

Ushers:

Lay Readers:

Weekly Prayer Focus: Pray for Connect Groups and leaders.

Please be in Prayer for:

- David Carr asks for prayers for Ralph, his father, as he fell on his hip during a hike. He did not break anything, but is sore. Prayers that healing will be complete and swift.
- Prayers for Rev. Claasen as they grieve. Help them to feel God love and comfort in a very real way.
- Continued prayers for Dave Fagerness. He is home and healing following a stroke. They are still waiting for test results before taking next steps. Prayers for peace and comfort while they wait and a definitive path to follow after all the test results have been learned.

Continued Prayers: Buck Hubbert, Virgil & Janet Bluhm, Sally Nehring, Barbara Wahl, Wilma Brown, Nathan Hensley, Kathy Dowd, Chuck Bode, Gordon Shewfelt, Vi McGregor, Herb McDougall, Doris Crawford, Nels Hadden, Meri Bretthauer, Llois Coplan, Melodee Bailey, Ernie Dickason, Millie Lofberg, Nancy Rockwell, Jeff Smith, Clint Lemmon, Elizabeth Duncan, Leira Mann, Nauna Mattis, Ashley Farr, Anita and for Peg Warren. *-please send updates to the church office.*



January 15, 2017

“Glorifying God and Reflecting the Love of Jesus Christ to the World.”

God Calls Us to Be Present in Worship

Prelude Westminster Bells
Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: When I waited patiently for you, O God, you bent down to me and heard my cry.

People: You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

People: Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me let your steadfast love and faithfulness keep me safe forever.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Song of Praise "He Leadeth Me" (verses 1 & 2)
-#461 in the Red hymnal

Prayer of Confession

Our desire is to do your will, O God; your law is in our hearts. But when misfortunes beyond counting press from all sides, and iniquities overtake us, our sight fails. When we are tempted by the vain promises of a life full of ease, our courage forsakes us and we submit to their charm. When enemies overpower us and mock our faith, we shrink back in disgrace and abandon what Christ taught. O God, we are poor and in need. You are our help and salvation. Come to our aid, and make no delay. Amen.

Pardon and the Peace

Welcome and Life of the Church

God Speaks to Us in Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 49: 1-7**
p. 679 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible

New Testament Reading **1 Corinthians 1: 1-9**
p. 165 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Blessing of the Children

Gospel Lesson **Matthew 4: 1-11**
p. 3 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

Sermon "Spirit led Wilderness"

God Calls for a Response

***Hymn of Response** "God Will Take Care of You" (verses 1,3, & 4)

#47 in the Red hymnal

The Offering

Offertory "The Snow Lays on the Ground"
-by James Denton

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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

God Sends Us Back into the World to Witness and Serve

Closing Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God"
-#556 in the Red hymnal

Benediction

Postlude "And the Glory of the Lord"
-by G.F. Handel, arr. by Lani Smith

*Please stand if able