

# January 26, 2025

## 3rd Sunday after Epiphany



*Embracing the Familiar*

As Was His Custom

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## **We Gather**

### **Announcements**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Storer Memorial Carillon**

#### **Prelude**

*Acclamation for Bells* by Philip M. Young

Bell Choir

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

*God of Love and God of Power*

Hymn #578

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

Dr. Linda Pohly

Leader: We gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

**All: We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Leader: We gather to pray for our families, our community, and our world; to name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

**All: We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Leader: Like those in Nazareth, we gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us; to encounter the life-giving message of how God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

**All: We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Leader: Friends, ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus is among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are we ready?

**All: We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks 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 can go to Children's Church with Ms. Joy. Please make sure to pick up your children immediately following the service.

#### **Anthem**

*A Prayer of Saint Columba*, by Cecilia McDowall

Sanctuary Choir

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Dr. Linda Pohly

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

Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV)

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

\*Indicates congregation to stand in body or spirit.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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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: As Was His Custom

## **WE RESPOND**

## **Prayer Concerns & Community Life**

Dr. Linda Pohly

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, we do not always understand Jesus, the prophet. We do not want to get our hands dirty with the poor, the oppressed, and the prisoners. Forgive us for being insulated and isolated. Open our hearts to the poor and help us to love them as you love them – as you love us. Enable us to bring in the good news of the reign of God. We pray in Christ's name, Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

Leader: Rejoice, children of God. God's word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who forgives us and sets us free.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Brief Time of Silent Prayer**

## **Morning Prayer**

**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.**

**Choral Response to Prayer**

Sanctuary Choir

**Recognition of Leadership**

**Call to the Giving Life**

**Offertory**

*The Church of Christ in Every Age (Hymn #589)*

Sanctuary Choir

**\*Doxology**

Hymn #95

**\*Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**WE ARE SENT FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Christ Loves the Church*

Hymn #590

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Choral Benediction**

*Wonderful Words of Life*

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

**Postlude**

*Hallelujah! Thine the Glory* arr. David Lasky

Dr. Sally Kang, organ

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

## 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.

**Wafflepalooza and Resolve to Get Involved** – Join us today in Parish Hall following the 10:00 am service. Learn how to get involved with missions and ministry. All proceeds will go to Walk a Mile.

**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** – It's our Annual Nerf and Nachos Night!! Plan to bring a friend or 2 and your favorite Nerf gun for our epic battle. It is at 4:30 in Parish Hall! There will be NACHOS!! and TONS of FUN!

### SNAPSHOT for Giving/Missions

Last's week Church Giving//Budget	\$4,672.67// \$7,404.00
January Giving Total //Budget	\$20,187.50// \$32,083.00
Income for January // January Expenses:	\$20,187.50// \$21,264.51
Inc. YTD 2025 // Exp. YTD 2025:	\$20,187.50// \$21,264.51
Total Mission Samaritan:	\$550.00
Total Mission Pantry:	\$2,571.00
Attendance for January 19, 2025:	
In-person worship:	121
Social Media views online:	85
Grand Total for Worship	206



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### Sunday Schedule

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

