

Our Light against

The Darkness

February 4th

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



the 5th Sunday after the Epiphany prelude confession & forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: Do not despair in the darkness of sin for God has manifested our salvation.

C: God of truth and light, you have revealed and fulfilled yourself in giving us your son Jesus the Christ.

A: God now abides with us; guiding, strengthening, forgiving and renewing us each day.

C: Yet, we confess that we do not always recognize your presence in our lives. We trust in our own wisdom and strength rather than yours. We live in fear rather than in peace. We tend to despair rather than find hope. We choose the ease of sin rather than the way of faithfulness. Seeking to live by your design and not our own, we ask for the grace of your forgiveness. Do not turn away from us, but, as we turn toward you again, visit us even more intimately, becoming the catalyst for our repentance and renewed resolve.


P: Arise, shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has arisen upon us. As a Called and Ordained minister of Christ's Church, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

entrance hymn

Unison



1. God of cre - a - tion, all - power - ful, all - wise,
 2. God of the a - ges, through time's trou - bled years
 3. God of re - demp - tion, who wrought our re - birth,
 4. God of your peo - ple, your Word still stands fast—
 5. God of our now, all our trust is in you,



Lord of the u - ni - verse rich with sur - prise,
 you are the One in whom his - tory co - heres;
 called out your Church from the ends of the earth,
 do for us now as you've done in the past!
 Cov - e - nant— God, ev - er faith - ful and true;



Ma - ker, Sus - tain - er, and Rul - er of all,
 na - tions and em - pires your pur - pose ful - fill,
 still you are Sav - ior: put dark - ness to flight;
 Yours is the King - dom: your tri - umph we claim,
 Sov - ereign Cre - a - tor, Re - deem - er and Lord,



we are your chil - dren— you hear when we call.
 mov - ing in free - dom, yet work - ing your will.
 o - ver - come sin by sal - va - tion's pure light!
 chal - leng - ing e - vil in Je - sus' strong name.
 now and for - ev - er your name be a - dored!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

A: Arise, shine, for our Light has come!

C: And the glory of the Lord has come upon us.

A: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C: The light no darkness can overcome.

A: He comes to us;

C: We who are not wise.

A: He comes to us;

C: We who are not powerful

A: Arise, shine, for our Light has come!

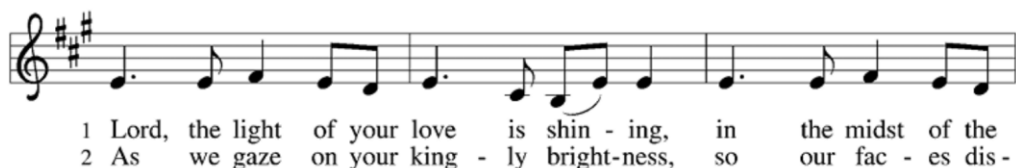
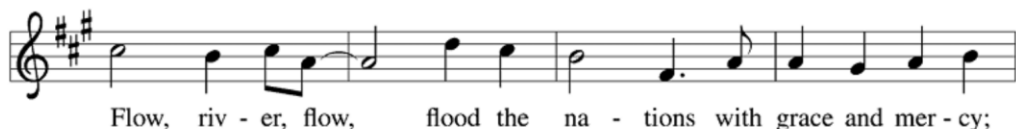
C: And the glory of the Lord has come upon us.

hymn of praise

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Refrain



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on on me, shine on on me:
Shine on on me, shine on on me:

Refrain

prayer of the day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

C: Blessed Lord, you were sent by the Father to bring a merciful message of salvation, hope and peace for all through your teaching and your ministry. Come among us now and manifest these same blessings in our midst so that we, too, will be encouraged and empowered in the Spirit and go out proclaiming your Good News to all and through all. Amen.

first lesson

Isaiah 5:18-24

Beware, those who pull evil along using cords of emptiness are as good as dead, who pull sin as with cart ropes.

They say, "Let him hurry, let him act quickly, so we can see; let the plan of the Holy One of Israel take shape and come to pass, then we will know it!"

Beware, those who call evil good and good evil, who turn darkness into light and light into darkness, who turn bitter into sweet and sweet into bitter. Beware, those who think they are wise, those who think they possess understanding. Beware, those who are champions at drinking, who display great courage when mixing strong drinks. They pronounce the guilty innocent for a payoff, they ignore the just cause of the innocent.

