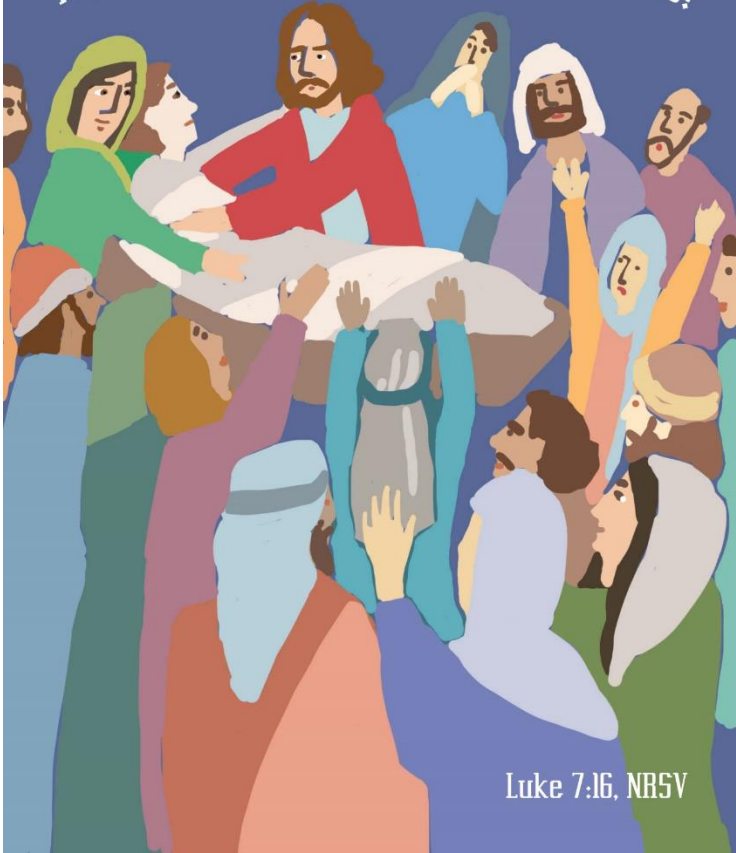


... they glorified God, saying,
"A great prophet has risen among us!"



Luke 7:16, NRSV



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Prelude In E Flat
Alexandre Guilmant

Call to Worship

Kathleen Filkins

Leader: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

People: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

People: For great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.

All: Let us worship the One who comes in glory forever and ever. Amen!

† **Hymn of Praise**

#610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease;
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints
below, and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, as people who profess to know You, we come before
You aware of how far we have fallen short. You have given to us**

all that makes life good, yet we do not live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered Your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. Forgive us, O God. Teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us Lord, to pray,
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then by Your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread Your peace.

✠ We Listen to God’s Word ✠

Children’s Message

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

H H Hopson

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness shall cover the earth.

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 4:32–37 (NRSV)

When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. ³³ So he went in and closed the door on the two of them and prayed to the Lord. ³⁴ Then he got up on the bed and lay upon the child, putting his mouth upon his mouth, his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands, and while he lay bent over him, the flesh of the child became warm. ³⁵ He got down, walked once to and fro in the room, then got up again and bent over him; the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. ³⁶ Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite woman.” So he called her. When she came to him, he said, “Take your son.” ³⁷ She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground; then she took her son and left.

L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name.
 In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
 He brings my wandering spirit back
 when I forsake His ways,
 and leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death
 Your presence is my stay;
 one word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
 my cup with blessings overflows; Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
 O may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
 There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
 no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 7:11 – 17 (NRSV)

¹¹ Soon afterward He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. ¹² As He approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow, and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, He was moved with compassion for her and said to her, "Do not cry." ¹⁴ Then He came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stopped. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized all of them, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷ This word about Him spread throughout the whole of Judea and all the surrounding region.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

Restoring Our Lives

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

We come to You for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by, Your Spirit's touch,
we may again be whole.

As once You walked through ancient streets
and reached toward those in pain,
come, risen Christ,
among us still with power to heal again.

You touch us through physicians' skills,
through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends
who lift our lives in prayer.

When nights are long with wakefulness,
through days when strength runs low,
grant us Your gift of patience,
Lord, Your calming peace to know.

We come to You, O loving Lord,
in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days
Your grace will heal, sustain.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Clean Start

† Doxology

For this Thy glad Epiphany all glory Jesus, be to Thee.
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

† Prayer of Dedication

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† Hymn of Sending

#542 (1,3)

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Voluntary No 8 in G

Paul Page

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Cathy Wilson*

Liturgist: *Kathleen Filkins*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 55

Backpack Ministry: \$1,800.00 (Hunger Grant)

General Offering: \$1,513.00

Organ Repair Fund: \$25.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$1,000.00

Sew Blessed: \$1,300.00 (Peacemaking Grant)

Online Giving: \$335.00

Total Offering: \$5,973.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 21

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Nanette's Birthday Celebration, Noon

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, January 22

Empty Nest Angels, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 23

Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, January 25

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

Meetings Rescheduled

- ▶ Sew Blessed—Monday, January 29, 6 p.m.
- ▶ Session Meeting—Tuesday, January 30, 5:30 p.m.



Fat Tuesday BRUNCH

Join us for “Fat Tuesday Brunch” on **Sunday, February 11** immediately following Morning Worship. The menu is: pancakes, sausage, breakfast casseroles, yogurt, fruit, and donuts. The church fair will also take place. This is an opportunity for you to discover the various ministries provided through FPC. You also can sign up for a ministry in which you would like to take part.



Join us **Wednesday, February 14** for an Ash Wednesday Service beginning at **7 p.m.** The Imposition of Ashes will be offered. This service prepares us as we begin our Lenten reflection on a journey to a garden, a cross, and an empty tomb.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending January 18, 2024

Bridget Heighton (Barb Payne's friend)

Jane Justice

Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Judy Oakley (Pam Potter's friend)

Wilma Potter

(Lois Jackson's sister and Pam & Roger Potter's sister-in-law)

Carol Sanderson

Greg Willis

Week ending January 11, 2024

Raechel Chambers

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Rachael Turner (Kathleen Filkins' daughter)

Week ending January 4, 2024

Dan Cade (Kim Whitman)

Russell Holbrook (Charlie Holbrook's son)

Nate Lambert (Kim Whitman)

Judy Lilly

Susan Martell (Pastor Bill's sister)

Fred McCullough (Charlie Holbrook's friend)

Family of Phillip Maroudis (Charlie Holbrook's friend)

Jeannie P. (Scott & Carol Sanderson)

Tim Shepard (Bonnie Pettijohn's son)

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Gretchen Dillon; Kenny McGill, Derek Payne; Nancy Payne, Bonnie Pettijohn, Jan Winans

The Lantern: Barry Barbour









Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Oakmont Manor: Annie Miller

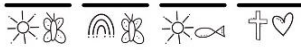
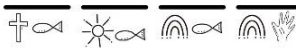
Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

Puzzle!

Use the grid to discover what James 5:13-18 advises when challenges loom.

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STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2024	2025	2026
<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>
<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>
<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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