

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany  
February 2, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*An Invitation to All!*

Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord - outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers, the young, old, and the in-between. Come as you are, for this is God's house—a house of prayer for all people, and God welcomes each one who comes. Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN 398 (RED Hymnal)**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

**A LITANY OF SALVATION**

(Responsive)

Leader: God sees the hurt of all God's people.

People: Praise the God of our salvation!

Leader: God wants everyone to be saved.

People: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!

Leader: God sent Jesus to give himself for all.

People: Jesus, our salvation have mercy on us!

Leader: Jesus, Bearer of our sins, you take away the sins of the world.

People: Jesus, coming in glory have mercy on us!

Leader: Let us bow for a moment of silent prayers.

People: (Silent Prayers)

Leader: In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI** - *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.*

**A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** - *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

*Mark 14:12-26*

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

*"If She Ain't Welcome, Ain't Nobody Welcome"*

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

**\*COMMUNION HYMN #513**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**THE WORDS OF INVITATION**

*Why did Jesus institute The Lord's Supper during His last Passover with the Disciples? Because He knew that we are forgetful people. If we do not celebrate this special Supper on a regular basis, we will forget His Sacrifice, forget His Suffering, forget His Grace, and even forget His Love. Let us participate in this blessed Supper in a spirit of repentance and confession, teach our children what it means, hold the elements and partake together as the One Body of Christ, and always keep our hearts overflowing with thanksgiving for the greatest gift ever given. Amen.*

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PREPARATION**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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.*

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The First Creed**

Leader: Jesus is Lord!

People: Jesus is Lord, indeed!

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

**\*HYMN # 385 (RED Hymnal)**

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

**\*BENEDICTION**

And may God be your protection and safe haven; May the power of Christ Jesus dwell in you; and may the Holy Spirit be your guide forever. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, In the name of Christ. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** - (\*) *We stand as we are able.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The flowers this Sunday are given by Allen & Debra Boyd in loving memory of her mother, Helen Dowler, who died on February 5, 2022.
2. 8 Most Significant Words: "Who will you invite to church next Sunday?"
3. #1 Reason to Be at First Pres: Because we know why we're here - to share the Real Jesus.
4. Rev. Coker's new sermon series "Jesus Speaks from the Mount."  
Feb. 2: "If She Ain't Welcome, Ain't Nobody Welcome"  
Feb. 9: "Eyes, Teeth, and Cheeks"  
Feb. 16: "The Sink "
5. Prayer List:
  - a. Prayers answered - Patsy Rohrer (sister-in-law of Margaret Connor) - Results showed no sign of cancer; doctors will continue to monitor her.
  - b. Cathy Martin (Biff's sister) - She has Pancreatic Cancer. The spot on her Liver has shrunk, and she can now switch to the Chemo Pill instead of Infusion. Unfortunately, her body chemistry did not allow her to qualify for a new Immune System Trial, but she is so positive that she said "I'll just qualify for a better one." She has a Cancer Coach who has survived Pancreatic Cancer for the last 26 years, and her husband Brad says he is not leaving his "Wing Man", like in "Top Gun."
  - c. The family of Bubba Harrison (his wife, Cynthia, sisters, JoAnn & Bobbie and children).
  - d. Lindsey Henderson whose uncle, Lloyd Mears died January 23rd; Lloyd was her father's brother. Lindsey's father died January 24, 2024.
  - e. The Need for Unity in Our Country
  - f. Our New 12 Commitments for Christ
6. If anyone has a prayer request/need, you can fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate or email us at [1stprestifton@gmail.com](mailto:1stprestifton@gmail.com).
7. The sign-up sheet for flowers is in the narthex.



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