Therefore, as flaming fire devours straw, and dry grass disintegrates in the flames, so their root will rot, and their flower will blow away like dust. For they have rejected the law of the Lord of Heaven's Armies, they have spurned the commands of the Holy One of Israel.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

psalm

Psalm 147

Praise the Lord!

*How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.*

**The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel. R**

*He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.*

**He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**

*Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.*

**The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground. R**

*Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.*

**He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.**

*He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.*

**His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;**

*but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.*

**He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances. Praise the Lord! R**

P*Paul writes:* As to the glorious returning of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, to not be quickly shaken in mind, or alarmed either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the falling away from faith comes first and the “Lawlessness One” is revealed, the “Son of Destruction.” That one who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called “god” or object of worship so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, actually declaring himself to be God! Don’t you remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?! And you know that it now restrains him until he is revealed in his critical moment. For, the mystery of lawlessness has already been put to work only until he who is now restraining gets out of the way and then the “Lawless One” will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the spirit of his mouth, annihilating him by the manifestation of his glorious returning. The “glorious returning” of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, and all deceit and unrighteousness; those who are being destroyed rather than receiving the love and truth for their salvation. . .

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose God called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and may be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you, and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will go on doing the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

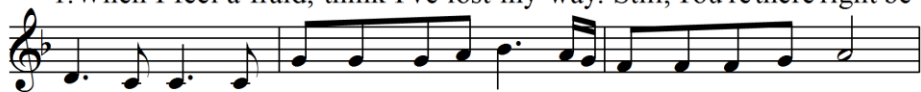
Refrain (*sing twice*)



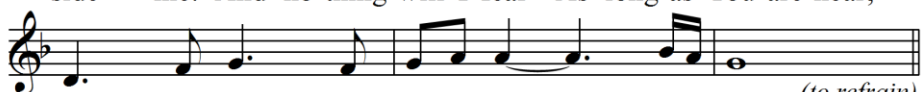
Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1. When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way. Still, You're there right be-



side me. And no-thing will I fear As long as You are near;



Please be near me to the end.

(to refrain)



2. I will not for-get Your love for me and yet, My heart for-ev-er is



wan-der-ing. Je-sus be my guide, And hold me to Your side, And



I will love you to the end.

(to refrain)

gospel acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the First Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

gospel

Mark 1:29-39

And immediately coming out of the synagogue, *Jesus and the disciples* came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. And immediately the disciples spoke to Jesus about her. And coming toward

her, Jesus raised her up, grasping her hand. And the fever released her. And she served them.

And when evening came - after sundown [*once the Sabbath was over*] – the disciples brought all those having sickness and those being demon-possessed to Jesus. And the whole city was gathering in front of the door. And Jesus healed many people having the sicknesses of various diseases. And Jesus threw out many demons. And Jesus would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a wilderness place and prayed. And Simon and those with him hunted for him. And they found him.

And they said to him, "Everyone is seeking you."

And he said, "We may go elsewhere, out into the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim there, for this is why I have come out."

And Jesus came out, proclaiming in their synagogues, in all of Galilee, and throwing out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

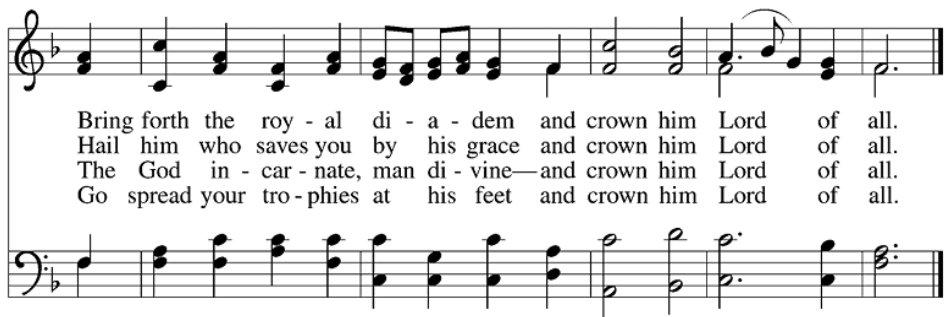
sermon

hymn of the day

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1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

apostles creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived of the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

prayers of the church

passing of the peace

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offertory

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

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1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

offertory prayer

A: Let us Pray.

