3rd Sunday of Epiphany • Stewardship Emphasis—WHY? • Bread of Life, Setting 5

INTRODUCTION

We begin our annual stewardship emphasis today. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news. One way we do so is through our stewardship.

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord arr. Vernon Charter

CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new,

whose mercy endures forever.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

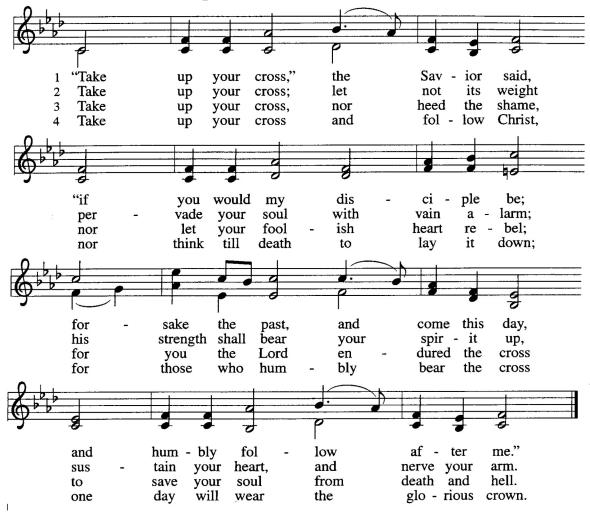
Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Holy One, source of our renewal,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The old things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN hymnal, #667, stand

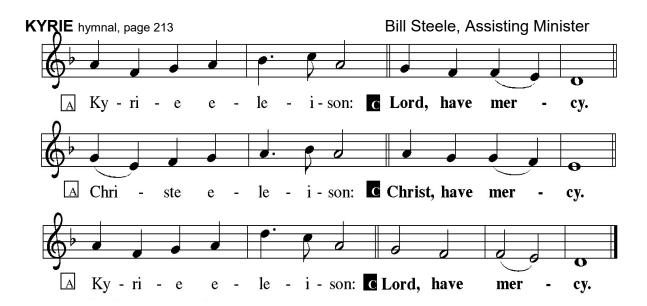




GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Let us pray,

All: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Dee Bumpers

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP HYMN hymnal, #565





WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4 Pew Bible pg. #624

Will Dickinson, Lector

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9 Pew Bible pg. #493

Lector: ¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Congregation: ⁴One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

- L: ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.
- C: ⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
- L: ⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
- C: 8'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek.
- L: ⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Pew Bible pg. #1040

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION hymnal pg, 216, stand



GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-27 Pew Bible pg. #923

What must we do to inherit eternal life? That's the question asked of Jesus in this Bible lesson. Jesus' answer is shocking and maybe even unrealistic. As we consider stewardship, what does this Bible lesson have to teach us about our priorities and giving?

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother."' ²⁰He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON Pastor Bob Stelter WHY Giving to Church Is a Complete Waste of Time & Money!





NICENE CREED FOR EPIPHANY

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assistant: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Assistant: Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation. Merciful God,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

A: In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely.

C: receive our prayer.

A: Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Pastor: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom

and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Congregation: Amen.

MEAL

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING ANTHEM

Praise! Eugene Butler

OFFERTORY stand



OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our posessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

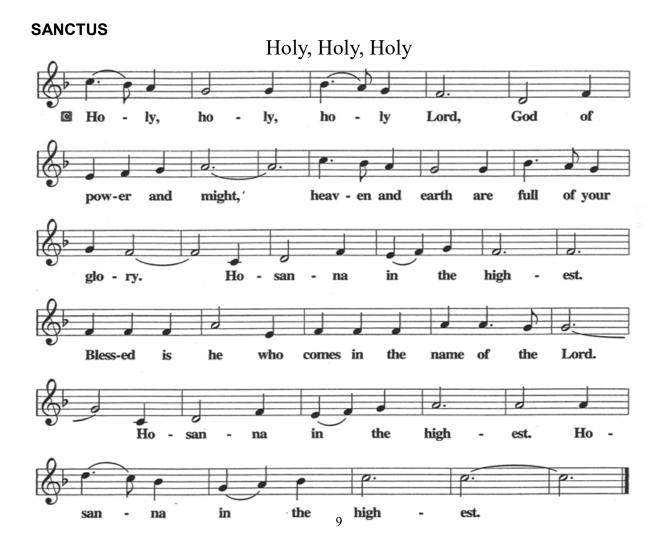
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY

