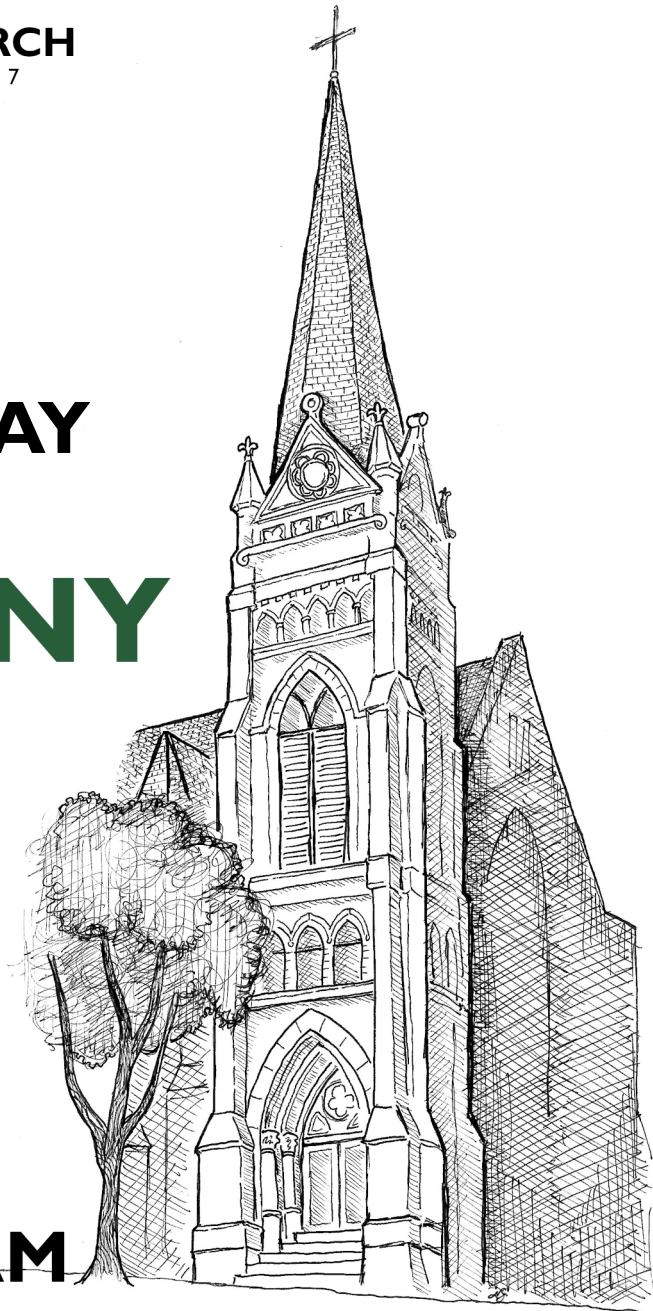


FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDED 15 JANUARY 1837

**THE
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE
EPIPHANY**



February 9, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 AM

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PARDON OUR DUST

Reconstruction of our front sidewalks is now underway. The courtyard is now open. Entry to the church is now limited to the entrances off the new courtyard. Please note, then, that for now the safest way to enter will be from the direction of Sixth Avenue. Those parking in U.S. Steel should cross Grant Street at Sixth instead of Strawberry Way. Though the new ramp is now very gradual and ADA compliant, please be cautious, railings will be installed shortly.

We will keep you informed through the Parish News and bulletin as work progresses.

PARKING

Please be aware that the police have been more diligent in enforcing no-parking zones on Sundays, especially when there are sporting or other events downtown. Parking on our side of Grant Street is posted as permitted until 1:00 PM, but they sometimes ticket or even tow vehicles across the street.

