

6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Crusader's Hymn A.D. Miller

The Call to Worship

To those who are weary and in search of rest,
To those who are longing for comfort,
To those who need help in their struggles,
To those who feel empty and desire to be filled,
God welcomes you here. God welcomes you just as you are. God pours his love, joy, peace, and hope into our lives.
God welcomes us and we come! We come to worship the Lord.

*The Hymn of Praise God is Here! 461

*The Call to Confession

As we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who often close our hearts to God and stray from his ways. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Christ showed us and taught us how to live as your disciples, yet we cling to the values of a broken and sinful world. We say we trust in you, yet we continue to go our own way. We pursue profit and pleasure for ourselves regardless of the hurt it may cause others. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fail to live as your people. [Silent confession.] Lord, in your tender mercy, forgive us and renew us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Jesus Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds, we are healed. Our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*The Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father 579

**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. Amen.**

The Anthem The Beatitudes R. Avery and D. Marsh

The Word of God

The Time with the Children Marsha Bennett

The Gospel Reading Luke 6:17-26 page 1468

The Sermon Jesus' Teaching – Blessings & Woes Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn Wonderful Words of Life see insert

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Andante sostenuto from Twelve Short Preludes A. Gray

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* see insert

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude *Cortège from 24 Pieces in a Free Style* L. Vierne

Liturgist: Kitty Myers

Ushers: Brian & Cathy McNalley, and Chuck & Diane Kemerer

Greeter: Diane Kemerer

Fellowship Hour: Cheryl Kelley

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and The Chancel Choir.

From the SPC Session



The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is TODAY February 16, 2025 immediately following worship. Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted. The 2024 Annual Report is available on the table in the entrance vestibule.

Please join us immediately following the meeting in the gathering area for refreshments and fellowship.

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SON OF MAN.
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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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For The Hearing Impaired

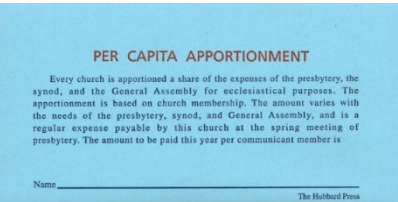
The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is comfortable for you.

Office Hours

The office hours for the week of February 17 will be Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.



Per Capita



Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole; it is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The total 2025 Per Capita for our church is \$6,875.00, which equates to **\$30.69 per member** (not per household). This goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant and the Presbytery. If each member pays their Per Capita amount above their regular giving then pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.

***Deadline for March newsletter is
Wednesday, February 19 @ 5:00 p.m.***



Worship Team

Music and Worship Committee
The signup sheets are out for March Liturgist, Ushers, Greeter(s), Fellowship Hour Host(s), and Communion Servers. We also need some people willing to learn and help with the Live-Stream operations. Please see Chuck Kemerer, Cheryl Kelley, Deb Easlick, or Bruce Smith if you are interested in learning the live-stream process

Hope & Care Totes

For the month of February, we are highlighting the Saginaw City Rescue Mission’s Outreach Project, **Operation Hope and Care Totes**. The Rescue Mission’s goal, through the **Operation Hope and Care** project, is to provide basic, personal hygiene items to hundreds of needy men, women, and children in the Mid-Michigan area. These hygiene items can bring a sense of relief to those desperately in need in our community. There is a list of items needed on the table in the main hallway. **Please fill a bag or tote to bring the items to church. You do not have to fill a bag; we will take whatever you can donate.**

Please bring items to the church by Sunday, February 23.

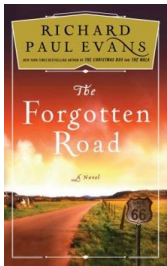


Boy Scout Sunday and Pancake Breakfast

Boy Scout Sunday is February 23 and our troop is putting on a Pancake Breakfast immediately after worship. Please plan to stay after worship for delicious pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice.

February Book Group

The Forgotten Road by Richard Paul Evans is the second book in the Broken Road Trilogy. **We will meet Sunday, February 23 @ 1:00 p.m.** to discuss the book, enjoy some fellowship and treats. No need to sign up, just show up! If you have any suggestions for our next reading choice feel free to share.



Wonderful Words of Life

1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won - der - ful words of life;
 2. Christ, the bless - ed One, gives to all won - der - ful words of life;
 3. Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won - der - ful words of life;

let me more of their beau - ty see, won - der - ful words of life;
 sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, won - der - ful words of life;
 of - fer par - don and peace to all, won - der - ful words of life;

words of life and beau - ty, teach me faith and du - ty:
 all so free - ly giv - en, woo - ing us to heav - en:
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er,

Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life;

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WORDS: Philip P. Bliss, 1874
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

WORDS OF LIFE
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SUBMISSION AND PROFESSION

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

ST. LEONARDS

1. May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior,
 2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly
 3. May the peace of God, my Fa - ther,
 4. May the love of Je - sus fill me
 5. May I run the race be - fore me,
 6. May His beau - ty rest up - on me

live in me from day to day, by His love and
 in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may
 rule my life in ev - 'ry - thing, that I may be
 as the wa - ters fill the sea. Him ex - alt - ing,
 strong and brave to face the foe, look - ing on - ly
 as I seek the lost to win, and may they for -

pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
 see I tri - umph on - ly through His pow'r.
 calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
 self a - bas - ing; this is vic - to - ry.
 un - to Je - sus as I on - ward go.
 get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly Him.

WORDS: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925
 MUSIC: A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925

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Luke 6:17-26 New International Version

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.