

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR FEB. 16, 2025

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Wade in the Water* arr. Mark Hayes

**INTROIT 816** *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (vrs.1)* WER NUR  
DEN LIEBEN GOTT

## Gathering Around The Word

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Jer.. 17:7-8*

**\*HYMN 804** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *from 1 John 1:8; Jer. 17:7*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)** *from Luke 6:20-22*

**O Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding.**

**You call us to reorder our lives**

**by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ.**

**Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice:**

**people who are poor and hungry;**

**people who weep.**

**We have not stood with those**

**who are hated, bullied, and excluded.**

**Comfortable with the way things are,**

**we are too complacent,**

**even complicit with injustice and prejudice.**

**Forgive us, O God,**

**and turn us back to your gospel.**

**We pray this now, for our sake,**

**and for the sake of your world;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *from 1 Cor. 15:14, 17*

**One:** Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!

**All:** **Our faith is not in vain!**

**Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,**

**we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

*We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.*

**\*RESPONSE 581** 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.**

*\*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

## Listening To the Word

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD** *from Jer. 17:8, 10c;  
Luke 6:25*

**FIRST READING** JEREMIAH 17:5-10  
*(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)*

**ANTHEM 852** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least(vrs.1,2,4)* I'LL FLY  
AWAY

**SECOND READING** LUKE 6:17-26

**SERMON** "A Matter of Trust" Rev. Holden

## Responding to the Word

**\*HYMN 729** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I WANT TO BE  
A CHRISTIAN

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,**  
**the Father, the Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth,**  
**of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**  
**the only Son of God,**  
**eternally begotten of the Father,**  
**God from God, Light from Light,**  
**true God from true God,**  
**begotten, not made,**  
**of one Being with the Father;**  
**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**  
**he came down from heaven,**  
**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**  
**and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**  
**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**  
**in accordance with the Scriptures;**  
**he ascended into heaven**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**  
**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**  
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**  
**who with the Father and the Son**  
**is worshiped and glorified,**  
**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**  
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS** *See prayer concerns list, back page*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** ("debts"/"debtors") *page 35 in hymnal*

**GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM**  
*(Give online @ bit.ly/FPCSomersetGive or scan the code on the yellow pew card)*

**OFFERTORY** *Larghetto* by Eric Satie

**\*THE DOXOLOGY 606**  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Christ, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise God above, you heavenly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *from Jer. 17:7-8; Luke 6:20*

## God Sends Us Forth

**\*HYMN 629** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* ST. AGNES

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**\*BLESSING**

**HYMN 539** *We Will Go Out with Joy (vrs. 1&3)* WE WILL GO  
OUT WITH JOY

## POSTLUDE

### Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us about yourself! You can scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out our online form, or fill out a pew card and drop it in the offering plate.



### This Week

**Tue., Feb. 18 @ 5:30pm - PW Bible Study**

**Wed., Feb. 19 @ 5:30pm - Fellowship Meal**

**Wed., Feb. 19 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice**

**Thur., Feb. 20 @ 5:00pm - Session Meeting**

**Fri., Feb. 21 @ 11:30am - Lunch Ladies to Serendipity**

### Worship Assistants Next Week

**Liturgist.....Zack Vaught**

**Ushers.....George Joplin & Linda Bonardel**

**Audio.....Paul Guffey**

**Video.....Sue Guffey**

**Coffee Plus.....Suzanne Kidd**

**First Reading—Jeremiah 17:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. <sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? <sup>10</sup>The Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings

**Second Reading—Luke 6:17-26**

<sup>17</sup>He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.



**Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing**

Tim Noel; Leslie Phillips' parents, J.R & Karen Goff; Don Haney; Rebecca Davis; Pat Carpenter; Alice & Lee Harrison; David & Brenda Bryant; Jeff & Kathy Bishop's daughter, Ashley Kerr; Angie Butler; Becky Butler's brother, David Seiler; Shane Thurman; Baby S; Ed & Joyce Mick; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

**Current Giving**

|                 | Rec'd month of Jan. | Needed Monthly | Received YTD | Needed YTD |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Offering</b> | \$13,946            | \$16,522       | \$13,946     | \$16,522   |

**Blessing Box Attendant**

**This Week**.....Wanda Mabry  
**Next Week**.....John & Lynn Cain

**Assisting In Worship Today**

**Ministers**.....Every Member  
**Liturgist**.....Mary Jones  
**Ushers**.....Marty Whitson & Laura Kamperman  
**Audio**.....Paul Guffey  
**Video**.....Sue Guffey  
**Coffee Plus**.....Brenda Wesley  
**Director of Music**.....Theresa Jean Kibby  
**Piano & Organ**.....Debby McDonald  
**Pastor**.....Rev. David Holden

**Deacons:**

Linda Cook      Rebecca Davis      Sue Guffey  
Don Haney      Nancy Holland      Marshall Judy      Marci Randall

**Elders:**

|                      |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Class of 2025</i> | <i>Class of 2026</i> | <i>Class of 2027</i> |
| Charles Leveridge    | Sharon Mandt         | Jo Salmon            |
| Perry Waller         | Laura Wright         | Mark Dikeman         |

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February 16th, 2025

**The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany**



St. Kizito being baptised by St. Charles Lwanga at Munyonyo, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58994> [retrieved February 11, 2025]. Original source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Namugongo\\_Martyrs\\_window\\_Charles\\_Lwanga.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Namugongo_Martyrs_window_Charles_Lwanga.jpg).

**People of God, Welcome Home!**

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.