

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion, have mercy upon us.
You have given us statutes, but we follow our own desires.
We know of your laws, yet we try to justify our own way.
You desire obedience, we practice rebellion.
You offer blessing, we search for scapegoats.
Make us mindful of how we disorder your intentions.
Set us aright in accord with your design for us.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father*

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Matthew 5:21-27
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM	<i>Be Still and Know That I Am God</i>	
MESSAGE	<i>Raising the Stakes</i>	Tracy L. Evans
SONG OF FAITH	<i>Give to the Winds Thy Fears</i>	815

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

After each petition, please respond with:

Loving God, help us to turn our hearts toward you.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Are One in the Spirit

Wilbur Held

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

We Are One in the Spirit

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Praeludium in G major

Nicolaus Bruhns

*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for February 23: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48.

The Urban Mission item of the month for February is **canned beans**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Ushers for today's service are Jim and Linda Rodriguez.

Bring a white elephant gift wrapped in newspaper, and a snack to share, to **White Elephant Bingo** this Friday, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Drinks will be provided. All ages welcome. White Elephant Bingo is more fun than a barrel of monkeys!

SUNDAY

February 16

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship meeting

MONDAY

February 17

- 6:30 P.M. – Worship & Music meeting

TUESDAY

February 18

- 7:00 P.M. – Session meeting

WEDNESDAY

February 19

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

February 20

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library
- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds meeting

FRIDAY

February 21

- 7:00 P.M. – White Elephant Bingo

SUNDAY

February 23

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service - Communion
- 5:00 P.M. – Memorial Youth Group