

# Sunday Worship January 10, 2016 – 10:00 AM First Sunday after the Epiphany

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# The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (\* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

### Prelude

# \*Gathering Song: New Song

Your ways, oh Lord, are good and faithful, no one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame; You turned my sorrow into dancing, You turned my tears to joy.

(Chorus:) You've given my heart a new song, and my heart can't be silent anymore (oh I can sing) for I am not afraid to do your will, Lord, cause to live is Christ, to die is gain.

When I'm afraid you give me shelter; when I am weak you give me strength; I cried for mercy and you healed me; You brought me up from the grave. *(Chorus)* 

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

# All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**Priest:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

# \*Song of Praise: Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise, manifested by the star to the sages from afar; branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme; and at Cana, wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest; manifest in power divine, changing water into wine; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light, where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw. When from there thou leddest them stead fast to Jerusalem, cross and Easter day attest God in man made manifest.

*\*All:* Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

# A Reading from Isaiah

(43:1-7)

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

# All: Thanks be to God.

# \*Gradual Song: May The Words Of My Mouth

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart bless Your name, bless Your name, Jesus. And the deeds of the day and the truth in my ways speak of You, speak of You, Jesus.

*(Chorus:)* For this is what I'm glad to do. It's time to live a life of love that pleases You. And I will give my all to You. Surrender everything I have and follow You. I'll follow You.

Lord, will You be my vision, Lord, will You be my guide. Be my hope, be my light and the way. And I'll look not for riches, nor praises on earth. Only You'll be the first of my heart. *(Chorus)* 

I will follow, I will follow, I will follow You.

# \*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (3:15-17, 21-22) *All:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you Lord Chris

Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

\*Priest: Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All:* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# \*Prayers of the People

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord.

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth, let us pray to the Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the Church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will, let us pray to the Lord:All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That Your blessing would be upon the clergy and people of Olivet, Franconia; St. Christopher's, Springfield; Christ Ascension, Richmond; Holy Comforter, Richmond; St. George's, Arlington; Trinity, Arlington: All Souls, Atlee; and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, let us pray to the Lord:

# *All:* Hear our prayer.

Leader: That You would add to this fellowship those whose calling and ministry is with families with young Children, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That all members of law enforcement, firefighters, EMT's, military personnel, and veterans would be protected and led by Your Spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

# *All:* Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God, let us pray to the Lord:

# All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Double Ought Floors, John MacMillan, owner, that business would grow and be established in our community, let us pray to the Lord:

# All: Hear our prayer.

- **Leader:** For the elimination of discrimination in living patterns, public education employment, political jurisdiction. Transportation, and churches in Metropolitan Richmond, let us pray to the Lord:
- *All:* Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the sick and suffering may know Your healing, especially\_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

Leader: That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, to the mercy and protection of God: *All:* To you, O Lord our God.

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Priest:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# \*Exchange of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

# The Holy Communion

# Offertory: <u>All I Need</u>

All the beauty I can see, if it could belong to me, I would give it all, for you. Any greatness I achieve; every praise I may receive, I would give it all, for you.

*(Chorus:)* All I need, you are all I need, I have found it true, life comes only from you, all I need, you are all I need, nothing else will do, no one else but you.

If I'm given comfort here, offered what the world holds dear, I would give it all, for you. (Chorus)

\*Doxology: 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.

\* Eucharistic Prayer B

Priest: The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts. *People:* We lift them to the Lord.

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Priest:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# *All (Sung):* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

**Priest:** We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

# *People:* We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

**Priest:** And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*All:* 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

**Priest:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[**NOTE**: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalicer and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

# Communion Song: Humble King

(Verse:) Oh, kneel me down again here at Your feet. Show me how much You love humility. Oh Spirit, be the star that leads me to the humble heart of love I see in You.

*(Chorus:)* 'Cause You are the God of the broken, the Friend of the weak. You wash the feet of the weary; embrace the ones in need. I want to be like You, Jesus, to have this heart in me. You are the God of the humble; You are the humble King.

# (Repeat Verse and Chorus)

\*Post-Communion Prayer *(AII)*: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

# \*Blessing

# \*Song of Dismissal: Let The River Flow

Let the poor man say, "I am rich in Him." Let the lost man say, "I am found in Him." Let the river flow. Let the blind man say, "I can see again." Let the dead man say, "I am born again." Let the river flow. Let the river flow.

Let the river flow. Let the river flow. Holy Spirit, come; move in power. Let the river flow.

Let the poor man say, "I am rich in Him." Let the lost man say, "I am found in Him." Oh, let the river flow. Let the blind man say, "I can see again." Let the dead man say, "I am born again." Oh, let the river flow. Oh, let the river flow.

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**Priest:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

### Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd (Jr. & Sr.) The Symphony Retirement Community John Madden Carl Burton Ken Joyner Sonny Baharloo Wayne Conners Linda Eggleston MJ Weatherford Bill Morgan and family Rachel Pisarz Ken Killian Joseph Moore Allie & Jenni Morris

### Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Other Members:		Junior Warden:	Richard Walker Libby Clark
Register:	Marian Elam	Treasurer:	Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalicers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

Worship Service Date	Scripture Reader	Prayer Reader	Chalicers	Greeters/Ushers
Jan 10	Bill Weatherford	Bobbie LeViness	Bill Weatherford, Marian Elam	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
Jan 17	Jack Martin	MJ Weatherford	Jack Martin, MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
Jan 24	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
Jan 31	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
Feb 7	Bobbie LeViness	Jack Martin	Marian Elam, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

# ~Announcements~

#### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

Wednesday, January 13	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
	Theology on Tap	TBA	6:30 p.m.
	Caregivers' Support Group	Walker's Home	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 17	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 24	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

**Food Collection** for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please continue to bring non-perishable food to donate. The Food Pantry takes pet food and will accept open bags. Please place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

#### **Our Missional Communities:**

*Caregivers' Support Group* will meet on January 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Hedy Walker. Contact Hedy at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

*Theology on Tap* will meet on January 13 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

*Symphony* will meet at Symphony Assisted Living on January 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Contact Bobbie LeViness at bobbiedrew@yahoo.com.

**Financial Update -** If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Fu	Net Gain	
	<b>Deposits</b>	Expenses	or (Loss)
2015			
1st Quarter	\$23,344.99	\$24,228.82	(\$883.83)
2nd Quarter	\$20,771.99	\$23,203.94	(\$2,431.95)
3rd Quarter	\$19,498.99	\$22,456.32	(\$2,957.33)
October	\$7,025.33	\$8,317.11	(\$1,291.78)
November	\$7,646.33	\$7,300.78	\$345.55
December	<u>\$8,678.33</u>	<u>\$8,867.19</u>	<u>(\$188.86)</u>
4th Quarter	<u>\$23,349.99</u>	<u>\$24,485.08</u>	<u>(\$1,135.09)</u>
2015 Year-To-Date	\$86,965.96	\$94,374.16	(\$7,408.20)
Checking Account Balance	Beginning	Ending	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$24,597.62	(\$7,408.20)

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