

Order of Worship
Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 14, 2024—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 Trumpet Trio
Spencer Brand, Ricky Peters, Dave Scott
(This time should be used for meditation and preparation for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Weldon Bares

MISSION MOMENT Prison Ministry Ginger Karcher

CHIMES

PRELUDE "Song for a New Year" Gilbert M. Martin

CHORAL INTROIT WB 5

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word.

Response: The Word was with God.

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word.

Response: The Word spoke, creating all things.

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word.

Response: Jesus is the Word, the light of the world.

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we come rejoicing in your presence. Your love is stronger than death, your mercy reaches from the heavens to the depths. You show your kindness and grace through your Son Jesus. We worship you and ask that your use us for your glory. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Ann Courville

*THE SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-14
Reader: Rev. Steffanie Pace

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "When God Became a Person" Rev. Weldon Bares
Sermon Series: Journey Through John

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1: 1-5

*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

Glory 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.

OFFERING

ANTHEM "Lauda Anima (Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven)"
arr. Mark Andrews

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

HOLY COMMUNION No. 24-25
Communion hymns: 616, 623, 636

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.

*CLOSING HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" No. 224

*BENEDICTION

CHIMES

*POSTLUDE "Sing and Rejoice" Lani Smith

*Please stand if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Text in Church: Don't forget to check in today and every Sunday via "Text in Church". If it is your first Sunday, text "CONNECT" to 217-247-1263. If you have already connected, text "HERE" every Sunday.

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.

Abraham's Tent January Workdays: Wednesday, January 17 and Monday, January 22. Food Preparation begins at 9:30 am and serving at 11:15 am.

Children's handbells will begin January 21. Kids from 3rd grade and up can participate. Time of rehearsal 2:15-3:00pm in the bell room on the 2nd floor.

Confirmation Classes start today at 10 am in Room 302! Confirmation is open to all kids 6 grade or above who have not been confirmed yet. If you would like to register, please contact Rev. Steffanie Pace.

Love Lights: Leap of Faith Class would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Love Lights Program. We raised \$1,511.00 for youth and missions.

Prison Ministry Orientation: Join Chaplain Steve Cox with CPSO at our prison ministry orientation on January 22 and 23 at 6:30pm in Paxton Hall. Please attend one of these dates to become a part of our prison ministry team. If you have not been to this event before, you will need to fill out an application and have a pastoral letter of recommendation. Please call the church office with any questions.

Ash Wednesday Services will be on February 14 at both 12 pm and 6 pm. There will be a light lunch in Paxton Hall following the noon service. All are welcome!

One-Day Lenten Special Event: Join Rev. Steffanie Pace for a one-day special event. Prayer beads have been used by Christians since the 300's as a prayer aid and are still used today by Christians around the world. The cost is \$10 and includes materials to make your own set of prayer beads and a copy of *We Are Beloved*, by Kristen E. Vincent. February 3 at 10 am in Paxton Hall. Call the church office to reserve your place.

Rev. Steffanie Pace Bible Study: Rev. Steffanie Pace will be leading a 5-week Bible study on the ancient prayer practice of *Lectio Divina*. *Lectio Divina* is a traditional practice of scriptural reading and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word. Join us as we hear God's voice while falling in love with His word all over again. Contact the church office to reserve your spot.



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*"In the
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John 1:1-18

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