# SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9th Sunday after Epiphany

March 12, 2023 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . . "Be still and know that I am God."

### We Come Before God in Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Thornwell

9:00 a.m. Kathy Lyles 11:00 a.m. Marcia Humbert

Prelude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. McDonald

- \* Call to Worship
- L: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
- P: For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

(Psalm 33:20-21)

\* Hymn "Be Thou My Vision"

No. 450

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you:

hear us as we come to you
humbly confessing our sins and transgressions,
and imploring your mercy and forgiveness.
We have broken your holy laws
by our deeds and by our words,
and by the sinful affections of our hearts.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
grant that we may hereafter serve and please you
in newness of life;
through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri No. 581

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.

Prayer for Children

(Ages K3-1st Grade may leave for Children's Church)

Little ones to Him belong: Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.

### God Givesto Us Through HisWord

Scripture Lesson Psalm 112

L: Praise the Lord!

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!

P: His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

L: Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

P: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous

L: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.

P: For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

L: He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

P: Hisheart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

L: He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

P: The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!

Anthem (11:00 am)

"Fall Slow Tears"
Adult Choir

arr. Schram

Scripture Lesson Luke 16:1-9

Sermon

The Gospel of Luke Dr. Seel

LIV. Betting on God's Grace

\* Hymn "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" No. 436

### We Respond to God's Word

\* Apostles' Creed (Unison)

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.

Call to Prayer (11:00 am) "Kyrie" Adult Choir

arr. Bell

Prayers of the People and 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Will Arise and Go To Jesus" arr. Carter

"Christ Be Beside Me"

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

No. 606

No. 702

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.

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Benediction Response "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion.
Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love.
May your peace fill our hearts May we know the love of Jesus
By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.

\* Postlude

\* Hymn

"Festive Postlude"

arr. McDonald

\* Congregation Stands

form, fold, and place in the offering plate.

PRAYER REQUESTS
The Tuesday Morning Prayer Group meets each week at

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## WELCOMETO VISITORS

If you are visiting today, we would like you to know that it is a privilege to have you with us. It is our hope that you will find a warm welcome and an atmosphere to worship God.

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☐ 1st Time Visit

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Lynn Lewis by Lucas, Ashley, Watson, and Henry Durham.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar
to place flowers
in the Sanctuary
during 2023
is on the wall outside
of the Church Office.
This is a great way to
honor or remember
someone on a special date.

# PALM SUNDAY Meal Reservation

April 2

Ham,
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans,
Janice's Rolls,
Chocolate Cake

Prepared by: Deke Van Wagner

Family Name

# of meals\_

\$5 per plate

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 29.

### **NURSERY STAFF**

Victoria Rose Brock, Valerie Brock, & Lindsey McAlister

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Ginna Lister

April DuBose

### **SAFE PLACE MONITOR**

Britt Burnett

### MARCH USHERS

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

David Owen, Head Mary Ann Merritt, Asst.

Eric Goodwin, Head Dustin Coats, Asst.

**SOUND & LIGHT** 

**VIDEO** 

Roger Kilpatrick

Ryan Miller

### **Member News**

The red rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of the birth of Joseph Dial Lentz born on February 24. Dial is the son of Mary Katherine and Joe Lentz and grandson of Kathy and Dial DuBose.

We give thanks to God for the life of His servant, Don Erdman, who died on March 6, 2023, and we express Christian love and sympathy to his wife, Joan, and to their family.

The known hospitalizations this week were Rosemary Holtzendorff and Norm O'Donnell.

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