

Sunday
January 24, 2021
9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



Opening Prayer Visual: "Love Never Leaves"
Adapted from Psalm 62 by Kelly Ann Hall.

Prayer of Repentance

Lord Jesus, you are the Head of the church, and we are your Body. The Body is one with many members, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ. Lord, we admit that we often insist on our own opinion and only care about our own affairs. There is competition, pride, strife, division, and conflict among us. Please forgive us of the sins that divide our nation and your churches.

We declare in the name of the Lord Jesus that all the sources of disunity in church and society cease completely beginning within our own hearts. Let us have the mind of Christ and remove divisiveness so that the church's witness may be healed. Lord, give us a humble spirit and teachable heart. Help us to see others better than ourselves, with all lowliness and gentleness, with long suffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Lord, cleanse us, cover us, deliver us, and renew us by your precious blood.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we renounce the desires of the flesh and all sins and bondage. Holy Spirit, refresh our hunger for God's Word, empower us to live the divine virtues, and release kingdom values in us. Help us to be obedient to the Holy Spirit, to grow spiritually in love for the Lord and for one another, and to take up our cross every day to follow Jesus. When the world sees the power of the gospel, may they believe also and give praise and glory to you.

Lord, may the Holy Spirit lead us to connect the churches for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Though the darkness covers the earth and deep darkness covers the people, we ask you to expand your kingdom. We ask the Holy Spirit to give church leaders spiritual insight to watch and pray unitedly for our nation, cities and churches. We ask that you protect us against the mischief of the principalities and powers of this present darkness to bring revival and transformation to our land. We pray that the beautiful sound of worship and praise would be heard by all, that everyone will lovingly speak of the marvelous deeds of God, and that the Word of the Lord will be preached with signs and



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wonders. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit — God in three persons — blessed Trinity. Amen.

Hymn: #64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, repentance goes hand in hand with the kingdom of God. Our repentance is still necessary because the fullness of the kingdom is not yet. But our repentance is also the beautiful grace of God, proof that the kingdom is already here. Thanks be to God!

Prayer from the Book Jesus Used: Psalm 62:5-12

⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. ⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. ⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. ⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. ⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. ¹⁰ Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. ¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, ¹² and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

For the Kids: “Follow Me!”

Scripture Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon: “Lord of the Dance”

The sermon begins with a scene from the movie “Billy Elliot” (2000).

Hymn: #261 Lord of the Dance

Congregational Prayer, and the Lord’s Prayer

Loving Father God — Be with us in our distress: with our families, friends and neighbors, our country and our world. Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful, and comfort to the mourners. Give wisdom to our medical and first responders, safety in

our schools, insight to our government and patience to us all. Overcome disease with the power of your new life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

Offertory

Dedication of Gifts and Self — based on Psalm 62:5-12

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and financial support! You are a blessing to the church!

God of Deliverance, we pause during this time of worship to return to you some of the monetary riches that you have given to us. While we wait in pensive silence, we are reminded to set our hearts and minds on your steadfast love. You alone are our rock, our fortress, and our salvation. We experience comforting solace in your refuge. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Parting Words: “Pescador de hombres”

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore,” arranged and sung in the original Spanish by Billy Duran.

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones. You only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain:

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,

kindly smiling, have spoken my name.

Now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me;

by your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;

my boat carries no gold and no weapons;

But nets and fishes my daily labor.

Refrain:

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,

kindly smiling, have spoken my name.

Now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me;

by your side I will seek other seas.
 You need my hands, full of caring,
 through my labors to give others rest,
 and constant love that keeps on loving.
 Refrain:
 O Lord, with your eyes you have searched
 me,
 kindly smiling, have spoken my name.
 Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind
 me;
 by your side I will seek other seas.
 You, who have fished other oceans,
 ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
 my loving friend, as thus you call me.

Refrain:
 O Lord, with your eyes you have searched
 me,
 kindly smiling, have spoken my name.
 Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind
 me;
 by your side I will seek other seas.

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-28

The LORD bless you and keep you; the
 LORD make his face shine upon you and
 be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face
 toward you and give you peace.
 In the name of the Father, the Son, and the
 Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer for Family and Friends

Previous Requests

Pray for every family undergoing difficulties.
 Pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

Drive-In Worship

**9:30 Sunday mornings
 in the church parking lot**

tune your radio to FM 101.1

Also at home:

- ◆ **Live stream** (watch the service live) on your computer or cell phone at 9:30 Sunday mornings at meet.google.com/ybu-swbd-ocn. A GOOGLE ACCOUNT IS REQUIRED.
 - ◆ **Listen live** (listen to the service live) on your phone at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Shortly before 9:30, call (413) 340-2217 and enter the following pin when prompted: 950 134 510#.
 - ◆ **Watch on YouTube.** After church, the video of the service will be posted on YouTube, and the link directly to that Sunday's service will be emailed to you each week.
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- ◆ **Watch any service anytime** on YouTube. A Google account is not required. Go to YouTube.com and search for Vicksburg UMC. Select "Vicksburg UMC" from the list, then select the service you would like to watch from VUMC's list of videos.

**VUMC's
 Mission Statement**



**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.

For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz	Marv Starbuck
Barb Griner	Mina Willett
Flossie Lang	Betty Witcher
Robert & Carmen Parsons	

In Service to Our Country

Walker Polsinelli	Geoff White
Tyler Smith	

This Week's Celebrations

<u>Birthdays</u>	1/29 Lynn Griner
1/24 Brianna Moberly	Dawnara Rollins
1/26 Phyllis Barrett	1/30 David Nic
1/27 Dessie Harris	Jim Smola
1/28 Andrea Read	
Janet Zang	
1/29 Charlene Dailey	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Katie Geiger	1/26 Tom & Dee Dee
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Church Council meeting

Church Council will meet tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who wants to may join the meeting with Google Meet or by phone. Check your email for Google Meet link and phone number.

Midweek prayer meeting

To join the online prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 to 8:45, please click this link: meet.google.com/hii-yaux-qgs.

Otherwise, to join by telephone, dial: +1 415-604-0783; enter PIN: 815 342 983#.

Coming deadlines

- Items for the February newsletter are due to Polly (reception@vicksburgumc.org) by tomorrow.
- ShopWithScrip (formerly ScripCents) orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Monday, Feb. 1.

Do we have your information?

We like to acknowledge birthdays and anniversaries in the bulletin and newsletter. Do we have your information? If not, please contact Polly in the office and let her know.

This Week's Calendar

Today

9:30 a.m. Worship in the parking lot and online

Monday, January 25

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee online

7:00 p.m. Church Council online

Tuesday, January 26

no church activities are scheduled

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 p.m. Midweek prayer meeting online

Thursday, January 28

no church activities are scheduled

Friday, January 29 - Pastor's Day Off

no church activities are scheduled

Saturday, January 30

no church activities are scheduled

Kzoo Prayer Center meets online

The Kzoo Prayer Center continues to meet virtually via Zoom. You are welcome to send your prayer requests to Prayer@KzooPrayer.org. You can be prayed with in absentia, over the phone, or by joining your personalized team on Zoom.

Office hours

Polly will be in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 to 1:00 and will continue to work from home Mondays and Thursdays.