

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.

Adult Sunday School: Adult Sunday School Class meets in Classroom 5 at 8:30 a.m. before worship. Each discussion topic will be the day's sermon scriptures. Coffee and cookies provided.

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.

Prayer Request Cards: Anyone who would like the Prayer Ministry to pray for someone, please pick up a blue Prayer Request Card located in the Narthex next to the office, and in the pews. All cards are kept confidential.

Join the Inquisitors as we watch and discuss "*Early Christianity: The Experience of the Divine.*" Join us for this fascinating course which meets on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1.

Mission Breakfast: Saturday, January 18 at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Chris Erickson, Executive Director of VAS will be our guest speaker and will explain the urgent need and personal impact of this mission field. Tickets (\$5).

Friendship Kettle Dinner: Sunday, January 19 at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a pork tenderloin dinner, then at 6:00 p.m. a program by Marvin Hass, Cowboy Poet. Tickets (\$13) will be available in Fellowship Hall today after worship.

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.

New Classes in January, 2020

Turning the Gem Returns: Wednesdays, starting January 8 at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. We will look at the Bible as one big beautiful story.

Emotionally Healthy Relationships: Tuesdays, starting January 7 at 10 a.m. in Classroom 5. Discover eight practical relationship skills to develop mature, loving relationships with others. Your teacher: Mark Horton

Being Mortal: Preparing for the End of Life: Tuesdays, beginning January 14 at 1 p.m. in Classroom 5. How do you want to live out the last years or months of your life? Your teacher: Eloise Fredrickson with Parish Nurse, Chris Erickson.

VPC Mission Quilters: Quilting will meet in Fellowship Hall tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested, please call Patti Bright at 520-305-3275.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Ron & Sherry Darrah,
Barbara Dittmer
Jim & Kathy Rusk

Information Center

Gayle Tompkins

Medical Team

Doug Clark

Guest Table

Mike & Kay Brouwer

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

La Posada Service of Worship

Rev. Diane Christopher,
Freda Krauss, Dan Myers

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Mike Schoeben

Flowers given by: Ted & Jan Panhuis

In Loving Memory of our Parents

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

Mary Lee Shurigar December 28

Open House Today at the Lindsey's

From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 4151 South Westcotta Drive. The roof is replaced, the walls painted, pictures are hung, and the dog more tranquil. Please come and bless our home in fellowship.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 26 immediately following worship. In full transparency, the Session will present reports from every agency and committee of the Church and will answer questions and address concerns of the congregation. At this meeting, we shall elect our Elders, Deacons, Nominating Committee and vote on changes to the Terms of Call for our Associate Pastor. We plan on the written reports being available January 19 for you to peruse and prepare questions. While the Budget for 2020 has been adopted by Session and will be discussed at this time, the 2019 Financial books will not yet be audited, therefore a Second Meeting will be scheduled later in the year to make all of this information clear.



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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 5, 2020

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God saw the earth was good and with a joyful eye observed how spring attires the wood, how clouds adorn the sky, how water smooths a stone and light suffuses air... and yet, God felt so alone, hungering to share prayer. God loved the birds' bright songs, the ocean's beats and roars, but hearing these only made God long to hear something more: a word of shared delight to see the rising sun, to marvel at the stars by night counting them one by one. God scooped from the earth companions who could thrill to see the beauty brought to birth by their Creator's will. At their first word of praise God's spirit danced and leapt, but when they turned to brutal ways God's spirit mourned and wept. God make our lives, the prayer your lonely spirit sought, when longing for new friends to share the beauty you had wrought, you bravely dared to trust your richest hopes and dreams to creatures whom you made from dust and fed with living streams.

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 *Coventry Carol* arr. Hayes/Gaspard
Jamie Reed, Piano; Wes Moulton, Organ

INTROIT *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.**

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Craig

One gift the Magi bore worth more than all the rest: the grace to bow and kneel before the child whom starlight blest. Their myrrh and frankincense lay sweet upon the air; but sweeter yet and more intense, the Magi's humble prayer. Although their gifts of gold shone brightly with the skies, still heaven's light was twice as bold in their adoring eyes. One gift the Magi bore worth more than all the rest: we give that gift when we adore the child whom starlight blest.

✦ **HYMN**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Welcome, welcome! The doors are open, there is room for all who come, the Table's laid, the Meal prepared, enough for everyone. You are not too early and never too late, too well to do or too poor to be an honored guest. A place is set for you. Come join the circle of cup and bread, pass them to foe and friend, until everyone is fed. This is God's feast, unlike any other, where the greatest and least are sister and brother.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and ever present God, for every Empire and Kingdom that has risen an equal number fell. History is written and done. What are we, that you notice us? Not as majestic as the hills, not as monumental as mountains; we are dust, water and spirit given life for a span. May we learn from life's lessons, but live into your future. Dear God anxiety and fears have been a cancer to us. We have been quick to project our doubts, and quicker still to splash with blame. Help us to not growl or snarl, but to take a breath and listen, to ask an extra helping of forgiveness and offer to strangers a taste of grace. We do not deserve these graces, but the make life fuller, richer for sharing together in your spirit. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through our beating hearts, God reminds us that the source of all our powers is God's Spirit animating ours. Every pulse beat is revealing, while we work and while we rest, that God's care for us is constant and to live is to be blest. Brood and breathe upon us LORD, as you did upon the seas, when you split apart the darkness and you called all things to be. Brood and breathe and recreate us until in Christ we are made new, and your never ending giving is returned through us to you.

✦ **GLORIA**

Gloria Patri

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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 *Before the Marvel of This Night w/ Jesus, Jesus,*

O What a Wonderful Child

Schalk, Radford

Before the marvel of this night,
adoring fold your wings and bow;
Then tear the sky apart with light
and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,
that fear and death and sorrow cease:
Sing peace; sing peace; sing gift of peace.
Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild; new life,
new hope the child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing: "Glory!"
Let the heavens ring.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-18

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

SERMON "REREADING HISTORY AS HIS STORY" Pastor Craig

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles Creed 35

✦ **HYMN** *What Child Is This* 145

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Child of the Poor* arr: Soper
Chris Erickson, Organ; Wes Moulton, Organ

✦ **DOXOLOGY** Old One Hundredth 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.

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

SINGING THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

Worshippers are invited to take the elements as each are passed and then hold until all can take together.

✦ **HYMN** *Love Has Come* 110

✦ **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** *The Holly and the Ivy* arr. J. Biery

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: "REREADING HISTORY AS HIS STORY"

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

VPC FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Week #52 (through 12/29/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$13,144	2019 Attendance	326
Δ Weekly Giving Budget	\$11,708	2018 Attendance	302
*YTD Giving Income	\$701,161	*YTD 2019 Attendance	17,121
Δ*YTD Giving Budget	\$645,215	*YTD 2018 Attendance	16,643
(*) YTD: Year-to-Date			
(Δ) Based on Aug 2019 Budget Adjustment		2019 Per Capita is \$40.22 per member	