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*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.*



*Welcome to our Combined
10:15am Worship Service
In-Person & Streaming Online*



**Sunday, January 16, 2022
Second Sunday After Epiphany**

Welcome

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
That will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

Children's Bulletins

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.

The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul.

(Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table).

Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are very welcome to participate in the entire worship service. Due to the COVID pandemic, for the safety of children, we are currently not offering a nursery during worship. Normally, we have supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor.

Junior Worship

For the safety of children, we are not offering Junior Worship during the pandemic. Normally, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs, on the 1st & 2nd Sunday of the month, following the children's sermon, for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Changing Tables

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

Water Fountains

For the safety of all, our water fountains are disabled during the pandemic.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's or Zion United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's, Zion, and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our churches.

More Information...

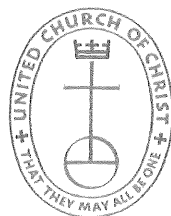
Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the *Blue Visitor Table* in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

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If you have any access problems, please let us know at 610-621-5770 or Office@sprucc.org

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

*Please Do Not move the red ribbons or sit where they are placed.
They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.*

Masks are required today for the whole service except for the leaders and under age 2.

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

GREETING AND WELCOME

*{To center your hearts and minds,
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently
during or before the Prelude}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP[®] (*Silently Before Worship Begins*)

Lord, we come before you in quietness but inward rejoicing. We sit here wondering what you will sprinkle upon us. "But what are we bringing to you," we ask ourselves. "We bring our spirit to be joined with your Holy Spirit."

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Called As Partners In Christ's Service"

(verses 1,2,3) NCH # 495
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*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 36

Leader: Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,

People: and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Leader: How priceless is your love, O God!

People: All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

Leader: For with you is the well of life,

People: and in your light we see light.

Leader: Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,

People: and your favor to those who are true of heart.

We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION (Leader)

We come before the altar of God to confess our sins and to be restored fully to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

*Confession of Sin (Unison)

Most merciful God, 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 Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

*PRAYER FOR MERCY

"Kyrie"

Red #518

Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Leader (*spoken*): Christ, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Leader (*spoken*): Lord have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader)

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: Let us offer our praise to the Lord.
People: **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

*SUNG RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

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{Please be seated}

We Hear the Word of God

*We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.
We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God."
Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and*

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5
New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Jesus, Come, For We Invite You"

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Children's Message

Sermon - "How Important Is This Event?"

We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have learned
more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by
re-affirming our faith in God,
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and*

{Those who are able, please rise}

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith
(Section Two and Three: Jesus and the Holy Spirit)

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

{please be seated}

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray....

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

**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.**

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PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
And grant us Thy peace. Amen

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OFFERING TIME AND TALENT

{Prayer Needs, Joys, Opportunities for Study and Service, and other Announcements}

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Leader: May we bring our finest wine.

People: May we bring our first fruits.

Leader: May we bring our talents.

People: May we bring our time.

Leader: Thank you for your provision for us.

People: Help us to be good stewards of your provision.

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

[Online Giving](#)

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

*Whether worshipping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through St. Paul's UCC secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at sprucc.org. [St. Paul's UCC Click Here](#)
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or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}.*

OFFERTORY

{Those who are able, please rise}

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

We give thee but thine own whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Leader)**

Heavenly Father, help us to own our talents and use them for your glory. Help us to re-adjust our schedules and make time for your kingdom at the top. Thank you for your inspiration and guidance in our financial giving which we do in thankfulness to you for your provision to us. Amen

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

***COMMISSION**

Leader: Let us go our way, proclaiming, "Jesus Christ is Lord."
People: Holy Spirit, help these words to spring from our hearts.
Leader: Let us identify our talents and use them.
People: Some can fix cars, some can play drums, some can bring a healing touch.
Leader: Some can preach and teach, some can bring happiness.
People: Let us not hesitate. Let us be led by the Spirit.
ALL: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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***SENDING HYMN**

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}*

POSTLUDE

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

ALL are invited
to share in a time of Refreshments and Fellowship
in the downstairs Miller Fellowship Hall



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The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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About Today

Church Season: Epiphany - Season of the manifestation of God incarnate to the world.

In Greek “phan” is “shine” or “manifest,” and “epi” is “upon.” The season of Epiphany continues from January 6 until Ash Wednesday.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

White - symbolizing the purity of Christ as we are washed in the baptismal waters and the blood of Christ.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year C**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Luke.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ’s birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church). The first four books of the NT are called the “Gospels,” which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible.

This Sunday, January 16 -- Lectionary Reading for the Second Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

Isaiah

The book of Isaiah (OT) is attributed to three prophets. The first of whom is from where the book gets its name, and is about Isaiah’s call to become a prophet and his prophecy that Jerusalem will face God’s judgement regarding its immorality in order to be God’s Holy City (chaps. 1-39, written 738-688 B.C.), the second is about living in exile in Babylon (chaps. 40-55, written 597-539 B.C.), and the third is about the return from exile to Judah and the rebuilding of the Temple (chaps. 56-66, written 520-515 B.C.). A prophet is one who is divinely appointed by God to lead and instruct.

Psalm 36

Verses 5-10 praise God for his love to us and compare God’s love to creation.

