

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 23, 2022 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

WORDS TO PONDER

We are His body.

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Creator of the universe bids us come to worship; let us come in awe, reverence, and eager anticipation.

PEOPLE: **We gather in unity with other Christians, for in Christ we are one body.**

LEADER: We are together to learn, to care for one another, and to gain strength for our common ministry.

PEOPLE: **We need one another to discern God's will, and we depend on one another to carry it out.**

LEADER: The Spirit of God is upon us, teaching and empowering.

UNISON: **We open ourselves to the word of life as we lift hands and hearts to the source of help.**

OPENING HYMN: "God of Grace & God of Glory" #287 Red

CALL TO CONFESSION

As God gathers us, we recognize how far we have wandered from the truth God reveals. The errors we have not discerned in our daily routines are brought to light and our sins are revealed. Let us confess them before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, have mercy upon us, and through Christ forgive our sins. He called the church to be one body with parts to make it function. We sever that one body through suspicion and hostility; we cannot dine around one common table. We divide into separate bodies and pretend to be the church. By Your grace make us one in Christ.

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Paul declares that “as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body ... and all were made to drink of one Spirit.” Friends, may we affirm our baptism and be made one in Christ, since in Christ we are all forgiven.

HOLY SCRIPTURES: I Corinthians 12:12–31

CHILDREN’S STORYTIME

SERMON: “Waddle or Fly”

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

UNISON BENEDICTION

We are the body of Christ and individually members of it. We drink of one Spirit and are united in a common ministry. May we care for one another that there may be no discord in the body. If one member suffers, all suffer together; If one member is honored, all rejoice together. May we be knit together, that our varied talents may be fully engaged in service to our God.

CLOSING HYMN: “O Word of God Incarnate” #199 Red