

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

January 10, 2021

10:00 AM

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Glory be to You, O God, whom we worship in awe and wonder. You are the author of all beginnings and all that is pronounced "good." In You both day and night have purpose, both calm and storm have meaning. Open the eyes of our imagination that we may be ready to receive Your gifts and discern Your activity in our midst. In the name of Jesus, in whose baptism we, too, are baptized. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: "MORNING HAS BROKEN" (E. Farjeon, 1931) (Tune: Bunessan)

1 Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!

(Sung by 1st Methodist, Houston, TX (8/27/2018))

CHILDRENS MESSAGE: Miss Dee

CALL TO CONFESSION

John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We, who have received the gift of baptism, recognize the need to confess our sins to remind ourselves of our finitude and of God's amazing grace.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, You have created us, but we have chosen to go our own way. You have reclaimed us, but we have, by our arrogant attitudes and actions, rejected the claim. We are ready now, ready to admit that our ways are full of dangerous byways. Our mistakes and failures have often come because, in our false pride, we have not listened to You. Save us again by Your forgiving love. Hear our personal prayers of confession.

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

A voice from heaven said to Jesus: "You are my own child, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased." Jesus Christ passed on that gift to those who dared to follow. We, too, are beloved children of God, loved, forgiven, and sent on a mission. All who are truly sorry for their sin are relieved of this burden and are recreated in God's image. Celebrate God's strength and glory!

SING: "AMAZING GRACE" (Author: John Newton, 1779; Tune: New Britain)

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| Amazing grace (how sweet the sound) | The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, |
| that saved a wretch like me! | the sun forbear to shine; |
| I once was lost, but now am found, | but God, who called me here below, |
| was blind, but now I see. | will be forever mine. |

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

ACTS 19:1-7

Paul in Ephesus

¹ While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

³ So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?"

"John's baptism," they replied.

⁴ Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

MARK 1:4-11

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON: "Baptism Is"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

BENEDICTION

We who have been baptized in the name of Jesus, the triune God has blessed and empowered. We are called to go out as a new creation in Christ to let others see how God is changing you.

CLOSING HYMN: "Holy Spirit Truth Divine" (Author: Samuel Longfellow (1864))

1 Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine.
Word of God, and inward Light,
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2 Holy Spirit, Love divine,
Glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle ev'ry high desire,
Perish self in Thy pure fire.

3 Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine,
Fill and nerve this will of mine.
Grant that I may strongly live,
Bravely bear and nobly strive.

4 Holy Spirit, Right divine,
King within my conscience reign.
Be my Lord and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, January 10, 2021

BELL PRACTICE: Mondays, 7:00 PM in the Sunday School wing.

GRIEFSHARE: GriefShare, Sundays at 3:00 pm. The group will meet in person at the church, with masks and practicing social distancing. We are going to attempt to show the sessions on Uber-conference 717-388-0676 also. You will need a computer or another device that has video technology to see the video. The sessions will be about 2 hours in length and will run until March 28. Meetings are held in the Sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study, Tuesdays (morning, 9:30 AM; evenings, 7:30 PM). We will begin studying the Minor Prophets beginning with Jonah. All sessions will be in-person in the church Sanctuary with masks and social distancing being practiced. Bible Study will also be available via Uber Conference (717-388-0676) for anyone who does not feel comfortable meeting in person. We look forward to having you join us.

MEN'S GROUP: Meetings will begin Monday, January 25 at 7:00 PM at the church with masks and social distancing. The 9-week curriculum is entitled "The Discipleship Playbook." Meetings can also be accessed via Uber Conference (717-388-0676). You will need a computer or another device that has video technology to see the video.

CONSISTORY MEETING: January 11, 7:00 PM; February 10, 7:00 PM

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY: Tuesday, January 26, 9:00 AM

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail (pastor@stdavidsucc.com or pscott8283@comcast.net) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS: If you would like to mail your offerings to the church, please mail them to Harley Hartman, 2195 Blackrock Rd, Hanover, PA 17331 and include one offering envelope indicating the manner in which you would like to have your funds applied. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of St. David's!

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC)

PAL DATE: January 23 No Clothing Bank Date in January

HACC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

PAL — Packing, Serving,

Changing Lives Shelter — AM and PM Shifts

Meals on Wheels — Runners and Drivers

Front Desk — Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday Reception Help.

Cleaning— Wednesdays

HACC ITEMS NEEDED:

PAL: Sauerkraut, Large Cans of Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Pasta Sauces, Single-serve Fruits, Canned Pears, Scalloped Potatoes Boxes, Corn Bread Mix, Beef and Chicken Broth, Ziploc Sandwich Baggies

Changing Lives Shelter: Large Trash Bag, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Disinfectant Wipes/Spray, Umbrellas or Ponchos

HACC General (Benefits All Ministries): Lysol Spray/ Disinfecting Spray

Meals on Wheels: Prayer Cards/ Words of Encouragement for Our Shut-Ins, Large Print Word Find or Crossword Activity Books, (Old Extra-Large Print Devotion Books. We Currently Have 10 Books and Need 30 More to Reach All of Our Shut-ins.

Clothing Bank: Family-Sized Toiletries, Sheet Sets (all sizes), Bath Towels, Men's White T-shirts (L & XL), Baby Diapers (Size 4-5). (Note: Many good quality clothing items are available. Both clients and anyone in the public are welcome to setup an appointment to select clothing. You will be given *Two Free Bags* of clothing. After that, each item is \$.50. Call 717-633-6353 for an appointment. Open Mon-Thurs 9 am- Noon. Masks required, temperature check, and sanitize hands.)

Ruth's Harvest: Single-serve Entrees, Cereal, Juice Boxes, Snack or Veggies (all single-serve).

COMMUNITY AID UPDATE: Community Aid is currently accepting donations of *clothing, shoes, toys, books* and *jewelry* at the store on Baltimore St. Just mention St. David's United Church of Christ and our Code number, #20003 and we will receive \$.06 per pound for clothing donations. Drive-up hours are Monday-Saturday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES: What an amazing November! Our loving and supportive church community was there to support the families we serve so that no one would be hungry on Thanksgiving. Because of the food drives, and funds donated, thousands of families received turkeys and all the trimmings. Volunteers and staff served with big smiles under their face masks to bless our guests. Thank you for helping make these loving moments possible for our neighbors in need! We are blessed by your loving support of our programs!! We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and prayers for a blessed new year