We encourage parking in the U.S. Steel Tower garage, which we have made free on Sundays, though contributions toward our \$2.00 cost are welcome. Sometime during your visit at church, use your smartphone to scan one of the special QR codes that are posted around the building to take advantage of this arrangement with Metropolis. **Please note that the QR code must be scanned each time you park in the garage.** Full details on the program are available in the Parish News and posted around the building. There are two entrances to the garage: one is off of the Veterans Bridge/Bigelow Blvd ramp just before Sixth Ave; the other is on Bigelow Square, just off of Sixth Ave and in front of the DoubleTree Hotel's main entrance.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting with us today and hope you will return to worship with our community of faith again. If you would like to know more about our ministry in downtown and metropolitan Pittsburgh, please speak to a pastor, any of our members, or visit www.flcpittsburgh.org.


Our liturgy incorporates historic practices of the Western Christian tradition, aspects of which may be unfamiliar to some. We hope this bulletin will serve to welcome our visitors and be an aid to those who seek to participate in our worship of God.

ACCESSIBILITY Accessible entrances to the nave are available using either door from the courtyard. An elevator is available in the Parish House to access other levels of the building. The parking spaces directly in front of the building have been designated for those with handicapped plates or placards for their vehicles.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available at the ushers' table in the rear of the nave. Easy-to-use receivers with either an earpiece or a neck loop are available. Antiseptic wipes are available to clean assisted listening equipment before use.

YOUNG CHILDREN

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." The presence of children in worship, even when they are wiggly and noisy, is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing. Children's worship boxes, with items to help engage our youngsters in worship, are available in the back of the nave. Please return them to an usher after worship. A family restroom with a changing table is available downstairs.



HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered by invitation of the Lord himself. All baptized believers who trust that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament. To receive the Sacrament, come to the altar rail by way of the center aisle. The pastor will place a wafer into your hand. Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten-free wafer. The wine may be received by drinking directly from the common cup or with an individual glass filled from a pouring chalice. Please pick up a glass from the tables at the head of the center aisle, and return your empty glass to the tables at the head of the side aisles. If you need to have communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

If you choose to receive the Sacrament under the form of bread alone for any reason, you may be assured that in so doing, you receive the whole Christ. If you choose not to receive communion, you may request a blessing instead. After receiving communion (or a blessing), you may return to your seat by the side aisles.

✠ ALTAR FLOWERS & LAMPS ✠

FLOWERS

THE CENTERPIECE

is given to the glory of God.

SANCTUARY

is given to the glory of God.

VOTIVE

*is given in memory of
Paul & Kay Kane, parents of
Pr. Paul Kane, by Beth Kane.*

LAMPS

January 27 -
February 9

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*Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.
The people prepare for worship by silently praying the following prayer:*

✠ Jesus, Master, come and meet us while we walk in the way and long to reach the heavenly country, so that, following your light, we may keep the way of righteousness and justice and, while you, who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life are shining within us, may never wander away into the darkness of this world's night. Amen

Read Psalm 100 p. 263

THE PRELUDE

*Erhalt Uns, Herr
(Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word)
Herr Jesu Christ
(Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now)*

11:00 AM

A Joyful Ring

Gerald Near
Barbara Kinyon

The people stand.

THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The people kneel. A brief time is provided for reflection.

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

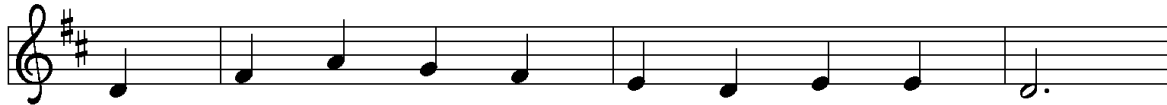
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us
and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen**

The people stand and may turn in place to follow and bow as the cross passes.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

The Son of God, Our Christ

ELW 584



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,
3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare
4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,
5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;
these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;
to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,
may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,
what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,



from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be
and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought
to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,
and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,
that we may glad - ly give for thee our best



co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.
the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.
de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.
o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

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Music: SURSUM CORDA, Alfred M. Smith, 1879–1971
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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Gloria in excelsis



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you send your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 6:1-13

L A reading from Isaiah.

