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**February 9, 2020**

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE:** Mary Gugler, Music Director

**\*INTROIT:** "Surely The Presence of the Lord"

**\* REPEAT INTROIT ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS/FAMILIES OF THE WEEK/BIRTHDAYS:** Many happy returns on the day of your birth  
May sunshine and gladness be given, and may the dear Father  
Prepare us on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**L:** Come and see! God's light is shining brightly.

**C:** God's light shines in us.

**L:** When we honor God's commandments,

**C:** God's light shines in us.

**L:** When we feed the hungry and give to those in need,

**C:** God's light shines in us.

**L:** When we show mercy and compassion,

**C:** God's light shines in us.

**L:** We are the light of the world!

**C:** God's light shines in us. Amen

### **\*OPENING PRAYER:**

Luminous God, we give thanks for this Epiphany season of light. When fear casts shadows in our lives, open our hearts to your radiance. Shine on us, shine in us, add shine through us. Make us beams of justice mercy and love, that we may brighten your world. Amen.

### **HYMN OF PRAISE: #57 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 112:1-9

Page 434 in pew Bible

Chris Ruch

### **ANTHEM - "10,000 Reasons"**

*The Altar flowers today are in loving memory of  
Wilson and Ruby Kidd given by their family.*

### **SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **\*OFFERTORY**

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #569 "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations"**

### **\*SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

### **WITNESS TO THE WORD**

### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #377 "It Is Well With My Soul"**

### **BENEDICTION: "Spirit of the Living God"**

\*Denotes please stand if you are able.

### **TODAY'S THEME**

In Judaism, there is a notion called "tikkun olam" which means "the repair of the world." According to Jewish tradition, there are divine sparks of light scattered throughout creation, and when we act with justice, righteousness, and kindness, the light shines and the world is healed. Our text today reminds us that our light shines when we follow God's commandments and are "merciful, compassionate and righteous."

### **Prayers for our Families of the Week:**

Nadine Evans; George and Christine Ferguson;  
Will, Catherine and Bobby Ford; Charlie and Maxine French;  
Rick and Vicky Goforth; Lynn Graves; Philicia Griffin;  
Al and Anne Hartley; Rick and Barbara Fortner

**Please update your prayer requests. Share the good news of healings and update those in need.**

### **Our Ministry in Prayer:**

Prayers for our country, state and local leadership, areas of war,  
Disasters. Famine, unrest, the homeless, those who are searching.

### **Prayers for our Active Duty their families and friends:**

James Bartran II, USAF, Timothy Keen USA, Michael McClennon  
USMC

Scott Moore USCG, Aerick Paxton, USAF David Plessinger, USA

Andrew Manning, USMC

### **Prayers for our EMS, Fire Departments, First Responders, Teachers**

### **Membership and Budget**

<b>Membership</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>Attendance last Sunday</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$12,290.75</b>
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$2,944.70</b>
<b>Offering last Sunday</b>	<b>\$2,944.70</b>

### **Future Scripture Readers and Greeters**

February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Ruch	Psalm 112:1-9
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Vicky Goforth	Psalm 119 1-8
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cindy Lamn	Psalm 99

We are always looking for volunteers to be readers and greeters. This is a great opportunity to get to meet and greet your church Family as they enter the door, and to get an opportunity to read God's Word to the church. We ask that on the Sunday you are to greet and read, that you be at church at 8:45, so that you can say "Good Morning" to everyone as they enter the building. Wear your best smile and welcome your neighbors!!

### **Sunday Snacks**

February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Elms
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Gerry Cluett
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Birthday Cake and covered dish luncheon

*There is always coffee and snacks in the social hall after worship service.. Please come and join us!!*

### **LECTIONARY TEXT FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9;  
Matthew 5:21-37

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Our church directory is being updated. If you have changes that need to be made or need to be included, please contact Annette Jones

## **This Week at PUMC**

Sunday	Worship	9:15am
	Adult Sunday School	10:45am
Monday	Golf at Tanglewood	9:30am
Tuesday	Hand Bell practice	5:00pm
	Choir practice	6:30pm
Wednesday	Bible Study (French's House)	7:00pm
	Al-Anon meeting	7:00pm
	Quilting Group	9:00am
	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays	
	Woodcarving at Ron Seward's	6:00pm
Thursday	(Rev. Ken's day off)	
Friday	Exercise Classes in Social Hall	7:30 & 8:40am
	Walk with Ken at Golf Shop.	7:30 am
	Bible Study at Golf Shop	8:00am

## **Monthly Events**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Communion with Service	9:15am
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	WATCH Night	6:00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	Journey Forward Grief Support	
	at Dowling home	4:00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	(Every other month) Council Meeting	5:00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	UMM	6:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	UMW	10:00am
Last Sunday	Lunch and Birthday Cake in Social Hall	
	After Service	

## **Looking Ahead**

February 16<sup>th</sup> **Valentine Lunch** following church services. Will be provided by the UMM. Hotdogs, baked beans, chips, drink and dessert. Come enjoy the fellowship!!

February 25<sup>th</sup> **Shrove Tuesday** Pancake Lunch provided by UMM. More information to come.

February 26<sup>th</sup> **Ash Wednesday** More information to come.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> **Game and Music Night** 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

March 29<sup>th</sup> **PUMC choir, bell choir and local churches will perform.** More information to come.

April 4<sup>th</sup> **Spring Clean Up Day** PUMC 9:00 am until....

April 12<sup>th</sup> **Easter Sunrise Service and Church Service**  
**Easter Egg hunt after services**

April 27-29 **Springtime Jubilee at Myrtle Beach, SC.** Anyone interested in more information, please see Jan Thrasher. Deposits are due by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The website is [www.jubileeconferences.com/spring/index.html](http://www.jubileeconferences.com/spring/index.html)**

## **Farmville District Listening Post/Information Sessions**

**February 25<sup>th</sup> Crewe United Methodist Church 6:30 pm**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> South Hill United Methodist Church 6:30 pm**

**Web information is found at:**

**<https://www.vaumc.org/SeparationAgreement>**

## **FYI**

If you are a friend of Prospect and would like to be included on the membership and friends list, please get in touch with Annette Jones, cajones@buggs.net or 434-636-2297. If you are interested in joining our fellowship please talk to Rev. Ken 434-955-0253. Annette Jones, Membership Secretary.

Our United Methodist Women and Men would like to invite you to consider joining them in a time of fellowship each month. The UMW and UMM are involved in many local and international mission projects. They are also a great opportunity to get to know some of the people who attend church at a much deeper level. Please pray about allowing God to use you to spread the gospel to the world.

**Stewardship is our commitment to God. It involves not only our tithe, it also involves our gifts, our talents, and our time. As God devotes His time to you, let us devote the time and talents to make disciples to truly transform the world. Please note the increase in our budget for 2020. Our budget has increased by \$220.75 per month.**

**Need Your Help!!** The food box/wagon in the front entrance is in need of filling. Please remember to bring your non-perishable food items for **Holly Haven**. Monetary donations are also welcomed and appreciated. Make checks payable to PUMC, Holly Haven in memo.

## **BUDGET FOR 2020**

The yearly budget of 2020 will be **\$147,489.00**. That's **\$12,290.75** per month which is **\$220.75** more per month than last year. Please be in meaningful prayer about your stewardship for your church. Stewardship campaign begins January 2020.