

Little Chapel on the Boardwalk
Journey Home
January 1, 2023
10:30 AM



CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME, GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm and gracious welcome is extended to you. It is our hope and prayer that you will experience the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ as we worship together.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

What Child is This?

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Before we speak, God is here, within us and among us, knocking at our door.

People: Living God, open what is closed that the Spirit may come in.

Pastor: Open our hands, to give, and to greet. Open our minds to new truth and old wisdom. Open our hearts to new hope and old assurance.

People: Open what is closed that the Spirit may come in.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Living God, before whom the generations rise and pass away, to whom all life is an open book, you search us and know us, yet never control us. Show us how to live our lives before you, in your presence, your absence, and everything in between, through Jesus Christ, your ever-present Word.

* HYMN no. 143

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Marti Shogi

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of grace and truth in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcome the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hope for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. May this new year be what the old year should have been.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God invariably hears the prayers of honest hearts.

People: God is always present to those who call upon him.

Leader: God will see our humility and accept our repentance.

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN FOLLOWED BY PRAYER

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-3

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Go Tell it Where I Send Thee
Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 2:9-12

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Journey Continues”

Dr. Earl

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* HYMN no. 144

“In The Bleak Midwinter”

CRANHAM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOLLOWED BY 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 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE MEAL (*bread is gluten free*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Shepherd's Pastorella

V. Rathgeber

* PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES FOLLOWED BY DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

***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.***

* A RENEWED ACT OF COVENANT

Pastor: Choose this day whom you will serve, and whom you will worship. Will you worship and serve Yahweh in sincerity and faithfulness, or will you follow after other gods?

People: **Far be it from us that we should forsake Yahweh to serve other gods, for it is Yahweh our God who has brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who has done great things in our sight.**

Pastor: And what are the deeds to which you testify?

People: **The Apostles' Creed (page 35).**

Pastor: Do you commit yourselves today to take up the cost and joy of discipleship to Jesus Christ during the coming year?

People: As we begin this new year, we renew our covenant with one another to seek and respond to the world and the will of God. We purpose to walk together in all of God's ways, made known and yet to be made known to us. We will join in the mission of the church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshiping God and striving for truth, justice, and peace, relying on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We will pray for peace in the world and for the coming of the realm of God. This we will do, with the help of God.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* CLOSING HYMN no. 269

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

LANCASHIRE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Good King Wenceslas

arr. Stanley Saxton

CLOSING CHIME

* All who are able, please stand.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. John Earl, *Interim Pastor*

David Lee Heinzman, Director of Music Ministries

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 AM ARISE worship

Traditional Worship Service: 10:30 AM

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THE CHURCH AT WORK THIS WEEK

Jan. 1 – *Happy New Year*

8:30 Arise

10:30 Worship

(No nursery today)

Jan. 2

Church Office Closed

Jan. 3

10:00 a.m. Circle #2 – Choir Room

Jan. 4

9:30 a.m. Knitting – Parlor

6:30 p.m. PNC #102

Jan. 7

8:30 Men's Breakfast

THE CHURCH AT WORK THIS MONTH

Jan. 8

8:30 Arise

9:45 Chancel Choir

10:30 Worship

11:30 CE #105

11:45 Property #201

Jan. 9

9:00 Decoration Removal

6:00 Scouts – Court of Honor

Jan. 10

9:30 Prayer Group – Parlor

10:00 Writing Group #102

4:00 Endowment Committee #102

7:00 Circle #3 - Parlor

Jan. 11

5:00 P&P - Parlor

6:30 PNC #102

Jan. 13

9:00 Garden Club – Fellowship Hall

IN OUR PRAYERS

Robert Andrew; Bob Avent; Marcia Barnes; Clay and **Helen Brumbaugh; Marjorie Cartier;** Kennedy Cobble; **Iris Davis;** Ted Davis; **Peggy Gentry;** Alice & JD Langston; **Freddye Ledford; Robert McCarl;** Margaret McIntyre; **Russ Page; Bagley Reynolds;** Bill Schild; Jerri White; **Scott Willetts; Church Leaders, Nominating Committee, Pastoral Nominating Committee,** People of Ukraine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christian Education Committee will meet on Sunday, January 8, 2023, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. Please consider joining us to plan activities for 2023! CE is also looking for **SUBSTITUTES** that are willing to fill in on Sundays when our paid childcare staff are absent. If you would be willing to be on the Substitute list for either the 8:30 am service, the 10:30 am service or **BOTH** services, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex. The children of LCOB thank you! Happy New Year!

The Worship Committee will be taking down and packing away our Christmas decorations on Monday, January 9th from 9 am to Noon. Your help is needed and appreciated. We hope you will be able to join in and participate in this activity.

Your generous Christmas Day Meals on Wheels 'shoe' gift boxes were happily delivered and gratefully accepted. For those recipients who ate their meal alone on Christmas Day, the gift box was a reminder that someone does care about them. We created lots of smiles because of your big hearts!

The church staff would like to express our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thank you for the Christmas Love Offering and for the many other wonderful acts of kindness you have shown us throughout this Christmas season. You have certainly made each of us feel special through your cards, notes, letters, and gifts. You are such an amazing congregation, and it is such a blessing to be your staff!

John, David, Delores, Dan, and Joan