

#### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

JANUARY 29, 2023 • 9AM

4th Sunday of Epiphany • Stewardship Emphasis—WHY? • Bread of Life, Setting 5

#### INTRODUCTION

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Jesus, they are the ones who show God's love.

#### PRELUDE

In Pastures Green Niamh O'Kelly

Bell Choir

## 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.

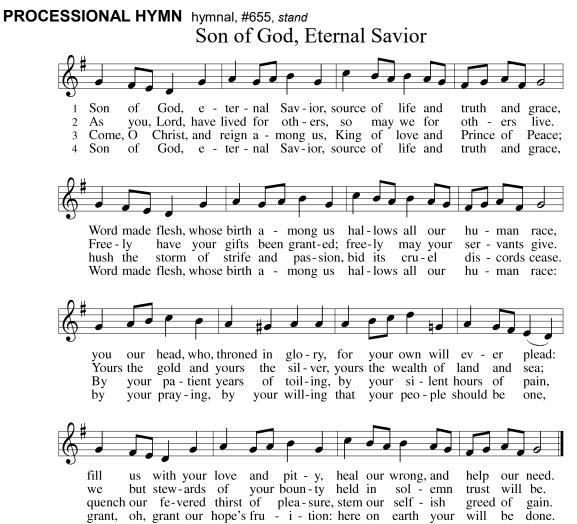
P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

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.

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# GATHERING



#### 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.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And also with you.

P: Let us pray,

All: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS**

#### STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Rev. Wyn Bryant

#### STEWARDSHIP HYMN hymnal, #884

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heav'ly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## WORD

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Steve Dean, Lector

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people,

and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

<sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, Ó mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector: The word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God!

#### PSALM: Psalm 15 Pew Bible pg. #485

Lector: <sup>1</sup>O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Congregation: <sup>2</sup>Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

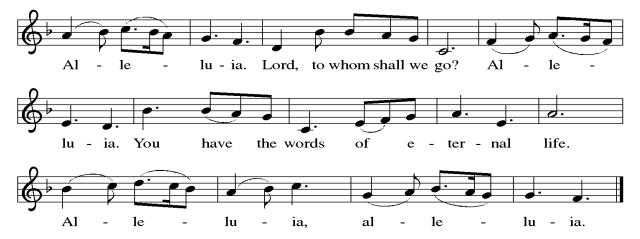
- L: <sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
- C: <sup>4</sup>in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
- L: <sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
- C: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:10-11 Pew Bible pg. #1108

As we consider our stewardship, we are encouraged to give as we have received in this Bible lesson.

<sup>10</sup>Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God!



#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION hymnal pg. 216, stand

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40 Pew Bible pg. #902

During the stewardship emphasis of our congregation we are asked to consider how we are using our time and talent to advance the good news of Jesus Christ. How do our actions show God's love?

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' <sup>37</sup>He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

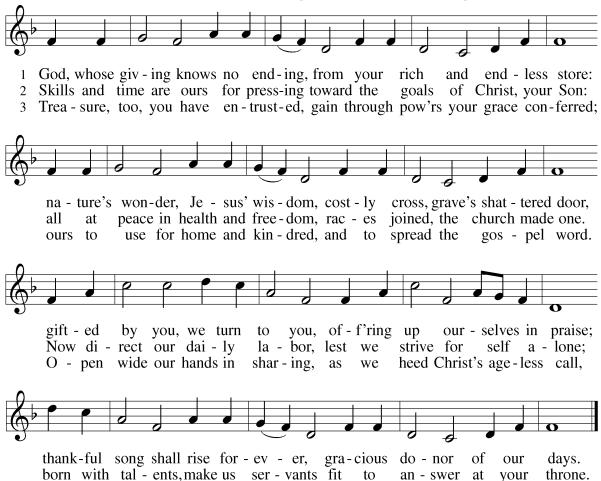
Lector: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

#### SERMON

Pastor Bob Stelter

# HYMN OF THE DAY hymnal #678 to tune #712 as shown, *stand* God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

WHY It Is Important to Give Your Time & Talents



heal - ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov - ing all.

#### 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: Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,

#### Congregation: receive our prayer.

- A: The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- A: You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

- A: Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- A: As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.