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” ⁹ And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’ ¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹² until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³ Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY—Psalm 138

Confitebor tibi

LBW Tone 8

Sung antiphonally, Men / Women



- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;*
before the gods I will | sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise your name,***
because of your | love and faithfulness;
- ³ for you have glori- | fied your name*
and your word a- | bove all things.
- ⁴ **When I called, you | answered me;***
you increased my | strength within me.
- ⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,*
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.
- ⁶ **They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,***
that great is the glory | of the LORD.
- ⁷ Though the LORD be high, he cares | for the lowly;*
he perceives the haughty | from afar.
- ⁸ **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;***
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.
- ⁹ The LORD will make good his pur- | pose for me;*
O LORD, your love endures forever;
do not abandon the works | of your hands.

THE SECOND LESSON—I Corinthians 15:1-11

L A reading from First Corinthians.

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

THE VERSE

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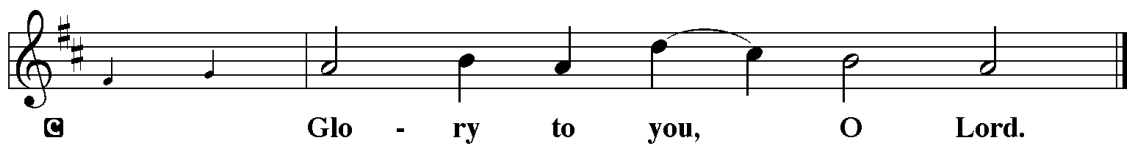
The Alleluia is intoned once by the Soloist/Choir, and repeated by All.



Jesus says, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

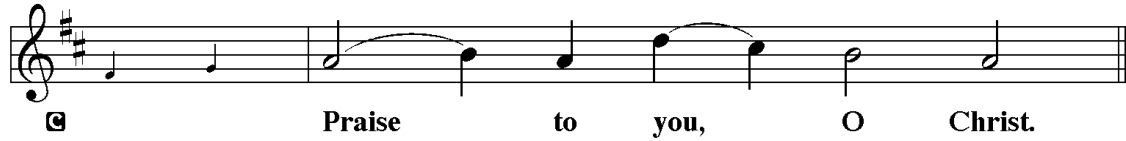
THE HOLY GOSPEL—Saint Luke 5:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the fifth chapter.



¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



The people are seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Brian A. Evans

The people stand for the Hymn of the Day

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Dearest Jesus, We are Here

ELW 443

St. 1—All • 2—Men • 3—Choir • 4—Women • 5—All

Musical notation for the hymn 'Dearest Jesus, We are Here'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff, with each line corresponding to a different part of the congregation.

All 1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, glad - ly your com -
M 2 Your com - mand is clear and plain, and we would o -
Ch 3 There - fore we have come to you, in our arms this
W 4 Gra - cious head, your mem - ber own; shep - herd, take your
All 5 Now in - to your heart we pour prayers that from our

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673

mand o - bey - ing. With this child we now draw near
 bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
 in - fant bear - ing; tru - ly here your grace we view;
 lamb and feed it; prince of peace, make here your throne;
 hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;

in re - sponse to your own say - ing that to you it
 heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, born of wa - ter
 may this child, your mer - cy shar - ing, in your arms be
 way of life, to heav - en lead it; pre - cious vine, let
 may our heart's de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we

shall be giv - en as a child and heir of heav - en.
 and the Spir - it, and my king - dom thus in - her - it."
 shield - ed ev - er, yours on earth and yours for - ev - er.
 noth - ing sev - er from your side this branch for - ev - er.
 now have giv - en; write it in the book of heav - en!

8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The Presentation

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church, which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: I present Madison Marie Emerick / Shiloh Stephen Kovacs to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P As you bring Madison / Shiloh to receive the gift of Baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her / him among God's faithful people, bring her / him to the Lord's Supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her / his hands the Holy Scriptures, and nurture her / him in faith and prayer, so that she / he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Ben and Jamie / Joel and Rachel, parents of this child, do you promise to fulfill these obligations for Madison / Shiloh and to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism?

Response: I do.

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Madison / Shiloh in the Christian faith and to help her / him live in the covenant of Baptism and in communion with the Church?

Response: I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Madison / Shiloh and pray for her / him in their new life in Christ?