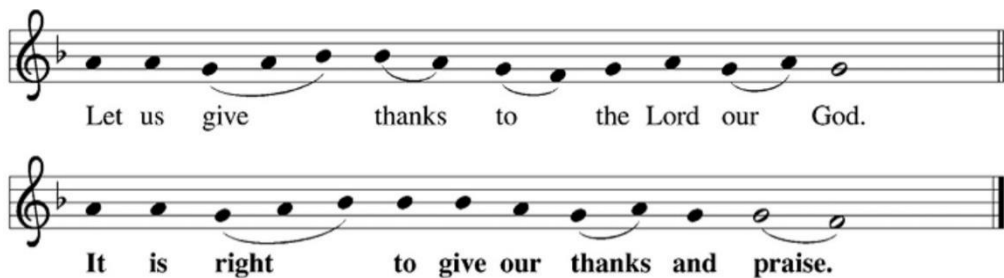
C: Lord, in this Epiphany season we focus on recognizing that you truly manifest Your presence each and every day through the many blessings we know which make our lives not only bearable, but better. We count it a privilege to be able to offer back this portion of what we have received, that through our empowerment of Your mission and Your ministry we can make the lives of others better, too. Favor our offerings, that they will flourish and bear fruit in ways that we cannot imagine, building Your wondrous Kingdom that we all seek. Amen.

great thanksgiving

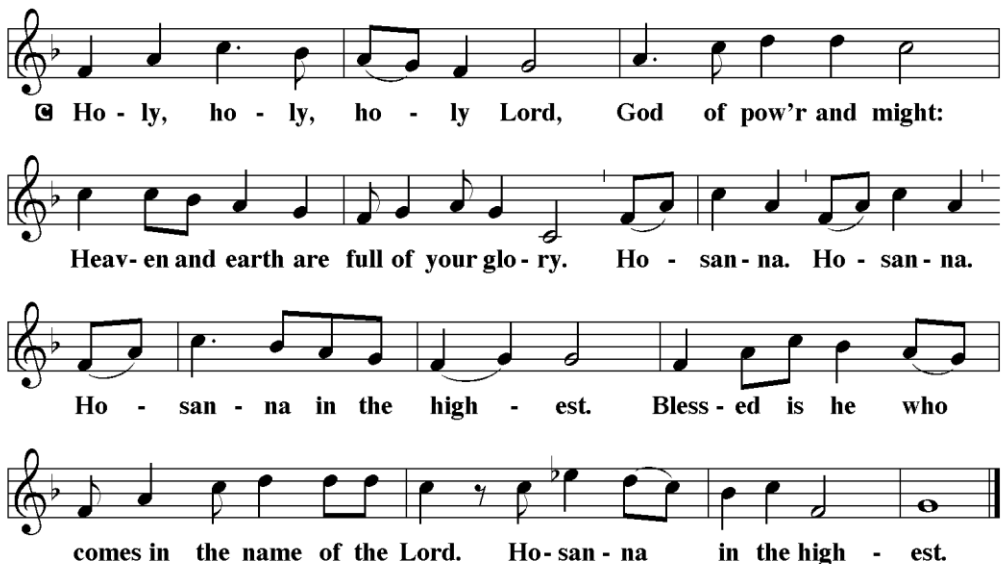
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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P: It is indeed right and responsible that we . . .



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 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 and ever. Amen

Distribution hymns

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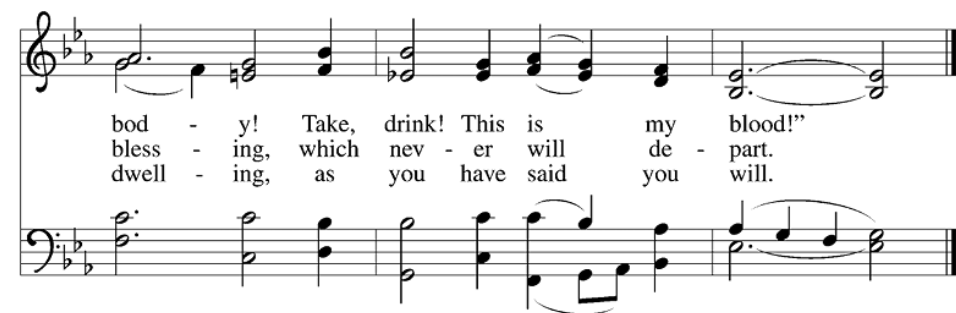
1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