Pastor: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you O Lord, holy Father, through Christ, Our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Congregation: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

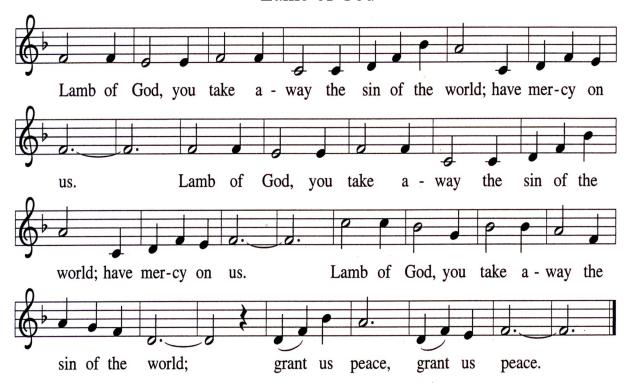
Amen.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond **Amen.**

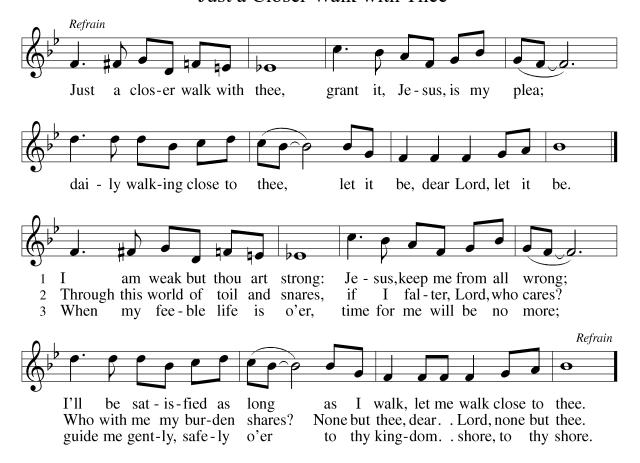
INVITATION TO THE MEAL FROM PASTOR BOB STELTER

Lamb of God



DISTRIBUTION HYMN hymnal, #697

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



COMMUNION BLESSING stand

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray,

Congregation: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Christ has come. Bring his light to the world. Almighty God, Father, + Son,

and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING HYMN hymnal, #855

Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man y crowns, the Lamb up on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir gin's Son, the God in car nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be hold his hands and side,
- Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own. whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won which now his brow a - dorn; rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied. and rose vic - to-rious in the strife for those he came to save.



No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, glo - ries now died and rose His we sing, who on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty. the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem. but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright. who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Together, we go

Congregation: to love God, love others, serve!

A: Go in peace!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thanksgiving and Praise arr. Marilynn Ham

Flowers on the altar are given by **Ann Stelter** in memory of her husband, Buddy.

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WELCOME! As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism and our ministries? Contact Pastor Bob, pastorbob@faithloves.org.

Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

Live or online at <u>Facebook.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville</u> Recorded Sermons & Services at <u>Faithloves.org</u>

USHER TRAINING today, choose your best time 10:15am or 12:15pm.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, **10:15am** for the study of Genesis, led by John Woods in *The Cup*.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15am.

CONFIRMATION CLASS resumes, 10:15am in the library.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 1:30pm led by John Woods.

HANDBELL PLAYERS REHEARSAL Wednesdays, 5:30pm. Come join us! Lynn offers piano lessons, too. Contact her at rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com or call 503-819-0118.

NEW NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS GROUP this Friday night, January 13, 7pm in *The Cup*.

COLUMBARIUM NICHES are available to our members for \$1,800 & to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are found in our *Columbarium Booklet* in the narthex.

