



3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 22, 2023
10:15 A.M.

Morning Worship

PRELUDE

"Improvisation on LATTIMER"

Charles Callahan

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CHORAL INTROIT

ALL THE WORLD

Let all the world in every corner sing: My God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing: My God and King!

(Words: George Herbert, Music: Robert G. McCutchan, ©1962 Abingdon Press)

WELCOME

Pastor Mark

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: Could we number all the blessings that God has poured out upon us?

People: **The number is beyond our comprehension.**

Reader: Could we number all of Christ's invitations to enter the kingdom?

People: **Again, it is beyond our abilities.**

Reader: Countless blessings, countless invitations to eternal life.

People: **Let us give our praise and thanks for God's unending love.**

GLORIA PATRI 70

"Glory Be to the Father"

MEINEKE

HYMN

"Rejoice in God's Saints"

HANOVER

SCRIPTURE

James 1:19-27

Tim Folkomer

ANTHEM

"May My Light Shine"

Lynn Shaw Bailey and

Children's Choir

Becki Slagle Mayo

REFRAIN: May my light shine like the star of Bethlehem, may the world see God's love through me. May my light shine for my Jesus and my King. May I shine so others see.

Star of wonder, star of light, shining down for all to see. Star of wonder, star of light, shine your light through me. REFRAIN

Star of wonder, star of light, may I keep my eyes on you. Star of wonder, star of light, shine in all I do. REFRAIN

(Words and Music: Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo, ©2006 Choristers Guild)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-20

ANTHEM

"In Thee Is Joy"

J. S. Bach/ arr. Walter Rodby

Chancel Choir

In Thee is joy, oh God, Thy majesty shines bright, how wonderful Thy mercy is, How great Thy burning light, In Thee is joy, O God, In Thee is hope secure, In Thee, oh God, is mercy that shall evermore endure.

In Thee is joy, oh God, All love to Thee proclaim, With voices and with grateful hearts, we praise Thy holy name. In Thee is joy, oh God, All loveliness is Thine, Thy wisdom, truth and grace inspire, A unity divine. In Thee is joy, oh God, As we give thanks and sing, A song of praise to glorify, Our Savior and our King.

(Words: Tr. Walter Rodby, Music: J. S. Bach, ©1985 Somerset Press)

SERMON "Cauton: Kingdom Entrance Ahead" Pastor Mark

OFFERING HYMN "This Little Light of Mine" LATTIMER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER "Light of the World" John Carter

Light of the World, the One True Light, come to us, we pray. Light of the World, the Promised Light, shine in us today. (Text: John 8:12 / Mary Kay Beall, ©1998 Hope Publishing Company)

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal p. 895 (using "trespasses" / "trespass")

HYMN "Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed)" ID Y ENSEÑAD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

(Words: Alvin Schutmaat, Music: Argentine folk melody)

POSTLUDE "Grand Choeur" Gordon Young
(©1978 Harold Flammer, Inc.)

The chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God
by Tom and Marcia Hickey in memory of Jane Wilson.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY

9:15 am – Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults

10:15 am – In-person and livestream worship

Sermon: "Act Now: Supplies Are Limited"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:1-14 Matthew 6:19-34

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED THIS WEEK

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Our joint book study with Shorter AME Church begins this week.
We are using "Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation" by Latasha Morrison. The study will be offered online and in-person on Mondays (beginning 1/23/23) at 6:30pm at Covenant in the Kingswood Chapel Room, and Wednesdays (beginning 1/25/23) at noon at Shorter AME Church. Here is the link for those joining the study online: <https://zoom.us/j/97785581736> Meeting ID: 977 8558 1736. Call in: 1-301-715-8592; Meeting ID:977 8558 1736#

Another Installment in Covenant's History is Available. Part One of the last 25 year installment of Covenant's 100 Years of Faith, Hope and Love was recently published. Installments are available in print in Wesley Hall, by calling the Church Office, or from the Anniversary website at www.covumc.com/100. Thanks again to Nancy Hansen for all the work required to collect, organize, and summarize 100 years!

Registration for the 2023-24 school year for Covenant Nursery School and Children's Morning Out programs is underway. We offer half-day classes for children 16 months to 5 years of age. If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact Preschool Director, Dawn Hanrahan, at 610-328-9085.

During the month of January we are collecting new socks sizes 6 months – youth for Fostering Hope Delco's Foster-Share Closet. Donations can be placed in the Fostering Hope Delco baskets in Wesley Hall.

Here are the latest lists of urgently needed items from the food banks we support. If you are going to pick up some items to donate during the Souper Bowl of Caring food drive, please consider some of these. We'll make sure these items go where they're needed.

You may drop off canned and non-perishable food items at Covenant anytime from 1/28 through 2/12 in the entrance to Wesley Hall (the glass doors on Sixer Avenue). Or make a financial donation to our Souper Bowl of Caring effort at www.covumc.com/give.

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

Canned pineapple in juice
Canned chicken
Canned tomatoes – many varieties
diced, crushed, sauce, paste
Canned salmon
Boxed pasta
Canned mixed vegetables –
preferably low sodium

Shorter AME Food Bank

Cereal
Sugar, flour, cooking oil
Pasta, rice
Canned tuna
Spaghetti sauce
Fruit cups, jelly
Paper products (paper plates,
toilet paper, paper towels,
freezer bags, sandwich bags)



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OUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Our purpose is to be a vital and inclusive Christian community of faith that reaches out through the love of Jesus Christ to make disciples of all people through ministries of service, learning, and worship.