

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

January 24, 2021

10:00 AM

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God of repeated invitations and challenges, let us hear You today. Help us to read the seriousness of the times in which we live. Divert our attention from interests that divide and misdirect our commitment. With the devotion of Christ's earliest disciples may we dare to leave all to follow. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
Saying "Christian, follow me."

3 In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

2 Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying "Christian, love me more."

4 Jesus calls us; by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE: Miss Dee

CALL TO CONFESSION

We, who have often turned away from God's direction and purpose, have come together to confront our disobedience and our willful disregard of the divine intent. Despite good intentions, we have broken trust with God and with one another. Let us acknowledge our sin, that we may be open to God's healing and the restoration of right relationships with our neighbors.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, we confess that we have trusted our narrow understandings rather than seek Your will. We have taken our direction from the world rather than question the way things are ordered here. We have put our confidence in riches and worldly status. We have closed our ears to Your call and, when we have heard that call, defied it. Even when we have followed, we have resisted the evidence of Your activity in our midst. Forgive us, Powerful One, and save us from ourselves. Hear our silent prayers. . . .

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The present form of our world is passing away. God has better things in store for us than we have yet known. Our lives, enlisted in God's realm, can count for something good. Forgiven and forgiving people make a difference.

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 62:5-12, Luke 18:1-8

PSALM 62:5-12

- ⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.
- ⁶ Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
- ⁷ My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- ⁸ Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.
- ⁹ Surely the lowborn are but a breath,
the highborn are but a lie.
If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;
together they are only a breath.
- ¹⁰ Do not trust in extortion
or put vain hope in stolen goods;

though your riches increase,
do not set your heart on them.

- ¹¹One thing God has spoken,
two things I have heard:
“Power belongs to you, God,
¹²and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;
and, “You reward everyone
according to what they have done.”

MARK 1:14–20

Jesus Announces the Good News

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

SERMON: “Follow Jesus”

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

God sends us out into the world with good news.

We go out as people who know our own weakness.
We rise above our shortcomings in the strength Christ gives.

CLOSING HYMN: "Give of Your Best to the Master"

1. Give your best to the Master;
 Give Him the strength of your youth;
 Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ardor
 Into the battle for truth.

 Jesus has set the example,
 Dauntless was He, young and brave;
 Give Him your loyal devotion;
 Give Him the best that you have.

- *Refrain:*
 Give your best to the Master;
 Give of the strength of your youth;
 Throw your soul's fresh glowing ardor,
 Into the battle for truth.

2. Give your best to the Master;
 Give Him first place in your heart;
 Give Him first place in your service;
 Consecrate every part.
 Give, and to you shall be given;
 God His beloved Son gave;
 Gratefully seeking to serve Him,
 Give Him the best that you have.

3. Give your best to the Master;
 Naught else is worthy His love;
 He gave Himself for your ransom,
 Gave up His glory above.
 Laid down His life without murmur,
 You from sin's ruin to save;
 Give Him your heart's adoration;
 Give Him the best that you have.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, January 24, 2021

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING CANCELLATIONS THIS WEEK!

NO GRIEFSHARE, Sunday, January 24

NO BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS, Tuesday, January 26

MEN's GROUP: NOTE DATE CHANGE: Meetings will begin Sunday, January 31 at 6:00 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).

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES: The Girl Scouts in our congregation have been invited to post their cookie sale information on our church's FB page. Each scout has their own link where you can place an order for cookies. Please support our Girl Scouts. Thank You.

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: February 27 Clothing Bank Date: February 19

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.

CARD SHOWER for Kitty Myers:

Happy 90th Birthday on February 9, 2021, to Kathryn (Kitty) Myers!

Our parents, Rev. Robert and Kitty Myers, have wonderful memories of St. David's UCC, while our dad served as their pastor. They made many friends over the years. We wanted to share a special time with those who share those special memories. Our Mother preferred that we not have a big party for her. COVID-19 presented obstacles to certain types of celebrations, as well. We thought she would like the idea of having a birthday card shower. Please help us celebrate her very special milestone by sending her a birthday card. Feel free to include messages and pictures. She will enjoy hearing from her friends and family. Please send cards and birthday wishes to: Kathryn Myers, 679 Plum Tree Lane, Hanover, PA 17331. Thank you so much! Dave and Jean Myers, Phil and Monica Myers and Ann and Dave Collado.