2023 FLOWER CHART has been posted. Sign up on the bulletin board by the library.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY 9am Traditional	
Assisting Minister	Bill Steele
Lector	Will Dickinson
Communion Ministers	Dee Bumpers, Carol Schaefer David Mabry, Randy Schaefer
Greeter	Mildred Fenske
Ushers	Randy Stewart, Ritchie Case
Offering Stewards	George Herbold, Gary Mount

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY Open: tomorrow, January 23, 3-6pm

Phylis Garrison — Publications

Barbara Birkholz — Financial Secretary

Mildred Fenske — Prayer Chain Coordinator

Items needed:

Jelly (plastic jars) • **Large Soup** • **Syrup** (plastic bottles)

- Boxed Meals (like Hamburger Helper)
 - Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Contact our Pantry Coordinator to volunteer at: shephopepantry@gmail.com

Notice! Pastor Bob has never and will never ask for support or funds via email, text or Facebook. If you have received one of these requesting funds or support from Pastor Bob, please report it to the office immediately, 865-966-9626.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

MEN'S & WOMEN'S SALVATION ARMY VISIT Tuesday, January 24, meet at church at <u>5pm</u>. Donations of men's boxer briefs, sizes m-xl, women's underwear, sizes 6-11, snacks & goodies are requested. We will let you know when we need socks.

MOPS Tuesday, January 24, 6pm. Moms & kids meet in the nursery.

FAITH SERVES KARM this Saturday, January 28, noon. Please sign up to cook or serve. Future dates are 3/25, 5/27, 7/22, 9/23, 11/25 & 1/27/24.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, February 19, 12:15pm.

- State of the Church Address
- Presentation of Annual Report
- Walk by Faith Update

THE LITTLE LIBRARY, donated by Lin McKinley, is located at the east entrance of the church. Feel free to take a book or two —keep them or return for more!

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This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.

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GROWTH & JOY: Our stewardship.

<u>Joy at the Birth</u>: Titus Alexander to Kristen & Tyler Hitter. Great grandparents: Maret & Leo Hebert.

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH: Judy Morris.

<u>SAFETY AND SUCCESS MISSION TRIP TO AFRICA</u>, Jennifer Crosby Bales, daughter of Chuck Crosby

SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS: Daniel, Bruce, Larry, James, Nicholas, Steve, Edward, Tyler, Floyd, Mike, Roy, Mack, Leo, Geoffery, Tyrone, Vanessa, Joan, Christen, Amanda, Noah, Shyshi, Brook, Ashland, Stephanie, Jenny, Kayla, Rhonda.

CONCERN & ASSISTANCE: The people of Ukraine.

<u>PEACE, SAFETY, ADVOCACY & CARE</u>: those who are mentally & physically challenged.

PARTNERSHIPS: Bishop Eaton & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, Mercy Ships, Iglesia Luterano Augustana de Guatemala & Milagro Women's Education Center, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

<u>Peace</u>: Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Andrew Chovancek, Adam Di Giovanni, Tyler Hitter, H.M., Anthony Hu, Julianne LeFevre-Kerr, Chase Linell, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.



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WEEK OF JANUARY 22-29, 2022

Sunday, January 22 3rd Sunday in Epiphany

9:00am Traditional Worship Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship The Cup

10:15am Usher Training

Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class *library* Praise Team Rehearsal

11:11am Contemporary Worship

12:15pm Usher Training

5:00pm AL-ANON meeting Community Room

Monday, January 23

3-5pm Food Pantry open

Tuesday, January 24

7:30pm

1:30pm Bible Study Small Group The Cup

5:00pm Salvation Army visit

6:00pm MOPS Nursery

AL-ANON meeting Zoom
Narcotics Anonymous The Cup

Wednesday, January 25

11:00am AL-ANON meeting Community Room

3:00pm Staff Meeting
5:30pm Bell Choir Rehea

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 26

9:30am Narcotics Anonymous The Cup

Friday, January 27

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Group 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Group

Saturday, January 28

11:00am AL-ANON meeting *zoom*Noon Faith Serves KARM

Sunday, January 29 Stewardship Emphasis

9:00am Traditional Worship Sanctuary

10:00am Fellowship The Cup

10:15am Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School

Confirmation Class *library*Praise Team Rehearsal

11:11am Contemporary Worship

5:00pm AL-ANON meeting Community Room

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK