

January 21, 2024 ~ 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: From our homes and our churches the Lord calls.

People: **Follow Me! Become my disciples.**

Leader: From our work and our busyness, Jesus calls us.

People: **Follow Me! And I will make you fishers of people! Amen.**

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

*Hymn ~ *"Spirit Pour Out"* (A. Graham/R. Graham)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, you call us to follow you each and every day. Though we hear your call, we confess that at times we have hesitated and let other things distract us from following you. Forgive us, and in your mercy renew us with your love. Amen.
(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #634 ~ *"To God Be the Glory"* (refrain)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #853 ~ *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"* (v.1)

We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.

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We are marching, we are marching, ooh, We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching, ooh, We are marching in the light of God.

Offering Prayer

*Doxology ~ *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* (Avery and Marsh)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Special Music ~ “*Lord of the Broken*” (A. James) ~Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Mark 1:14-20

Message ~ “Leaving Our Nets”

*Hymn #187 ~ “*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*” (v.1,3,4)

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Congregational Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer ~ *in unison*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

*Hymn #649 ~ “*Amazing Grace*”

*Benediction

*Choral Response #613~ “*O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name*” (x2)
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

Postlude

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ROMANS 12:4, scheduled for Sunday, January 21, is cancelled.

NOTICE: The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is called for Sunday, February 11, 2024 immediately following the worship service.

From Kathy Potter...St. Paul’s Lenten Wednesday Nights will start on February 28 and meet each week through March 20th. Pastor Nate Achterhof will lead a study entitled

Immediately: A Crash Course in the Gospel of Mark. We will meet over a simple soup supper at 6pm each night followed by the study. Bring a Bible! Invite a friend! Please sign up in the lobby!

From Kathy Potter...Thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for your generosity to our Giving Tree! 386 personal care & clothing items for babies to teens were donated to the Oakland County Foster Closet last week. This organization serves the entire surrounding area, meeting needs of children in the foster care system and other families in need. May God bless your generosity in his name.

The Chancel Flower Chart for 2024 is available. DO NOT WRITE ON THE CHART. Please check the available dates and complete an order form, available in the office. Your name will then be added to the chart. \$20.00 per arrangement - payable to the DEACONS. You may also phone or email the office to check available dates and send your payment by mail or drop it in the secure mailbox near the entrance.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE!



Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin
August and Faith Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Steve Boyak, Sheldon Davis, Pam Phillips
Suzanne Tabaka, Jim Roye, Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson, Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
Kris Purdy ~ niece of Grace Erwin; Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley
Jennifer ~ friend of Judy McGregor
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen, Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean
Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit; Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt
Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of the late Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis