. We will elect our new Elders and Deacons and Nominating Committee; act on recommended changes to the Associate Pastor's Terms of Call; and address any questions from the Church. In preparation for that meeting please take home and read The Annual Report, The Mission Outreach Booklet, the Congregational Care Brochure and The Church Committee Directory, which in unity provide a thorough portrayal of who we are.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Bob & Fran Williams
Barbara Dittmer

Information Center

Jim & Shelly Bellotty

Medical Team

Marvin Clark

Guest Table

Bob & Mary Lillie

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

La Posada Service of Worship

Rev. Barb Streng, Freda Krauss
Dan Myers

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Carl & Joan Dakin

Flowers given by: Margaret

Happy Birthday Billie

The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this Witness
to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ



June Broviak

January 5



Check out our weekly classes

Sundays:

Forming Your Faith

8:30 a.m. in Classroom 5.

Discuss the scripture reading for the worship service that day.

Tuesdays:

Emotionally Healthy Relationships

10:00 a.m.

in Classroom 1

Discover eight practical relationship skills to develop mature and loving relationships.

Being Mortal

1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5

Learn and discuss how to live out the last years or months of your life.

Wednesdays:

Turning the Gem, 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5

Discover the Bible in all its surprises and layers.

Fridays:

Early Christianity: the Experience of the Divine

1:30 in Classroom 1



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JAMIE REED, *Director of Music*
WES MOULTON, *Organist/Accompanist*
REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*



To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.

✠ **All those who are able, please stand** January 19, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (James 2: 14-17, 23-26)

What does it profit, if a person says he has faith but has no works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to him, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works is dead... "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness;" and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. In the same way was not Rahab the harlot justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead.

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Pastor Craig
Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POURING OF THE WATER
L: Jesus is the Living Water. **P: Praise be to God.**

PRELUDE *Bist Du Bei Mir (Be Thou Near Me)* J.S. Bach

INTROIT *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*
Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Book of Order W-5.03)

God sends the Church to proclaim the gospel in the world: announcing the good news of God’s liberating love; calling all people to repent and be reconciled to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior... God sends the Church to show compassion in the world: feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, visiting prisoners, freeing captives, sheltering the homeless, welcoming strangers, comforting those who mourn, and being present with all who are in need. These acts of compassion, done corporately or individually, are the work of the Church, as the body of Christ. We are called to minister directly to people’s immediate hurts and needs. We also are called to confront and challenge systems that perpetuate human misery. We participate in Christ’s compassionate ministry through local acts of witness and advocacy and through programs of the larger church in cooperation with other agencies committed to human welfare.

✦HYMN *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength* 329

CALL TO PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Foundations: The Mission of the Church)

The Church is the body of Christ. The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life. The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain hope that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation. The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond ourselves through Word and Work to the good news of God’s transforming grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Great Ends of the Church are:

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
- The maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth;
- The promotion of social righteousness; and
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

✦GLORIA *Gloria Patri*

Greaterex

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.

ANTHEM *Total Praise* Raney

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills, Knowing my help is coming from you.

Your peace you give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength,
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to you.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.
Early in the morning my song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.
God, in three persons, blessed Trinity.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

CHILDRENS MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-25

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON WHO ARE YOU IN THE PARABLE? Pastor Craig

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of Belhar* see insert

✦HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* 298

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

**If you haven’t already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *All Hail the Power with Prince of Denmark’s March*
Holden/Purcell arr. L. McKechnie
Jamie Reed, Piano; Wes Moulton, Organ

✦DOXOLOGY 606

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.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦HYMN *The Church of Christ in Every Age* 320

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev’ry breath I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

✦POSTLUDE *Grand Choir* T. Dubois

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: WHO ARE YOU IN THE PARABLE?

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-25

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ ²¹“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ²²“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ ²³“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ²⁴“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

Mission Quilts will meet tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call Patti Bright at 520-305-3275 if you have any questions.

VPC FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Week # 2 (through 1/12/20)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$ 11,341	2020 Attendance	492
Weekly Giving Budget	\$ 19,457	2019 Attendance	395
*YTD Giving Income	\$ 40,065	*YTD 2020 Attendance	985
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 36,466	*YTD 2019 Attendance	840
<small>*YTD: Year-to-Date</small>			
<small>D. Brooks - VPC Treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959</small>		<small>2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member</small>	