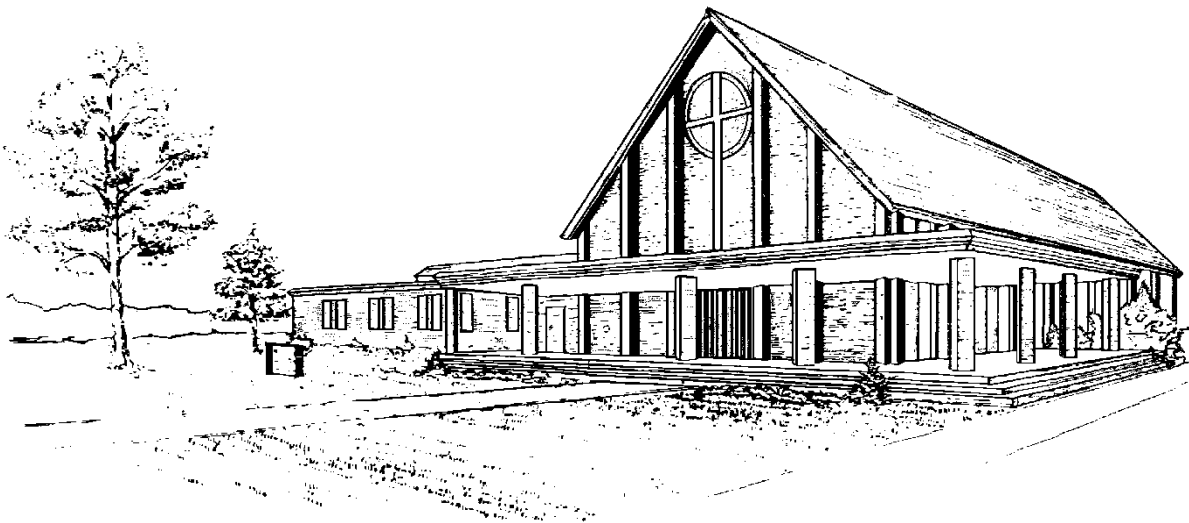


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**Sunday Service of Worship
January 31, 2021 – The Third Sunday of Epiphany
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 111)

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

***Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.***

Full of honor and majesty is God's work,
whose righteousness endures forever.

***God sent redemption to the people.
Holy and awesome is God's name.***

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
All those who practice it have a good understanding.

God's praise endures forever. Praise the Lord!

HYMN # 242

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of All!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of All!*

*Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we have claimed to have more knowledge than we really possess. We have presumed to judge others on the basis of our limited understanding. We have grasped for freedom without taking full responsibility for our actions. Our witness is weak, and is directed primarily toward those with whom we prefer to associate. If we have violated another's conscience, if we have caused someone to fall, we are deeply sorry. For failing to do all Christ expects of the church, we repent and seek Your forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

There are different gifts

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways.

But it is the same God who achieves purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit

To use for the common good.

Together, we are the Body of Christ,

And individually members of Him.

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make the church useful in the world, and we call people to faith, so that, in the very end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as Teaching Elders (Ministers) and Ruling Elders (Members of Session). In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said, "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all. And if that person wants to be first among you, he or she must be the servant of all people.

Just as Jesus came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

Speaking for the people of this church, I invite the Elders-elect to come forward to be ordained and / or installed.

Elders-elect, God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Jesus Christ in a special way. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen.

Do you trust in Jesus Christ, your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of the world and head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Do you? ***(I do.)***

Do you accept the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's word to you? Do you? ***(I do.)***

Will you be instructed by the Confessions of our church, and be led by them as you lead the people of God? Will you? ***(I will)***

Do you endorse our church's government, and will you honor its discipline? Will you be a friend among your comrades in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's word and Spirit? Do you and will you? ***(I do and I will.)***

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? Will you? ***(I will.)***

Members of the congregation, do you, as members of this church, accept these people as Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, please reply by saying "We do." ***We do.***

Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church? Do you? ***We do.***

Please step forward for the laying on of hands, which will be accomplished this year by holding onto these ribbons.

Let us pray. Almighty God, in every age, You have chosen servants to speak Your word and lead Your loyal people. We thank You for these people who have been called to serve You. Give them special gifts to do their special work. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples, as long as they shall live.

Friends, you are now Ruling Elders in the Presbyterian Church, USA, and, for this congregation. Whatever you do, in thought, word, or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through Him. And let all of God's people say: **AMEN!**

Congregational Response # 343

*Called as partners in Christ's service. Called to ministries of grace.
We respond with deep commitment. Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

By giving away some of the wealth that we cherish so much, we keep ourselves focused on why You are, Gracious God, and on what You expect of us. May our offerings be used wisely among us in the church, within our community, and as far as our influence can reach. Receive us and our gifts, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 4:1-11
Mark 1:21-28

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Calls – Unexpected and Unwanted”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

FESTAL SONG

*Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things.
Hive heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of Kings.*

*Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom tarries long.
Bring in the day of righteousness, and end the night of wrong.*

*Rise up, O saints of God! The church for You doth wait
with strength unequal to the task. Rise up and make it great.*

*Lift high the cross of Christ. Tread where Christ's feet have trod.
Come sisters, brothers in the faith. Rise up, O saints of God.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.*
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

(*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

Administrative Assistant

This week, we said goodbye to Linda Siegman, our Administrative Assistant, and thanked her for the work she has done these past several years.

Leonora Colletti will be our new Administrative Assistant, and will be working 10 hours a week. Welcome, Leonora.

Vision Team to Meet Today

The Vision Team will have a general meeting in the Parlor immediately following worship today. Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Masks by Leonora – Half Price and BOGO Sale!

Leonora is making room for her spring line, and is having a big sale on selected masks: Half price *and* buy one get one. In other words, 4 for \$10. It doesn't get any better than this! Stock up on masks today. Remember, they make great gifts!

Celebrate “Souper Bowl Sunday” with Us!

The Vision Team invites you to come and celebrate the Super Bowl with us! Except we're spelling it “Souper” Bowl.

Every week between now and Super / Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7, we are collecting canned soup for our Little Food Pantry.

We are doing this project in partnership with *The Souper Bowl of Caring*, a nation-wide movement that unites communities to tackle hunger. This organization inspires people to alleviate hunger on a local level. All of the soup that is collected is given to a charity of the participant's choice; in our case, to our Little Food Pantry.



Started in 1990 at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, the Souper Bowl of Caring has branched out to include schools, businesses, and congregations of all faiths. In the 30 years of its existence, over \$163 million in food and donations has been raised for local food pantries. In 2020 alone, thousands of groups collected over \$10.6 million in food and contributions.

Join Us on February 14 for Songs and a Movie!

On Sunday, February 14, the Vision Team will sponsor a *Love Songs and Movie* event in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. The movie is called *War Room: The Power of Prayer*. The love songs? They are up to you!

The singing starts immediately after worship, and the movie will start at noon. Admission is free; masks and snacks will be for sale. Please reserve your seat by signing up at the greeting table in the lobby.

On February 14, We'll Celebrate Love!

The theme of our service on February 14 will be "Love!" Not just romantic love, but the love we have for family, for friends, and for one another.

On February 14, please bring in a photograph of a loved one: a wedding photo, a baby photo, a graduation photo - whatever you like. (It's okay to bring in more than one.)

We will invite you to place these photos on the Communion Table as you enter the church. It will be helpful if the photos are in a frame and can stand on their own. These photographs will remind us of God's love for us as we celebrate our love for one another on Valentine's Day.

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