C We do.

The Thanksgiving over the Water

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the Baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this water, the power of your living Word, that she / he who is washed in the waters of Baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

The Profession of Faith

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

- P Do you believe in God the Father?
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

The people are seated.

The Baptism

- P Madison Marie / Shiloh Stephen, I baptize you in the name
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen**

The Laying on of Hands

- P Let us pray.
God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons
and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through
this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Madison / Shiloh: the spirit of
wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of
knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
C **Amen**

The Signing with the Cross

P Madison / Shiloh, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen

The Giving of Light

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Prayer for the Parents

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness Ben and Jamie / Joel and Rachel, parents of these children. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own baptisms so they may share eternally with Madison / Shiloh the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

The people stand.

The Welcome

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

THE PRAYERS

A Let us kneel to pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

The people kneel. A brief time for reflection is provided.

A ...Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

The people stand.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people offer each other the sign of peace, saying "Peace be with you."

The people are seated as the gifts are prepared.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Elliott Hadley

O Christ, our true and only Light, enlighten those who sit in darkness. Let those afar now hear thy voice, and in thy fold with us rejoice. Fill with the radiance of thy grace those souls now lost in error's maze. And all who in their secret thoughts are filled with fear and know despair. So let us sing forevermore such grace with wondering thanks adore. And endless praise to thee be given by all the Church in earth and heaven.

— Johann Heerman (1585 - 1647)

The people stand.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SURSUM CORDA



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, O God. You surround us with your glory and mercy, and in the splendor of your heavenly light you lead us through the darkness of this world.

You led your people Israel by a pillar of fire, as you delivered them from bondage and brought them to the promised land. By the light of Bethlehem's star you led the sages to your beloved Son, revealing him to the nations as King of kings and Lord of lords. In words, signs and wonders your Son gave the light of hope to the hopeless and healing to the downcast.

Then, at the appointed time, he stretched out his hands on the cross, showing forth the brilliance of a life freely given, that all may have life in him.

In the night in which he was betrayed, took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

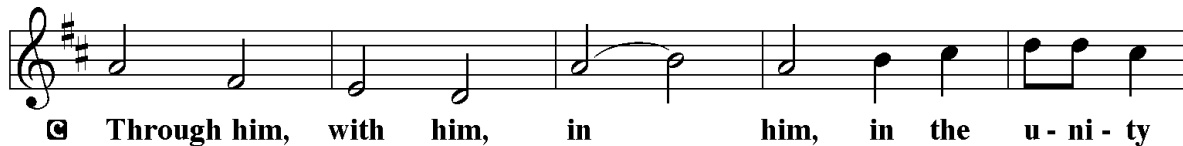
With joy we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Gracious Father, we give you thanks for the light of our Lord's passion and his victory over the grave. We rejoice that you have made us your people, by Christ's redeeming love. We pray that by your Holy Spirit you will bless and sanctify this Holy Communion, that we may be illumined in faith as we partake of Christ's body and blood, renewed in the forgiveness of sins, and joyous in our hope for your eternal kingdom.

C Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

**C 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

THE FRACTION

P When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.
When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**C Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread,
as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

P The gifts of God for the people of God.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The people are seated.

AGNUS DEI



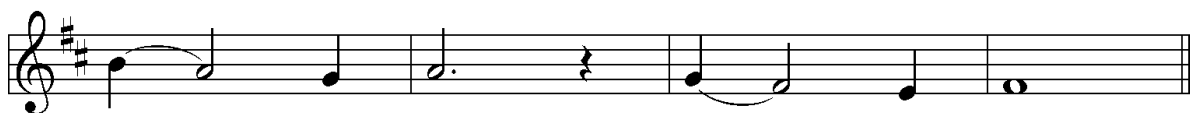
☪ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

To receive the Sacrament, come to the altar rail by way of the center aisle. The pastor will place a wafer into your hand. Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten-free wafer. The wine may be received by drinking directly from the common cup or with an individual glass filled from a pouring chalice. Please pick up a glass from the tables at the head of the center aisle, and return your empty glass to the tables at the head of the side aisles. If you need to have communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

If you choose to receive the Sacrament under the form of bread alone for any reason, you may be assured that in so doing, you receive the whole Christ. If you choose not to receive communion, you may request a blessing instead. After receiving communion (or a blessing), you may return to your seat by the side aisles.

