

# February 2, 2025

## 4th Sunday after Epiphany



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## **We Gather**

### **Announcements**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Storer Memorial Carillon**

#### **Prelude**

*Every Step of the Way*, by Gregg Sewell

Dr. Sally Kang, organ

#### **\*Processional Hymn**

*Gather Us In*

TFWS #2236

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Joy Bricker

Leader: We come to worship today with expectations. We find comfort in the familiar.

**All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Leader: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

**All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Leader: Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us; recognizing God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

**All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thank be to God!**

#### **\*Welcome & Greeting**

#### **\*Passing of the Peace**

### **We Proclaim**

#### **Children's Moment**

Children are invited forward for a lesson with Pastor Teri. After the children's moment, they will return to their parents

#### **Anthem**

*I Will Be a Child of Peace*, by Elaine Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Josiah Bricker

#### **\*Gospel Reading**

Luke 4:21-30 (NRSV)

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 hometown 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 hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up 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.

\*Indicates congregation to stand in body or spirit.

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.

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Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

Embracing the Familiar: In Your Hometown

## **WE RESPOND**

### **Call to the Giving Life**

#### **Offertory**

*Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Her* (Hymn #647)

Sanctuary Choir

#### **\*Doxology**

Hymn #95

#### **\*Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **Prayer Concerns & Community Life**

Joy Bricker

Prayer concerns and celebrations may be submitted to [info@munciehighstreet.com](mailto:info@munciehighstreet.com); they will be prayed for by the prayer team and staff.

#### **Choral Call to Prayer**

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

Sanctuary Choir

#### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News. But sometimes, we are unable to hear them because the source is too familiar. You call us to share the Good News with those around us. But sometimes we are unable to share, because we know the people too well. You encourage us to send messengers to other places where they will be heard better. But we can be jealous, wanting the Good News to be for us, not them. In a multitude of ways, we can and have subverted your message of freedom and healing. We have left the path of true wisdom and call upon your grace to lead us back on track. Amen.**

#### **Brief Time of Silent Prayer**

#### **Words of Assurance**

Leader: God's grace continues to proclaim release to the captives, Good News to the poor, and freedom to the oppressed. We live as loved, forgiven, and free people through the grace of God!

**All: Hallelujah, and thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ...

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Hymn #895

**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 trespasses as we forgive those  
who trespass 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.**

## Sharing of Bread & Cup

## Communion

## Prayer after Communion

**All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT FORTH

## \*Closing Hymn

*Lord, Speak to Me*

Hymn #463

## \*Dismissal with Blessing

## Choral Benediction

*Wonderful Words of Life*

**All: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

## Postlude

*The Church's One Foundation*, arr. Steven Scott

Jenny Donnelly, organ

### Church Announcements

**Announcements** – Announcements may be submitted only at [bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet](https://bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet). They are to be submitted by noon on Wednesday before Sunday service.

**Family Movie Night** – Join us on February 7 at 6:00 pm in Parish Hall for Family Movie Night. Suggested donations of \$5/person, no more than \$20/family. The movie this month is Hidden Figures.

**Walk a Mile:** If you intend to participate in any way, please contact Adam Atkinson. A signup table will be available in the hallway. The walk will be on Saturday, February 15.

**Foundation Scholarship** – Applications are due April 1. The application can be accessed at <https://www.munciehighstreet.com/scholarships>

**There are many ways to respond to God's love through giving –**

- In-person, by placing offerings in plates as ushers come through
- Text 765/222-5007
- Online: [highstreetumc.breezechms.com/give/online](https://highstreetumc.breezechms.com/give/online) (or scan the QR code below)
- Set up an automatic bank withdrawal through Diana (Church office)
- Drop off in person during church office hours.

### Youth & Children's Announcements

**Project 219** – Join us at 4:30 pm for board game night! We will have a lively discussion on the different roles of CHESS Pieces ... what “role” does God play in our life?? We will also have snacks!

#### SNAPSHOT for Giving/Missions

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| Last's week Church Giving//Budget       | \$12,781.25// \$7,404.00  |
| January Giving Total //Budget           | \$32,968.75// \$32,083.00 |
| Income for January // January Expenses: | \$32,968.75// \$28,939.68 |
| Inc. YTD 2025 // Exp. YTD 2025:         | \$32,968.75// \$28,939.68 |
| Total Mission Samaritan:                | \$550.00                  |
| Total Mission Pantry:                   | \$3,166.00                |
| Attendance for January 26, 2025:        |                           |
| In-person worship:                      | 134                       |
| Social Media views online:              | 83                        |
| Grand Total for Worship                 | 217                       |



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#### Sunday Schedule

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| Coffee Bar                                 | 8:30 - 11:30 am |
| Bethany Class (Adult Sunday School)        | 8:45 am         |
| Children's Sunday School                   | 9:00 am         |
| Traditional Worship Service                | 10:00 am        |
| It's All About Jesus (Adult Sunday School) | 11:15 am        |
| Project 219 Student Ministries             | 4:30 - 6 pm     |

#### Food Pantry Needs

Rice #1 bags  
Peanut Butter  
Beans 16 oz - black/red/kidney  
Soup - Chicken noodle, tomato or vegetable  
Diced tomatoes 16 oz  
Vegetables canned 16 oz

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