The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

This NT Epistle (letter) was written by the Apostle Paul between 53-54 A.D. to a gentile congregation he had founded several years earlier in Corinth (the capital city of the Roman province of Achaia, a large and prospering urban center that was ethnically, culturally, and religiously diverse). This letter is in response to issues within the Corinthian church, in particular factions caused by one-upmanship and privatization of faith. Paul encourages humility, unity within diversity, and witnessing to God’s grace. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and church leader, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus’ ascension into heaven. Paul wrote more of the NT than any other person.

The Gospel According to John

John is the latest of the four Gospels, written around 80-90 A.D. probably in Ephesus, and attributed to John the son of Zebedee, the beloved disciple of Jesus. This Gospel was “written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name” (20:31).

Next Sunday, January 23 -- Lectionary Reading for the Third Sunday After Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21



Link to Website's
Upcoming Events



January 16, 2022

From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Resolutions and Relapses

Many of us have made New Years resolutions that we have not kept. The idea is good but the follow-through is not there. In a few weeks we are back to the old habits again. We may be disappointed but go on. There is always next year.

For those suffering from the disease of drug addiction, it is not as easy as making a resolution to keep away from the addictive substance. Drug addiction is a chronic disease and like other chronic diseases like asthma or hypertension must be managed for life. The National Institute on Drug Abuse tells us that "Treatment enables people to counteract addiction's disruptive effects on their brain and behavior and regain control of their lives."

But because addiction is a chronic disease, some people will have relapses that will need to be treated. The relapse rate for substance abuse disorder is 40%-60% as compared with 50% to 70% for hypertension and asthma. Relapse can be very dangerous in drug addiction. Relapse does not mean failure; it means more treatment is needed.

Promote YOUR Church Events

The PSEC Website (psec.org) has a section devoted to the events YOUR church is having. BUT, you have to let us know. To advertise your church event simply go to : psec.org, place your mouse on the tab "Events & News" and then on the subtab "Local Church Events" - another subtab "Submit An Event" will appear. Simply click "Submit an Event" and complete the form and your church event will be publicized on our website for all to see!

Message from Conference Minister—Covid 19

For almost two years we've been adapting to pandemic challenges. To say the toll on our emotional, spiritual, and congregational health has been high is an understatement. And yet we are not free from the need to be vigilant. The last two weeks have been a time of extraordinary uptick in the prevalence of COVID-19. The prevailing wisdom offered by infectious-disease experts is that the Omicron variant will sweep into and out of our communities fairly quickly. We certainly pray that will be in the case. In the meantime, we strongly recommend that churches return to remote worship and meetings for the next four to six weeks as infections and hospitalizations in PA soar.

We express love of family, friends and neighbors—and especially health care workers and emergency response professionals--by taking simple, direct action to reduce the spread of illness. We have honed our remote ministry skills over the past year and a half, and now we need to lean into those skills again. Better days ahead. Trust in that and keep the faith.

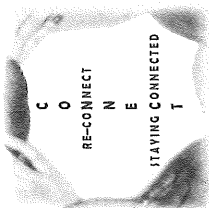
With Prayers for the Ministry We Share,

Pastor Bill

Rev. William Worley, PSE Conference Minister

** Note

The Conference has changed all meetings and/or trainings that are occurring in January to a Zoom format.



**Connect,
Reconnect,
Staying Connected**
w/ Rev. Cean James

January 22nd—VIA ZOOM

Register at: <https://pseconnect0122.eventbrite.com>

January 29th—This "in person" event has been cancelled to help keep all safe. Please sign up for the event on January 22nd.

581 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

A D A E7 A D(4) D A E7 A

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

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we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.

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May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

A D A E7 E#dim7 F#m D A E7 A

e-equal part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

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669 Jesus, Come, for We Invite You

verses 1, 3, 4

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1 Je - sus, come, for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
 2 Je - sus, come! trans - form our pleas - ures, guide us in - to
 3 Je - sus, come in new cre - a - tion, heaven brought near by
 4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness; make us will - ing

A E E7 A D G D F# D D F# G D F# D

friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com - mand your ser - vants,
 power di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,

A C# D E7 B A D A E E7 A Em A7 C#

speaking, and let us hear your word: lead us through our
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may
 chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of
 all the best you have to give: let us find your

D D F# A G D F# G D Em7 D Em D A A7 D

need or doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
 work in se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
 your dis - ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
 hid - den rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

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EPIPHANY

243 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

verses 1, 2, 3

F C/E F Dm C/E F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb A

1 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to you we raise;
 2 God re-vealed at Jor-dan's stream, proph-et, priest and king su-preme;
 3 God re-vealed in val-iant fight, con-quer-ing the dev-il's might;
 4 Stars shall fall and heav-ens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made;

Dm Gm C F G7/D C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C

once re-vealed, when heav-en's star brought the wise men from a - far;
 once re-vealed in power di - vine chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 sins for - giv - en, sick-ness healed, life re - stored and God re - vealed;
 Christ will then like light-ning shine, all will see the glo-rious sign;

C C/Bb F/A C7/G F F/Eb Bb/D F7/C Bb

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in your birth at Beth - le - hem,
 Ca - na's ho - ly wed-ding guest keep - ing to the last the best;
 once re-vealed in gra-cious will ev - er bring-ing good from ill,
 all will then the trum-pet hear, all will see the Son ap - pear,

D/F# D Gm C/E C F Bb/D Bb F/A Dm F/C C7 F

Word be - fore the world be - gan, God re-vealed to us in man.

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