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

CHORAL HYMN

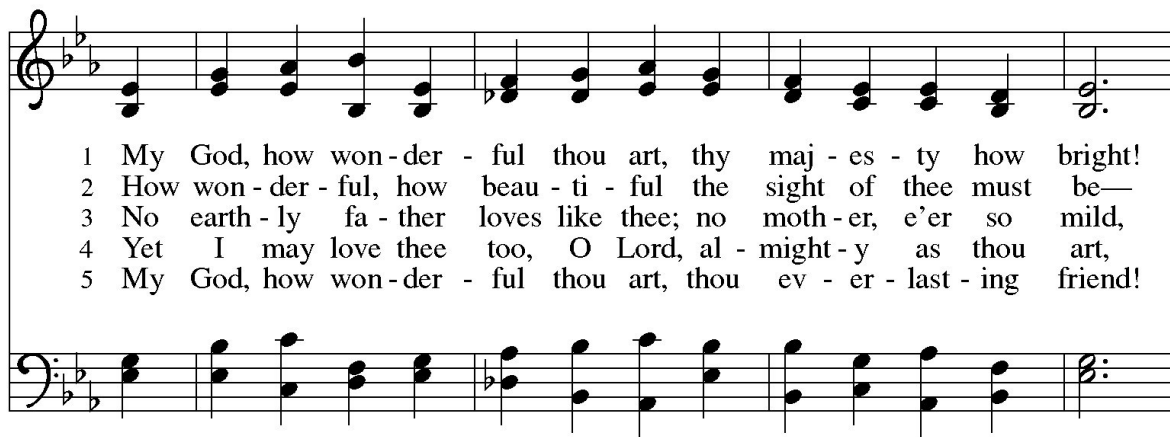
Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old

Sung by the Choir

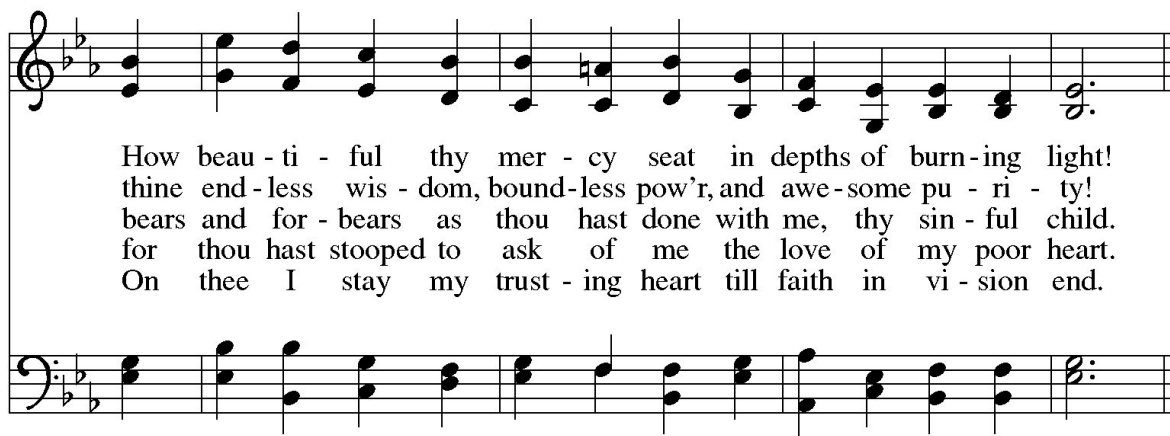
HYMN

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

ELW 863



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

When all have communed, the people stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

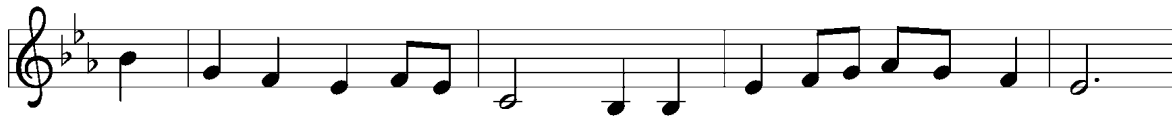
THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc dimittis (para.)

