

**ST. DAVIDS (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**January 17, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of all our moments—day and night—awaken us to hear what You would say to us. Help us to know when it is Your voice we are hearing and when it is our own prejudices and desires to which we are paying heed. We open ourselves to behold Your glory and to know Your steadfast love. AMEN

**OPENING HYMN:** “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
In living echoes of Thy tone;  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek  
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O, strengthen me, that while I stand  
Firm on the rock and strong in Thee,  
I may stretch out a loving hand  
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O, teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things Thou dost impart;  
And wing my words that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O, give Thine own sweet rest to me,  
That I may speak with soothing power  
A word in season, as from Thee,  
To weary ones in needful hour.

O, fill me with Thy fulness, Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O, use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,  
Until Thy blessed face I see,  
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

*Congregational singing, Metropolitan Tabernacle, London*  
*Text: Frances Havergal | Tune: QUEBEC*

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE:** Miss Dee

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We can hide nothing from God, who knows our every thought. God is aware of sins we have not recognized. Whenever we have broken a solemn trust, whenever we have acted on selfish impulse, whenever we have trampled the feelings of others or ignored their need, God has noticed. We cannot be right with God unless we examine ourselves and repent.

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, our lives are an open book to You. Help us to recognize in ourselves what You have seen there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging our sin. Awaken in us a sorrow over the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. Create in us an earnest desire to change. O God, we are in touch with the pain we have caused and the pain within us. Because of Your love and care, we can face and overcome the sins we here confess ...

## **A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

You are not your own, you were bought with a price. The Messiah has come, and you have been claimed as God's own. As Christ was raised from the dead, so, too, all who long to escape the death of sin are lifted by God to newness of life. Accept the pardon and transformation God offers in Christ this day!

**HOLY SCRIPTURES:** Psalm 139; I Samuel 3:1–20

### **PSALM 139**

***For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.***

- <sup>1</sup> You have searched me, Lord,  
and you know me.
- <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- <sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue  
you, Lord, know it completely.
- <sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.
- <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.

7 Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
10 even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,"  
12 even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

13 For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand—  
when I awake, I am still with you.

## **1 SAMUEL 3:1–20**

### ***The Lord Calls Samuel***

<sup>1</sup> The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

<sup>2</sup> One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So, he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup> A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

<sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. <sup>12</sup> At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God, and he failed to restrain them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'"

<sup>15</sup> Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, <sup>16</sup> but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son."

Samuel answered, "Here I am."

<sup>17</sup> "What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you." <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the Lord; let him do what is good in his eyes."

<sup>19</sup> The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord.

**SERMON:** "Listening with Love"

### **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:**

Go forth to answer God's call to service;  
Sharing the love of Christ with all you meet.

### **CLOSING HYMN:** "Where He Leads Me"

I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
"Take thy cross and follow, follow Me."

Where He leads me, I will follow,  
Where He leads me, I will follow,  
Where He leads me, I will follow,  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

I'll go with Him through the garden,  
I'll go with Him through the garden,  
I'll go with Him through the garden,  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

Where He leads me, I will follow,  
Where He leads me, I will follow,  
Where He leads me, I will follow,  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

I'll go with Him thro' the judgment,  
I'll go with Him thro' the judgment,  
I'll go with Him thro' the judgment,  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

Where He leads me, I will follow,  
Where He leads me, I will follow,  
Where He leads me, I will follow,  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory,  
He will give me grace and glory,  
He will give me grace and glory,  
And go with me, with me all the way.

Where He leads me, I will follow,  
Where He leads me, I will follow,  
Where He leads me, I will follow,  
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

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## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, January 17, 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. Sessions will also be shown on Uber-conference 717-388-0676. 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.

**NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY:** Tuesday, January 26, 9:00 AM (Masks required).

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT:** Many thanks to all who participated in the UCC Pension Fund Offering taken at Christmas. We received \$95 that will be greatly appreciated by a former clergy member.

**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.



***"I just — I couldn't do it anymore."***

We often hear these sincere words from those we serve at New Hope Ministries. When people hit rock bottom and have nowhere else to go. Just before Christmas, New Hope announced our second round of emergency response funds for people struggling because of the impact of COVID-19. FOX 43 News visited New Hope to tell our story, and had the opportunity to talk with Tracy, a mom that we have been helping through the pandemic. Tracy relayed her story and said she is a mother of three teenage sons and was going through a rough patch after her father and sister had recently died. On top of that, she lost her job at a long-term care facility due to the pandemic. As a single mom, she found herself unable to financially support her family. "I just—I couldn't do it anymore," she said.



Tracy found New Hope Ministries and we helped her with expenses, food for her family and a new job at Giant, which she is enjoying! **Thank you** for making a difference in the lives of the people we serve at New Hope!!

<b>Need Help?</b> If you or someone you know needs help with food or dealing with a financial crisis, please contact us. (717) 432-2087	<b>Wish List:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canned meats and peanut butter</li><li>• Canned veggies/fruit</li><li>• Personal care items</li><li>• See website for specific needs by Center</li></ul>	<b>Volunteer with us!</b> There are many volunteer opportunities available at all our Centers! Please give us a call, or visit our website to see how you can be a part of our ministry!
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