

4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 2nd, 2025

10:00 AM

¹ In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. ² In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me. ³ Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Psalm 71:1-3

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Strengthen your hearts and do not fear, for our God is here to save.

P: We rejoice in the promise of healing.

L: The Lord sends us to proclaim His good news, to offer hope to the wary and light to the lost.

P: We are ready to walk in His way, to be witnesses of his transforming grace.

L: Come, let us worship the God of light and life.

P: We come with joy, for He is making all things new!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

“He Leadeth Me”

No. 690

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You have called us, but we have chosen to walk our own path. You have given us strength for the journey, but we have faltered in fear. You have opened our eyes to Your truth, yet we have been blind to the needs of others. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we have resisted Your transforming grace. Renew our hearts, heal our brokenness, and guide our steps so that we may live as witnesses to Your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, who redeems and restores us, we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 35:4-6

ANTHEM

“Walk By Faith”

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 26:15-18

SERMON

“Don’t Fear the Shadow”

Michael Barton, CLP

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

*HYMN

“Behold the Lamb (Around the Table of the King)”

COMMUNION

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“In the Garden”

No. 635

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Deacons

Welcome Desk: MaryAnn Kaminsky

Liturgist: Stephen Franklin

Greeters: Sue Boettner

Fellowship Hour: Autumn Moore

Child Care: Pam Greb

<i>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</i>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship & Communion
	11 AM	Sunday School
	6-8 PM	Youth Group
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
	5:30 PM	Deacon Meeting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	6:30 PM	Choir
	6:30 PM	Trustees Meeting
Thursday:	6 PM	Women's Bible Study
Friday:	10 AM	Women's Bible Study
Saturday:	9 AM	Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Cafe

YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS-Are available for pickup on the table outside of the sanctuary. Please let the office know if you would like yours mailed or have any questions.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- The Men's Bible Study will meet next on Feb 10th and will begin a new study on the Beatitudes. The study book will be "The Christian Manifesto: Jesus' Life-Changing Words from the Sermon on the Plain" By Alistair Begg. What does Christian living look like in the 21st century? All are welcome to join.

FISHBONE DINNER- We are looking for volunteers to donate food and to help serve at our next Fishbone Dinner on Sunday, February 16th. There is a signup sheet on the table with items needed. Please see Andy Tarr with any questions.

MERIDIAN WINTER MINGLE- Tuesday, Feb. 18th from 5:30-7:30 join us for a Meridian Winter Mingle. We will be providing pizza and a time for games and fellowship. Get to know your church family at this fun winter event! There is a sign up sheet to get an estimated count for dinner.

SNOW TUBING- Club 35 and Youth Group will be going snow tubing at Boyce Park on Sunday, February 9th. We will be meet at the church at 1:30 and return by 6 PM. The cost is \$15 per person and families are welcome to join.

SUMMER YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY-Save the date for our summer events: Youth Group Mission Trip (6th-12th Grade) June 15th-21st, Summer Blast (3rd-5th Grade) July 7th-11th, Vacation Bible School (PreK-5th) July 20th-24th.

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