ELW 313



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886–1981, alt., based on the Nunc dimittis

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
 Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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THE DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

*Lobe den Herren
 (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty)*

Johann Gottfried Walther

THIS MORNING AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9: THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8:30 AM	Holy Communion with Holy Baptism	NAVE
9:30 AM	Bel Canto Youth Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT
9:45 AM	Sunday Church School Classes for All Ages	VARIOUS
10:00 AM	Parish Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT
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4:00 PM	Small Group Bible Study	ZOOM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH Madison Marie Emerick, child of Ben and Jamie Emerick. Madison will be baptized at the 8:30 AM liturgy today. We also welcome Shiloh Stephen Kovacs, who will be baptized at the 11:00 AM service. Please keep the families in your prayers. We also extend a warm welcome to their family and friends.

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER AMY BILLS: We welcome to our parish staff, Amy Bills, our new Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Christian Education, and Fellowship, (CYM for short). Amy may be reached at our office telephone (ext. 220) or by email at cym@flcpittsburgh.org.

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC: The anthem at the offering has a text by Lutheran poet, pastor, and hymn writer Johann Heerman (1585-1647). While lesser known than other poets, Heerman's hymns include *Ah, Holy Jesus; O God, Thou Faithful God*; and today's selection, *O Christ, Our True and Only Light*. Although challenged by lifelong illness and the effects of the Thirty Years War, Heerman's works reflect devout faith and hopefulness.

ADULT SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL: Beginning this morning, our adult Sunday Church School will be led by Mrs. Anne Harmon for three weeks. She will lead us in a study of 1st and 2nd Peter and together we will explore the "Peter Principle." How did Peter go from an ordinary fisherman to the "Rock?" Join us as we look to Peter as a key to following Jesus.

NEW PASCHAL (EASTER) CANDLE: If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of the new Paschal Candle this year, please contact Christine at cgh@flcpittsburgh.org or 412-471-8125. A dedication may be included in the Easter Flower booklet.

YOUTH GROUP OUTING TO CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER: The Youth Group will visit the Carnegie Science Center on **Sunday, February 23**. Following the 11:00 AM service we will gather in Holy Cross Hall for pizza and then take the T from Steel Plaza to the Northside. This activity is set to run from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Youth can be picked up in front of the Science Center. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Please contact Pr. Murdy or Amy Bills to let them know you are coming.

SAVE THE DATE: PANCAKE BREAKFAST The annual Youth Group Pancake Breakfast and Teacher Appreciation Sunday will be held on **March 2** between liturgies. Full details to be announced shortly!

CALL FOR COMMUNION ASSISTANTS/ASSISTING MINISTERS: Please consider serving as worship assistants on Sundays. Assisting Ministers serve as assistant to the presiding minister, leading prayers, preparing the altar for communion and administering the Cup. Communion Assistants administer the wine at communion and perform other small tasks at the altar. Time commitment is about one Sunday a month. Training is available. Please contact Christine Hoffman, who coordinates the assistants by calling 412-471-8125 or email cgh@flcpittsburgh.org. Thank you!

THE CARING AND HOSPITALITY TEAM are looking for more volunteers to provide meals to our fellow parish members during illness, recovery, or other circumstances. Please email Amy Mehta, Chair of the Care and Hospitality Team at amyandamish@aol.com or call/text her at 412-559-4963 if you can serve in this way. Thank you!

ST. OLAF CHOIR TO PERFORM IN PITTSBURGH The renowned St. Olaf Choir, conducted by Anton Armstrong, will perform at East Liberty Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, February 9, at 7:30 PM**. For more than a century, the St. Olaf Choir has set the gold standard for choral singing, performing for millions around the world. Composed of 75 mixed voices, the St. Olaf Choir is hailed as one of the nation's premier a cappella ensembles, renowned for its artistry and beauty of sound. Tickets are \$35 and \$10 for all students, available at stolaf.edu/tickets/choir or 800-363-5487.

