

7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 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 Grave *from* Concerto in G Major, BWV 592 J.S. Bach

*The Presentation of Colors

*The Pledge of Allegiance

The Boy Scout Report

The Call to Worship

God calls us to worship. Let us not forget all that he has done for us.

We remember his kindness and love. He forgives our sins.

He redeems our lives.

The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in love.

God is deserving of all our praise.

We praise the name of the Lord!

*The Hymn of Praise *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?* 11

*The Call to Confession

This is how God demonstrated his love for us: He sent his one and only Son into this world. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us, therefore, confess our sin to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding. You have set us on paths of righteousness. Yet we have strayed from your ways. You call us to love our enemies, but too often we only love those who love us in return. You call us to

forgive and to pray for those who mistreat us, but too often we hold on to resentment and bitterness. You call us to give, but too often our giving comes with conditions or expectations. We confess that we have not lived as you have taught us to live. Have mercy on us, O Lord. [Silent confession.] Lord, in your tender mercy and love, forgive us and help us to be more like Jesus. In his name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

God does not treat us as our sins deserve. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. In Christ, 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 Prayer of St. Francis Allan Pote

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading Luke 6:27-38 page 1469

The Sermon *Jesus' Teachings: Love for Enemies* Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

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

*The Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* 388

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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus Tedd Smith

*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 *God, Bless Your Church with Strength!* 418

*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 *Allegro from Concerto in G Major, BWV 592* J.S. Bach

Liturgist: Boy Scout Troop 304

Ushers: Larry Smith

Greeter: Bob Donaldson

Fellowship Hour: Pancake Breakfast

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

**Please join us immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall for a
pancake breakfast hosted by our Boy Scouts.**

*****Session meeting is Tuesday, February 25 @ 7:00 p.m.*****

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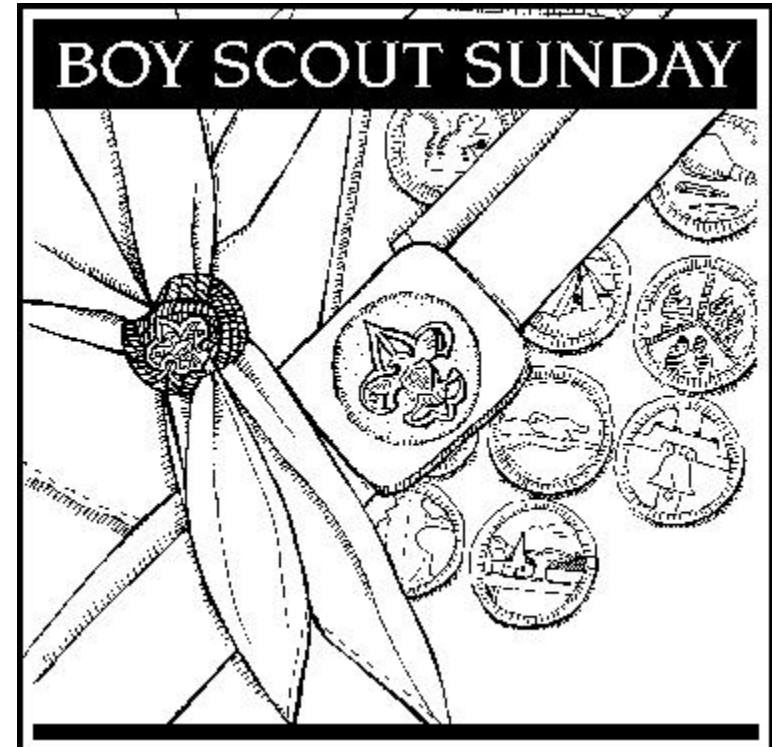
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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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.

*****Book Group meets today @ 1:00 p.m. to discuss The Forgotten Road by Richard Paul Evans.*****

*****No 2nd @ Second today*****

Office Hours

The office hours for the week of February 24 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.



Ash Wednesday is March 5. A combined service with First Presbyterian Church will be @ 7:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church.



Building Maintenance Announcement

- Over the next couple weeks, there will be construction in the hallway in the old section of the church. Please refrain from going into that area.
- The handicap buttons at the entrance have NOT been repaired at this time. The issue was more involved than we anticipated. A repair company has been hired, and the parts are on order.



Worship Team

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

Music and Worship Committee

Rescue Mission Lunches

Saturday, **March 1**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.



For the month of March, our mission focus will be the Old Town Baby Pantry.

The pantry helps parents who need a hand with items for their new babies. We will have a crib set up in the hallway to accept any items that would be useful to new babies. Some suggested items include sleepers, onesies, outfits, snowsuits/jackets (all size 0-9 months),

crib sheets, receiving blankets, hooded towels, wash cloths bibs, bottles, newborn diapers, wipes, diaper bags, shampoo/baby wash, baby powder, lotions, bassinets, pack-n-plays, highchairs, and bouncy seats. We will be collecting items through March 31.