- A: Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place. Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. 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

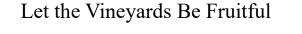
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Congregation: And also with you.** *The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.* 

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

#### **OFFERING ANTHEM**

Glory and Honor and Praise arr. John Purifoy

**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.

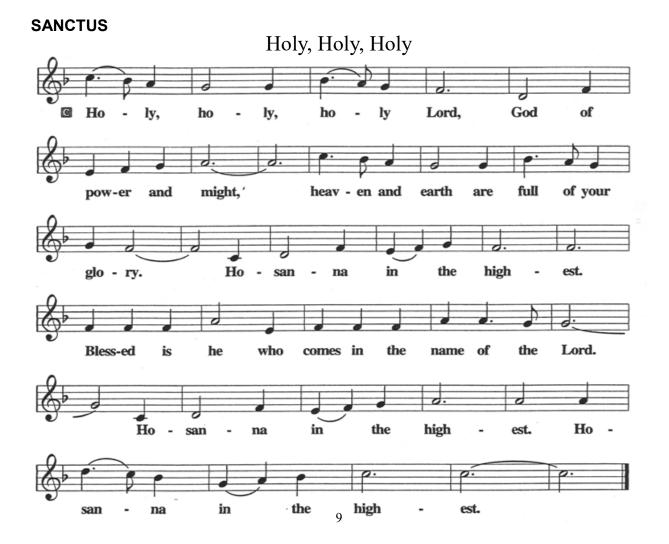
#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

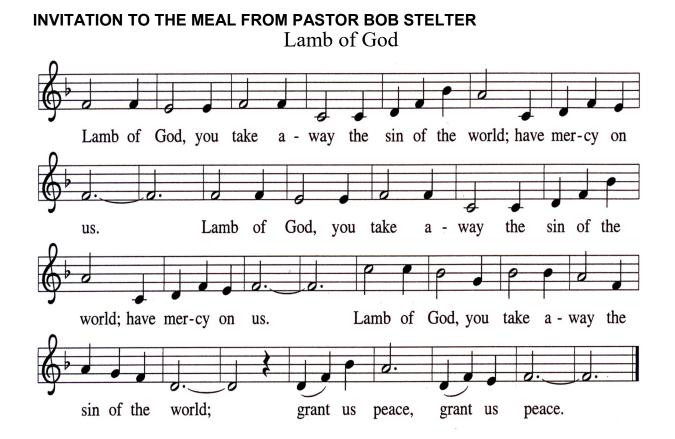
#### COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

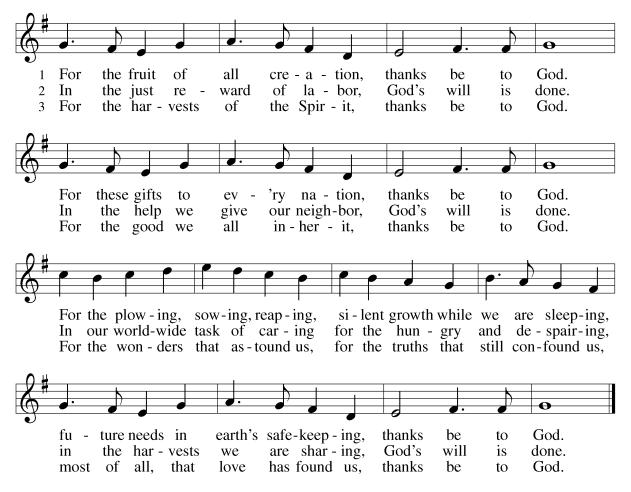
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.



#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN hymnal, #679

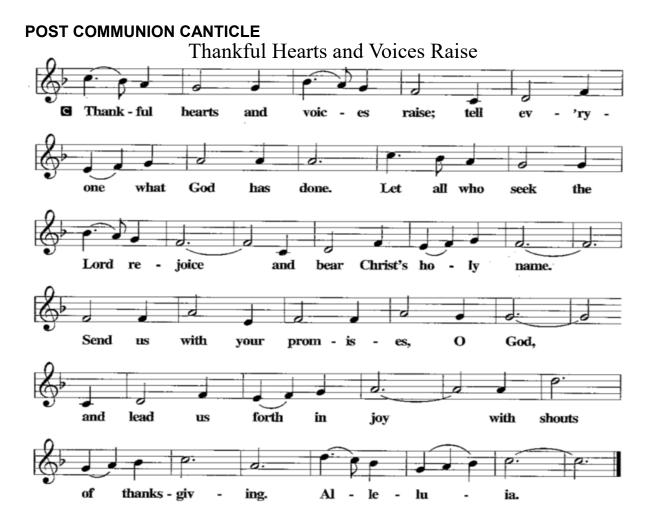
# For the Fruit of All Creation



#### 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 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.

#### PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS

Mildred Fenske January 29--February 11

Deacons come forward to receive communion kits.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# SENDING

# OUR STEWARDSHIP OF ABILITIES (Time & Talent) Please Bring your Time & Talent Surveys to the altar.

Flowers on the altar are given by Larry Koran in memory of his father, Larry Koran, Sr.