ESTIMATES OF GIVING RECEIVED FOR 2025: We are deeply grateful to those who have pledged financial support for the ministry of First Church in 2025. If you have not as yet done so, you may still send in your support for our ministry in the coming year. Estimate of Giving forms are available on the table at the rear of the nave in the Parish House or by contacting Suanne O'Dell at sso@flcpittsburgh.org.

CHORAL COMPLINE is back for the semester! The Pittsburgh Compline Choir, directed by Douglas-Jayd Burn, sings Compline at Heinz Chapel on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh on Sunday evenings at 8:00 PM. First Church is a co-sponsor of the Pittsburgh Compline Choir.

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held **Saturday, March 1, at 9:00 AM** in Holy Cross Hall. Our guest speaker will be The Rev. Eric André from Trinity Lutheran in Oakland, who will speak on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in light of the recent movie. Please sign up in the Parish House or contact the Church office at cgh@flcpittsburgh.org if you plan to attend. Friends are welcome!

TIME TO RESTOCK THE PANTRY! We could especially use: large and small aseptic milks, canned vegetables, canned fruits, jam and jelly, large boxes of saltines, pasta sauces, canned pasta meals (Chef Boy-Ar-Dee), Hormel Compleats meals, and packages of snack crackers. Please donate easy-open pull-tab canned goods whenever possible. Thank you!

By visiting our Amazon wish list, First Lutheran Church - Walk in Ministry Food Pantry you will get an idea of the items that are needed, you have a few options: 1. You can make a monetary donation to the church (noting that the contribution should be directed to the food pantry) 2. You can order directly from the FLC Amazon wishlist, or 3. You can place an order for similar items on the list from your own Amazon account (changing brand or quantity to suit your giving choices.)

<http://tinyurl.com/flcWISHLIST>

ON DUTY THIS WEEK / PARTNER MINISTRY SERVICES:

This week, **Smithfield United Church of Christ** will be on duty Monday-Thursday, **February 10 - 13.**

The Red Door at St. Mary of Mercy Roman Catholic Church offers breakfast Monday - Saturday 9:00-10:30 AM; bag lunches Monday - Saturday, 10:30 - 11:30 AM, and dinners Monday - Friday, 5:00 - 5:30 PM. A midday meal is served on Sundays from 1:00-2:00 PM. Those seeking crisis counseling or services may be directed accordingly.

Our next week of service begins February 18.

HOW OUR PRAYER LIST WORKS: Prayer requests for individuals may be submitted to the church office by telephone or email, or by using the form on our website. Reasons for the request may be submitted with the request, but these will be kept confidential among the pastors and office staff unless permission is given to share them with others. Last names may be omitted. The full prayer list is sent to members and associate members each Friday unless the list is unchanged from the previous week. After persons are added, names will remain on the list through the following calendar month unless there is a request to keep them on. In this case, please alert the office when we may remove them from the list.

2025 FLOWER and SANCTUARY/VOTIVE LAMP dedications are available for those who wish to make a donation. Floral arrangements and candles can be donated in honor of a living person or in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of an anniversary or other milestone, or in thanksgiving for friends or family, which is acknowledged in the bulletin. The cost for flowers is \$25 per arrangement. The cost for the 14 day candles used in the sanctuary/votive lamps is \$7.50. Please sign up in the notebooks on the reception desk in the Parish House, or contact Christine at cgh@flcpittsburgh.org or 412-471-8125.