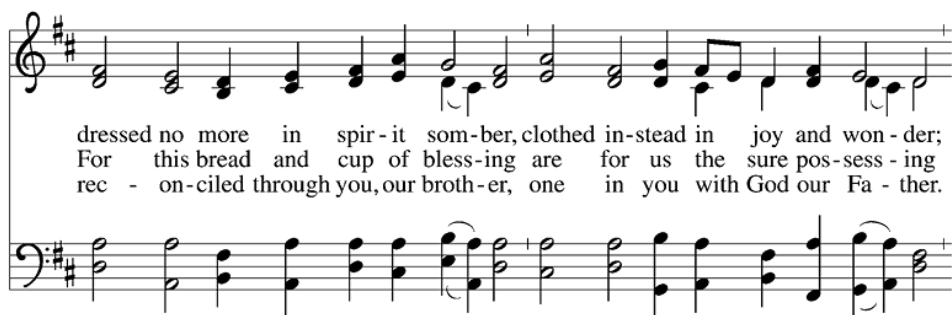
You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



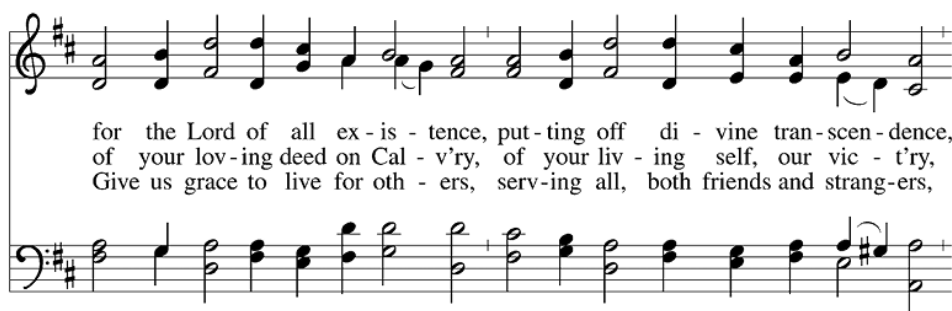
bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.



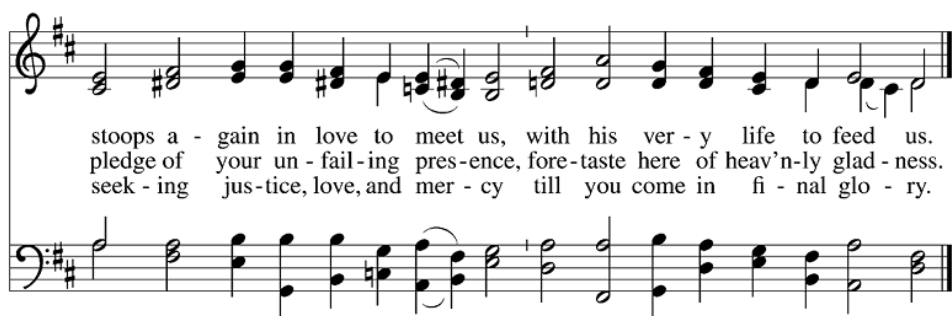
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me,
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

post communion blessing & prayer

Benediction & recessional

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

postlude & dismissal

Altar flowers are dedicated in honor of Cait & Richard Hoover's wedding from the Hoover family and are also dedicated to Bill Wyrstek in honor of his 80th Birthday from Susan Wyrstek.



Sunday, February 4

8:30 a.m. Scout Sunday Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

9:45 a.m. Scout Sunday Breakfast

10:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Four Chaplains Ceremony @ Yorktown American Legion

Monday, February 5

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Tuesday, February 6

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

Wednesday, February 7

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting – in person only

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 8

7:30 p.m. Digital Committee Meeting

Saturday, February 10

10:00 a.m. Grace Bakers Baking Session

Sunday, February 11

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School (No Confirmation Class)

10:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

12:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Luncheon in the fellowship hall