

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

January 26, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: You are never left outside God's house.
People: There is always room for us.
Leader: Jesus himself has prepared a place for each of us.
People: When our time comes, we will be welcomed and made whole in Christ.
Leader: Make your hearts ready to receive the goodness of the Lord.
People: We are ready to step into service for God. AMEN.
All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 294 (Blue Hymnal)

Wherever I May Wander

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Almighty God, Your Word teaches us that "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that You desire." Please forgive us for being slow to listen, quick to speak, and quick to harbor anger toward You and others. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us and make us whole for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based on Psalm 103:8

Leader: Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, full of unfailing love. Today, receive God's forgiveness.
All: Thanks be to God!

*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

THE MORNING PRAYERS and THE 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

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: Psalm 4:4; Proverbs 14:29-30; Matthew 5:21-24

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"Angry Birds"

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 306 (Blue Hymnal)

Fairest Lord Jesus

*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, now and forever more." Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The flowers this Sunday are given by Melvin & Marlene Mathis in memory of her daddy, Marvin L. Goode, whose was born on January 29, 1914.
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 has started a new sermon series "Jesus Speaks from the Mount."
Jan. 26: "Angry Birds"
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. Patsy Rohrer (sister-in-law of Margaret Connor) - she will be scanned again after the holidays and will get results mid-January.
 - 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. Pray that her body type will be eligible for a new Immune System Trial. 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 the movie "Top Gun". Pray that her body will be accepted in the Immune System Trial. It could become a cure for many.
 - c. The family of Bubba Harrison, Cynthia (his wife) and JoAnn Smith (his sister).
 - d. The Need for Unity in Our Country
 - e. 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.
7. The sign-up sheet for flowers is in the narthex.



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OUR MISSION: TO SHARE HOW JESUS AND HIS LOVE ARE REAL THROUGH ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES.



Biblical Jewels for Today:



What did Jesus mean when he use the word "Raca" in **Matthew 5:22**?

It's the same thing Cheryl's father always says: It's something that can transform all your relationships.

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