SERVING TODAY

	8:30 AM		11:00 AM
Presiding Minister	Pr. Murdy		Pr. Evans
Preacher		Pr. Evans	
Assisting Minister	June Navid		Pr. Murdy
Communion Assistants	Pr. Evans Susan Bruder		Sarah Maenner Maggie Wolfram
Lectors	Roy Navid		Ben Sommer
Acolyte(s)	Roy Navid	C	Abby Wilson
	Merryn Fritzburg	A	Maryam Hall
Cantor	Sr. Cynthia A. Pock, OLF, AAGO		
Vocalists	Megan Wall, <i>Treble Section Leader</i>		The Parish Choir
Instrumentalists			The Gloria Dei Ringers
Head Usher			Kurt Herbst
Usher(s)	Kurt Hansmann		Wes Nelson
Altar Guild	Amy Hansmann Grace Hansmann		Amy Bills Michele Ellison
Coffee Hour Host			Lisa Karraker

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CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 *Council Reports Due*

12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	HOLY CROSS HALL
6:00 PM	Social Ministry Committee Meeting	ZOOM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

1:00 PM	Staff Meeting	MEZZANINE
6:00 PM	Evangelism Committee Meeting	HOLY CROSS HALL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 AM	Meal Ministry Prep	KITCHEN
12:10 PM	Noonday Holy Communion	NAVE
5:30 PM	Property Committee Meeting	MEZZANINE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:00 AM	Renovation Task Force	MEZZANINE / ZOOM
6:00 PM	Christian Education Committee Meeting	ZOOM
6:30 PM	Gloria Dei Ringers Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 *Cyril and Methodias: Missionaries*

12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	HOLY CROSS HALL
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

THE SUNDAY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 AM	Holy Communion	NAVE
9:30 AM	Bel Canto Youth Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR LOFT
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THE FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

has served downtown Pittsburgh since its founding in 1837 as the first English-speaking Lutheran Church west of the Alleghenies. Its members come from far and near to participate in its Christian witness in the heart of the city: a witness that is faithful to Holy Scripture and to the historic Lutheran Confessions. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is at the center of its life, providing direction, comfort, and hope. If you are seeking a church home in Pittsburgh, we invite you to become a part of our downtown ministry.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER

STAFF

The Rev. Brian A. Evans, *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Joseph G. Murdy, OLF, *Associate Pastor*
The Rev. Daniel E. Hall, MD, *Assisting Episcopal Priest*
Sr. Cynthia A. Pock, OLF, AAGO, *Cantor*
Ms. Amy Bills, *Christian Ed., Youth Ministry, & Fellowship*
Mrs. Suanne O'Dell, *Financial Secretary*
Ms. Christine G. Hoffman, *Admin. Assistant to Pastoral Staff*
Mr. Jeremy Caywood, *Building Manager*
Mr. Nicholas Sharer, *Communications Coordinator*
Mr. Benjamin Sommer, *Organ & Sacred Music Scholar*

PASTORS-IN-RESIDENCE

The Rev. Brian O. Bennett, *Lutheran University Center*
The Rev. Erin E. Evans, *St. Paul, Zeli. / Zion, Harmony*
The Rev. Canon Natalie G. Hall, *Church of the Redeemer*
The Rev. S. Cyril Hurnyak
The Rev. Leonard J. Larsen
The Rev. Jennifer Peters McCurry, *Carnegie Mellon Univ.*
The Rev. Caroline Mendis
The Rev. Martin M. Roth

MISSIONARIES

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson
& Dr. Andrew L. Wilson, *Japan*

ORGAN ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Dr. Ann Labounsky Steele

COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE

Joyce Moon Strobel



Assisted listening devices are available. Inquire with an usher.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship

8:30 AM Holy Communion
9:45 AM Sunday Church School
(Classes for all ages during school year)
11:00 AM Holy Communion

Midweek Noonday Worship

12:10 PM Holy Communion, Wednesdays
(Holy Communion for Healing on the first Wednesday of each month)

SUNDAY PARKING

Accessible parking is available on Grant Street in front of the church. Free parking is available in the US Steel Tower garage. Reduced rate parking is available at the Mellon Square and Smithfield/Liberty garages for \$1.00. See an usher or the attendant at the reception desk for validation. Street parking is free on Sundays until 1:00 PM.

If you have a pastoral concern outside of normal office hours, please call our emergency line: **412-471-6507** and the pastoral staff member on duty will return your call as soon as possible.

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