5th Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM February 9th, 2025

¹ I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

Psalm 138:1-2

PRELUDE Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Peter 1:3-6 in Unison)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this we greatly rejoice!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

"Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" No. 3
"He Will Hold Me Fast"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear loving and gracious God, we recognize that we are weak and sinful people. We are sorry for the times we have been silent and for the times we have shied away from sharing the Gospel of hope with others. Forgive us for the times we put our own comfort, security, and pride before You. Help us believe that You can take our failures and use them to encourage and bless others. In Jesus' Name. 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"

CALL TO OFFERING

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

2 Corinthians 12:8-10

ANTHEM

"Lord, I Need You"

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 32:22-32

SERMON

"Walking with a Limp"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

"Be Still, My Soul"

No. 712

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Trustees **Greeters:** Pam Greb

Welcome Desk: Sadie Tarr Fellowship Hour: Cathy Woller

Liturgist: Autumn Moore Childcare: Sarah Murtha

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday: 10 AM Worship

11 AM Sunday School

1:30 PM Snow Tubing @ Boyce Park

Monday: 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Tuesday: 1 PM Quilting

Wednesday: 9 AM Coffee & Conversation

6:30 PM Choir

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.

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.

Faith & Fellowship Nights- Mark your calendars, as we will host Faith & Fellowship Night during Lent, every Wednesday beginning March 12th with dinner served at 5:30 PM and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7 PM. We will need volunteers to help with the dinners and the children's program. Sign up sheets and more information will be coming soon.

SNOW TUBING- Club 35 and Youth Group will be going snow tubing at Boyce Park today. We will be meet at the church at 1:30 and return by 6 PM.

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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