

Order of Worship
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023—11 a.m.
“Enter to worship. Depart to serve.”

Our worship service is broadcast on the radio each Sunday morning at
8:00 AM on KELB, 100.5 FM

MUSICAL OFFERING Judy Hand, Beverly Jones, Jan Scott
(This time should be used for meditation and preparation for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Weldon Bares

CHIMES

PRELUDE “CWM RHONDDA” J. Bert Carlson

CHORAL INTROIT **WB 18**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, the banquet of hope is ready.
Response: We come on your invitation, seeking to be fed.
Pastor: God’s love is here.
Response: We come on your invitation, needing healing.
Pastor: God’s grace and mercy are here.
Response: We come on your invitation, longing for forgiveness.
Pastor: In Jesus name, you are loved, healed and forgiven.

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, in love you open wide the doors and welcome all into
Your presence. You spread a table before us filled with Your love and
mercy. We come with joy to meet You and to experience Your goodness.
We give You thanks and praise for Your unbounding gifts. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy” Verses 1-3 No. 64

HOLY BAPTISM – Jane A’Dair Flynt

**With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that
Jane A’Dair, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith
and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.
Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Ann Courville

HYMN “Christ Is The World’s Light” No. 188

*PSALTER Psalm 27 Verses 1-6 No. 758
Rev. Mel Yorks

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER **440 vs. 1**

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Mel Yorks

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. Amen.**

*THE SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:15-24
Rev. Steffanie Pace

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

SERMON “The Great Banquet” Rev. Weldon Bares
Sermon Series: The Master Teacher—Teaching with Parables

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed No. 881
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in
Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70
**Glorry 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.**

OFFERING

ANTHEM “Let the People of God Go Singing” by Ken Medema

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” No. 95

*CLOSING HYMN “I Love To Tell the Story” No. 156

*BENEDICTION

CHIMES

*POSTLUDE Jubilation on “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Larry Visser

*Please stand if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Text in Church: Don't forget to check in today and every Sunday via "Text in Church". If you have not connected before, text "CONNECT" to 217-247-1263. After connecting, text "HERE" to register attendance, "GIVE" to submit an offering, and "PRAY" to submit a prayer request.

Weekly Church Prayer Requests: If you would like a copy of our weekly church prayer requests, they are available at our information stations at the Sanctuary entrances and outside of Paxton Hall.

Listening Devices: If you are having difficulty hearing any part of the service, we have listening devices available for you to use. They are located in the Narthex and are sanitized between each use.

New Sermon Series: "The Master Teacher—Teaching with Parables"
Next Week's sermon—"Ten Foolish Bridesmaids" Matthew 25:1-13

Children's Hand Bells: Sundays at 2:15 pm. Kids 3rd grade and up are welcome. Meet in the bell room on the 2nd floor. They will learn to read music and how to ring hand bells.

Bible Study led by Rev. Mel: "Follow" Mondays January 9- February 13. There will be two sessions: 10 am or 5:30 pm in Room 110. Be sure to sign up at the welcome center or outside Paxton Hall. Books will be available in the church office for \$10.

New Young Adult Bible Study: On Sunday, February 5, we will begin a 6 week class called "Intentional Parenting". It will be at 10 am in Paxton Hall. So while the kids are in Sunday School, come meet other parents who have similar parenting struggles and learn how to handle in a Christian manner.

Bible Study led by Rev. Steffanie: "Psalms" by Sandra Richter Starts Wednesday, February 8. There will be two sessions: 10 am or 6 pm in Room 110. Books will be available in the church office for \$10.

"SOUP"er Bowl Sunday: Sunday, February 12. Bring one can of soup to church to donate to local food pantries.

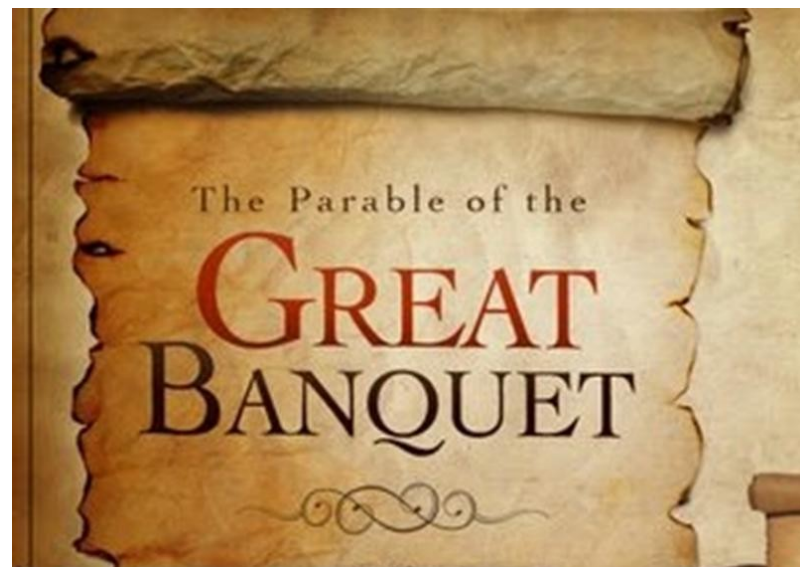
Abraham's Tent January workday: Monday, January 23. Food preparation begins at 9:30 and serving about 11:15.



*The flowers on the altar this morning are given
to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of
Jane A'Dair Wallace .*



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