

January 22, 2017 Third Sunday after the Epiphany 10:00 a.m.

Gathering Thought: "Imitate God in everything you do because you are his dear children."
-- Ephesians 5:1

ENTRANCE

Gathering
Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Meditation on "How Great Thou Art"* arr. John Carter

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord will hide me in his shelter,

People: **The Lord will set me high upon a rock.**

Leader: I will offer sacrifices to God with shouts of joy;

People: **I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

*Hymn of Praise *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UMH 327

*Affirmation of Faith *The United Church of Canada* UMH 883

*The Gloria Patri UMH 70

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.

Opening Prayer (*seated and in unison*)

O gracious and holy God,
give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you,
and patience to wait for you.

Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you,
ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Message Patti Ferguson

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson *Romans 8:29* Pew Bible p. 919

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and 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 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, forever. Amen.

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* -- Carl F. Mueller

*The Doxology UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of salvation, it is a privilege to worship you!

You are the fount of goodness, truth, and beauty.

Give all people of faith the joy of the psalmist,

that we may bring our offerings to you with hearty songs of praise.

We pray through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation *Great Is the Lord* TFWS 2022

Second Lesson *Philippians 3:17-4:1* Pew Bible p. 955

Sermon *Imitators of Christ* Rev. Cliff Webner

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* UMH 361

*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude *With Trumpets and Horns* -- Handel/arr. Broughton

*Going Forth

**Please rise in posture or spirit*

TFWS: *The Faith We Sing*

UMH: *U.M. Hymnal*

Bold print: in unison

W&S: *Worship and Song*

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

The **2017 Flower Chart** is up in the Arcade (hallway). Please sign up to beautify our altar to honor or celebrate a loved one.

Blessings and many thanks to Bob and Nancy Lacy's grandson, Jens, and his friends, Kyle and Matt, for taking down the beautiful **wall hanging** from the balcony and packing it up for Christmas next year! -- The Altar Guild.

The **2017 LRUMC Officer Lists** are available in the Narthex.

The **2017 Offering Envelopes** are on the table in the Narthex and on a table in the Arcade (downstairs hallway). Please pick yours up today!

Food Collections

During this January missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of canned pasta meals. Please place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, you may call the church office on Sunday morning to determine whether church services remain scheduled for the day. The telephone number is 410-825-0900.

The **January/February Upper Room** is available in the Narthex on the History Cabinets and by the 2nd floor entrance to the Sanctuary. These daily devotional booklets may be obtained for a \$1 donation.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference will once again be offering **college scholarships** for the Fall 2017 semester. **Students can apply January 3 – March 1, 2017 through an online application system.** For additional information and to apply, visit [http: www.bwcumc.org/administration/finance/local-church-resources/scholarships](http://www.bwcumc.org/administration/finance/local-church-resources/scholarships).

Church Calendar for the Week

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. after worship	Sunday School for all ages Worship Fellowship Time Grow Worship Meeting Fundraising Team Meeting St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Choir Room Parlor Sanctuary
Monday – Friday	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM	The Learning Garden Preschool IMPROVE Before- & After-School Care	Rooms 122, 116 Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Tuesday	6:15 PM	Aerobics	Auditorium
Thursday	9:15 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Aerobics Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	Auditorium Auditorium Bell Room Choir Room
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon	Room 128
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210
Upcoming Events			
Jan. 25	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff-Parish Relations Cmte. Church Council Meeting	Parlor Fellowship Hall
Jan. 29	after worship	Worship Team	Choir Rm.



New Prayer Requests

the Reverend Ann Adams (*by Debi Wynn 1/17*)
the Malone family (*by Myra Wagner 1/15*)
safety for un-named friends (*by Jan Hoener 1/15*)
Beth Harting (*1/15*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Ruth Kriel (*by Stan 1/8*)
Georgia Fredette (*by Cecelia & Brian Miller 1/8*)
Megan Harpel, granddaughter (*by Nancy & Jim Harvill 1/8*)
The family of Shawn Johnson (*by Myra Wagner 1/1*)
Dawn Oster, sister (*by Cheryl Wagner-Koogler 1/1*)
David Pearce (*by Sharon Neumann 1/1*)
Wes Courtney (*by Dolores Courtney 1/1*)
Debby Henschen, sister (*by Linda Cole 1/1*)
Dontae Pendleton (*by Jan Hoener 1/1*)
Roy Danforth (*by Karen Danforth 1/5*)
Michael Koogler (*by Cheryl Wagner-Koogler 1/3*)
Jen & Justin Byrd's family on the loss of her mother (*by Maria Stockton-Porter 1/1*)
The family of Ms. Scott Lilly (*by Marcia & Gary Smith 12/24*)
The family of Jeannette Chilcoat (*by Susan Emory 12/27*)

Prayer requests will be held for one month, unless requested otherwise.