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Thanks to our volunteers who help assemble these bulletins.	This bulletin is printed on recycled paper with soy ink.	
<b>WELCOME!</b> As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commitourselves 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.	SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY Open: Mondays, February 6, 3-5pm & 20, 3-6pm Items needed: Shampoo • Conditioner Dry Milk • Cereal, no sugar added Canned Beans • Dry Bagged Beans, 1lb	
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! Want to know more about Lutheranism and our minis- tries? Contact Pastor Bob, pastorbob@faithloves.org.	Contact our Pantry Coordinator to volunteer at: shephopepantry@gmail.com	
Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am Live or online at <u>Facebook.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville</u> Recorded Sermons & Services at <u>Faithloves.org</u>	<b>NOTICE:</b> 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.	
GATHERING OF TIME & TALENT SURVEYS, today, both services. GATHERING OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP GOALS, next Sunday, February 5, both services.	UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP, Tuesday February 7, 6:30pm in the library. Laura Beardsley presents The Confession by John Grisham.	
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, 10:15am study of Genesis, led by John Woods in <i>The Cup</i> .	<b>SPIRIT SUNDAY! February 12</b> . Wear your favorite team gear for this Super Bowl Sunday!	
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15am.	GUATEMALA MINISTRY INFORMAL MEETING February 19,	
CONFIRMATION CLASS, 10:15am in the library.	10:15am in the library.	
TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 1:30pm led by John Woods.	Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 19, 12:15pm.	
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.	<ul> <li>State of the Church Address</li> <li>Presentation of Annual Report</li> <li>Walk by Faith Update</li> </ul>	
<b>COLUMBARIUM NICHES</b> are available to our members for \$1,800 & to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are found in our <b>Columbarium Booklet</b> in the narthex.	SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER, February 21. Ash Wednesday, February 22 Services at noon & 7pm.	
<b>2023 FLOWER CHART</b> has been posted. Sign up on the bulletin board by the library.	<b>SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISITS Tuesday, February 28,</b> Leave church at 5pm.	
GRANDVIEW UNIVERSITY CHOIR CONCERT, Coming here March 13, 7pm!	Faith Serves Karm Saturdays: 3/25, 5/27, 7/22, 9/23, 12/2/23 & 1/27/24.	
WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY	THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!	
9am Traditional	Offerings last Sunday: \$ 46.407	

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#### GROWTH & JOY: Our stewardship.

<u>COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH</u>: Judy Morris, Derrick Russian, Gary Holtz.

SAFETY AND SUCCESS MISSION TRIP TO AFRICA: Jeniffer Crosby Bales.

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CONCERN & ASSISTANCE: The people of Ukraine.

PEACE, SAFETY, ADVOCACY & CARE: those who are mentally & physically challenged.

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**PEACE:** 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 29-FEBRUARY 5, 2023 Sunday, January 29 Gathering of Time & Talent Surveys Traditional Worship Sanctuary 9:00am 10:00am Fellowship The Cup Adult Sunday School 10:15am Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class library Praise Team Rehearsal **Contemporary Worship** 11:11am AL-ANON meeting Community Room 5:00pm Tuesday, January 31 Bible Study Small Group The Cup 1:30pm AL-ANON meeting Zoom 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous The Cup Wednesday, February 1 11:00am AL-ANON meeting Community Room 4:00pm Staff Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm 6:30pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** Thursday, February 2 Authors Guild of Tennessee The Cup 9:30am 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous The Cup Friday, February 3 Cole Center Caregiver Group 9:30am 7:00pm **Narcotics Anonymous Group** Saturday, February 4 11:00am AL-ANON meeting Zoom Sunday, February 5 Gathering of Stewardship Goals 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 Contemporary Worship 11:11am AL-ANON meeting Community Room 5:00pm

#### PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25. • Tuesday: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6. Wednesday: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26. • Thursday: Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5. Friday Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18. • Saturday Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8. 5th Sunday of Epiphany Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20.