

Sunday
January 21, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

John Cleveland

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people here
and around the world.



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Plain print indicates worship leader.
Bold print indicates congregation.
**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

***Call to Worship**

Jesus said, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

We come to Worship in Spirit.

Jesus said, "'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

We come to Worship in Truth.

It matters not the place. It matters not the building. It matters not the "things" we use. Dare we worship in this place, stripped of everything except that which makes it a place to encounter the God of the poor, of the oppressed, of the stranger?

Jesus is our Lord and Savior. We come to Worship.

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Heavenly Father, Ruler of all creation, who are we small beings, sinners all, to deserve your blessings and grace?

Yet, here we are, chosen by your great and never-ending grace and love.

Lord you know our temptations. You know our deepest thoughts and we ask your help to resist all sin. O Lord, we do confess that we have failed you in our words, in our thoughts, and in our actions.

Why do we suffer temptations, Lord?

Lord, we gather here as a mixed bunch of believers, none of us perfect, but all of us chosen by you. Help us not to try to understand why some people do what they do, but help us instead to trust in you, and to show them love and forgiveness.

O Lord, we ask you to look upon each of us in grace and keep us humble in our faith, for all the glory is yours, O Lord. Amen.

***Hymn:** #558 We Are the Church (verses 1-4)

***Scripture Lesson:** John 2:13-25

Let us stand for the reading from the Gospel of John.

Children's Time: Hank Stamm

Anthem: Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy ~ *piano duet performed by Barb Hosner and Karla Stubblefield*

Message: A Word of Zealousness ~ *John Cleveland*

***Hymn:** #170 O How I Love Jesus (verses 1, 3)

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: I Then Shall Live ~ *performed by some guys and the choir*

***Doxology:** #94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

O Lord, you shower us with blessing after blessing. While we know it is from Your Grace that we have anything at all, let these gifts and offerings be a sign of our gratitude. Let us put this small portion of our bounty to use as You see fit. Thank you, All Gracious God. Amen.

***Hymn:** #261 Lord of the Dance (verses 1, 2)

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson	Robert & Carmen
Mary Evelyn Bell	Parsons
David Bretz	Char Rice
Barb Griner	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Pat McClelland	Al Thomas
Iris McGahan	Mina Willett
Beverly Nimmo	

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

1/22 Sydney Hambright	1/26 Kelsey Stevens
Betty Thomas	1/27 Justin Carrier
1/23 Greg White	Dessie Harris
1/24 Brianna Moberly	<u>Anniversaries</u>
1/25 Wade Stacey	1/21 Jim & Vicki
Kyle Stevens	Worthington
1/26 Phyllis Barrett	1/26 Tom & Dee Dee
Ken George	Hoy

In Service to Our Country

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Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and Praises

Tom Aitken had a good pathology report. Thank you for your prayers.

Sue and Joe Hayes welcome their new great-nephew, born Jan. 13.

Holli Inman has gotten a diagnosis and can get treatment in Kalamazoo.

New Requests This Week

Nathan Brockman (Marie Ketvirtis' nephew) will have surgery this week to remove a cancerous tumor in his throat.

Joe Green (Laverne Swinehart's son-in-law) is hospitalized.

Tim and Lynne Melvin as Tim will have surgery and possible treatment for cancer.

Abbigale and Amelia Murray and Andrew Adams Grant Swinehart (Laverne's son) has a broken elbow.

Previous Requests

Nana Bradfield is in Hospice care.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Alice Dibble passed away. Please remember her family in prayer.

Norm Hackett passed away. Please remember his family in prayer.

Shirley Kohler (Larry's sister) is having problems in areas of the cancer she had previously and will have more tests.

Tyler Lynch has health concerns.

Kay (Clark) Miller (friends of Elizabeth and Jack Page and Bob and Nancy Harper)

Diane Reece (Vera Walker's sister) is in Bronson Commons with several hairline fractures in her back.

Larry and LaVon Rolfe

June (Brad and Barb Addis's sister-in-law) is in much pain following ankle/Achilles surgery.

A former student of Andrea Luegge is suffering from the effects of childhood onset of Huntington's disease.

Prayers for love, joy, and hope for our church family.

Coffee hour

Treats are needed for January, February, and March. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call Vera Walker, 532-3551.

Calendar

Today

*Susanna Wesley Circle Sub Sandwich
Sale orders will be taken*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 22

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC

6:30 p.m. Scout troop meeting

6:30 p.m. Church Council meeting, Taylor Room

Tuesday, January 23

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room

6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting, FLC

Wednesday, January 24

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room

2:30 p.m. SHED (middle school outreach)

5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth)

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir practice in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, January 25

10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC

5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade)

6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC

6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth)

6:30 p.m. Bible Study in the Library

Friday, January 26 - Pastor's Day Off

10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether in Room 219

Saturday, January 27

no activities are scheduled

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Coming Events

Saturday, February 3

*morning Susanna Wesley Circle assembling subs
in the Taylor Room*

Coming deadlines

- Newsletter items are due tomorrow
- ScripCents orders are due Thursday, Feb. 1

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Jan. 21: Marshall Linebaugh

Jan. 28: Joe and Betty Gruber

Today's acolytes are
Gabriel Cleveland and Xavier Cleveland

Today's altar flowers are provided by
the family of Alice Dibble

January 14 attendance:
Worship 128 Sunday School 33



The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

You are invited to the new Bible study



Thursday Night Vids has begun. We're trying a video-based Bible study in the library at 6:30 on Thursday evenings and going till ? This week is the fourth in a five-week series by Ray Vander Laan entitled, "The Mission of Jesus." Come and see!!

Give Your Family the Precious Gift of your Choices

What if a sudden medical event happened to you and you could not make medical decisions? Have you made an advance care plan for your healthcare? Attend an informative kitchen table small group discussion where we will review the steps involved to share the precious gift of your wishes for healthcare. You will learn how to create a free advance directive document that identifies who you would want to make medical decisions and how to initiate the critical conversation with your loved ones. Join us Thursday, Feb. 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the library for this event. Please contact Polly to RSVP at (269) 649-2343 or reception@vicksburgumc.org.



Scouts Pancake Breakfast

Sunday,
Feb. 11

8:00 a.m.

Family Life Center
Everyone is invited!

Sub Sandwich Sale

by Susanna Wesley Circle

place your orders

TODAY

6" sub bun with deli style sliced turkey, ham, salami and sliced Co-Jack cheese

\$5⁰⁰ each
(pay when you order)

pick up sandwiches on

Saturday, February 3 at noon

in the Taylor Room kitchen

or February 4 after church

Super Bowl Sunday

