

COMMUNION SUNDAY
February 2, 2025 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PATHWAY:

Living our faith. Nurturing families. Serving our communities.

*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Sue Finger

“Christians, We Have Met to Worship”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Elizabeth Murray-Sherron Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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.

*HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy” #64

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, I
n earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Ally Hall

OFFERING TO GOD

JOY IN FELLOWSHIP OFFERTORY

Miriam Jones
Wesley Chorale

“Glorious Peace”

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from m all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son,

and Holy Ghost. Amen. *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Miriam Jones

ANTHEM

Wesley Chorale

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Elizabeth Murray-Sherron

*HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God” #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on m

*OLD TESTAMENT

Elizabeth Murray-Sherron

Exodus 33:7-11 (NLT)

*GOSPEL

John 4:20-26 (NLT)

This is God’s Word for us today.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Here I Am to Worship

Rev. Boruff

HYMN

“Nearer My God to Thee” #528

1. Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

2. Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and eternal death, and make with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for your and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

All are welcome to share in Christ’s gift at Christ’s table.

HYMN

“I Am Thine, O Lord” #419

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

MUSIC FOR SENDING

Sue Finger

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs & ministries throughout the week!

Announcements

- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **FOOD@FIRST: 71** guests were serve last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **200 ENVELOPES/FAMILY MINISTRY FUNDRAISER: February 2-March 2** envelopes numbered 1-200 will be available in the narthex. People select an envelope with the amount of money they would like to donate and return the envelope filled with cash or a check. All of the money will go directly into a Family Ministry Fund. **CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation will kick-off on **February 9th** at 11:15 and will run to Confirmation Sunday on May 18. Students in 6th grade and up are eligible to participate.
- **JOY LUNCH:** JOY Lunches for 2025 kick-off on Friday, **February 21** with Steve Jackson, Historian as our presenter. Lunch will be from Lee's Chicken. Make a reservation in the church office by Feb. 19.
- **MOVIE NIGHT/FIRST KIDS: February 5** from 6 -8 p.m.
- **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL:** Your thoughts, prayers, insights, articles, poem and art are needed for the Lenten Devotional to be distributed at the beginning of Lent. Deadline for material is **February 17**. Submit NOW!

*Please stand as you are able.

We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Steve Seybert, Tim Kline, Cliff Ambler, Jerry Hardacre, Dick Hines

Greeters: Ron and Sharon McNabney, Nina Kline

Fellowship Time: Judy Whitney

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Weekly Schedule

Sun 2/02			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Cafe		Downtown
Mon 2/03			
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
Tues 2/04			
9:00 am	Sew Group	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Book Club	Library	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:00 pm	AACC Rehearsals		Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 2/05			
10:30 am	County IEHA	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	Bells	Bell Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:20 pm	Kids Choir Rehearsal	Younger Kids Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	Downtown
Thurs 2/06			
9:00 am	State IEHA Meeting		Davis Park
10:00 am	Friendship Bible Study Circle	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Fri 2/07			
9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
Sat 2/08			
10:00 am	AA Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
Sun 2/09			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Confirmation Kick-off	North/South Parlor	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food@First		Downtown



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Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation