

Sunday
February 11, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor Greg



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

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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Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship

There is mystery at the heart of things and it is alive and sings its song into all that is moribund and plain. It is born of a wonder that only increases: for in exploring, the wonder grows; in understanding, a greater puzzle is revealed; the more we dive into the riddle, we find a yet greater enigma.

Here, let us gather around the greatest of all mysteries, where faith can only offer belief and wonder and daring adventure enough to transfigure and behold the whole universe in resurrection truth.

Come, let us wander into the mystery of God.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of light and life, eyes to see; ears to hear; lips to shout for joy! Holy One, the blessing of sight and light cannot be overestimated: the light of the sun after a cloudy day; the bright moon on a dark night; the light that shines in a loved one's heart.

All these come from You. All these we receive from You.

Forgive us when we take our own blessings for granted and forget those who cannot see.

Forgive us when we use language that excludes, forgetting that not everyone is the same.

Forgive us when we make harsh judgments and assume the fault lies with others, forgetting that what we see is not the whole picture.

Forgive us when, through ignorance or insensitivity, we cause hurt or pain to others, forgetting that each one is Your beloved child.

Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to pause, to listen, to think, so that we may follow Your Son's leading more closely, every day.

Amen.

***Hymn:** #280 All Glory, Laud, and Honor (verses 1, 3, 5)

***Scripture Lesson:** John 9:1-41

Children's Time: *Pastor Greg*

Anthem: Be Still and Know

Sermon: *Unbroken Words:* "Word of Washing"

***Hymn:** #3003 How Great Is Our God

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Send the Light

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Precious One, we bring You all that we have: the senses we employ to see and taste, to hear and speak, to help and care, to give and receive, that all we have and all we are be Yours. Today and always. Amen.

***Hymn:** #103 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, February 18: Sermon Series: Around the Cross — "Jesus, Friend of the Dead" John 11:1-44.

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and Praises

Margaret Kerchief's (wife of Dr. Karl Kerchief) surgery went extremely well and showed no spread of the breast cancer. She appreciates all the prayers.

Tim Melvin's appointment at U of M went great! His surgery is scheduled for Feb. 22. Thank you for praying.

New Requests This Week

The family of Bob Cohrs, who passed away Jan. 31

Ryan Miller has been in isolation due to the flu.

LaVon Rolfe, Tamra Stafford, and family at the loss of their husband and father, Larry

Linda Schuring received a pacemaker this past week.

Mike and Jody Tuinier and other friends and family at the sudden loss of their friend, Barb Molhoek

Prayers for health and healing for all

Previous Requests

Phyllis Barrett's sister-in-law passed away. Please remember her brother and family in prayer.

Nathan Brockman (Marie Ketvirtis' nephew) is recovering from surgery.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

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

Lynne Melvin and family at the loss of her sister, Sue Duffy

Jim Miller (Betty Gruber's brother) was admitted to a long-term care facility and is in Hospice Care.

Abbigale and Amelia Murray and Andrew Adams Sharon Pendola and Tamra Stamm at the loss of their aunt, Eleanor Warren

Grant Swinehart (Laverne's son) broke his elbow. Susie Ward (Jo Pope's son-in-law's sister) passed away.

For Cheer and Hello

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

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

2/11 Todd Dibble	2/17 Katie Strohauser
2/14 Lauren Burke	Cande Vermeulen
Alex Oswalt	
2/16 Walter Gose	
2/17 Jolene Cron	
Audrey Linebaugh	

Anniversaries

2/14 Jim & Joan Smola
2/17 Chuck & Vera Walker



In Service to Our Country

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USS Harry S Truman CVN75
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1049 Willow Circle
Clarksville TN 37043

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8429 Shallow Creek Rd
Ft Worth TX 76179

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5112 Hickory Ln
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This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, February 12

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
6:30 p.m. Scout troop meeting, Taylor Room
7:00 p.m. *Labyrinth class, FLC*

Tuesday, February 13

10:00 a.m. *Staff meeting in the Library*
2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
6:30 p.m. *Scout Committee meeting in Room 125*

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

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)
7:00 p.m. *Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary*

Thursday, February 15

9:30 a.m. *Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room*
5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade)
6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth)

Friday, February 16 - Pastor's Day Off

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

Saturday, February 17

11:00 a.m. *Gose birthday party in the FLC*

Monday through Friday

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

Coming Events

Sunday, February 18

9:00 a.m. *Labyrinth available in the FLC*
1:00 p.m. *Mission trip training session*

Monday, February 19

7:00 p.m. *Finance Committee meeting, Library*

Tuesday, February 20

6:30 p.m. *Personnel Committee meeting, Library*
6:30 p.m. *Scout Den meeting in the FLC*

Friday, February 23

6:00 p.m. *Scout Pack meeting in the FLC*

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due Thursday, Feb. 15
- Newsletter items are due Monday, Feb. 19
- Church Council submissions are due Feb. 20

Today's altar flowers are dedicated
to the glory of God in memory of Don.

Today's acolytes are
Briar Luegge and Ella Luegge

February 4 attendance:
Worship 89 Sunday School 31

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.



Walking the Labyrinth

Lent 2018
A Place to Pray and Seek God



Walking the Labyrinth at Vicksburg United Methodist Church

A video introducing the labyrinth (on 40'x40' canvas) will be shown on Monday, Feb. 12, at 7:00 p.m. There will also be scheduled opportunities during Lent when the labyrinth will be set up for prayer walks in the Family Life Center.

For those wishing to go deeper, there will be a Tuesday evening (2/27, 3/13, 3/27) Lenten book discussion featuring *Walking the Labyrinth: A Place to Pray*, by Travis Scholl (ISBN# 978-0-8308-3583-6).

For both church and community... All are invited to walk and pray.

Prayer requests are available by phone

You can hear the weekly prayer requests by calling the church (649-2343) before 9:00 a.m. and after 1:00 p.m. When the answering machine answers, enter 370.

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, **March 1**, 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.



Thursday PLAY GYM

10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.



Fun, inexpensive

"play with me" group

for 1- to 5-year-olds
and their favorite adult.

Next session

begins **Feb. 22.**

Sign up by calling the office.



Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Feb 11:

Feb 18: Marshall Linebaugh

2018
Ministerial Alliance
COMMUNITY
Lenten
LUNCHES
12:15 to 1:00

February 27

Vicksburg United Methodist Church
217 South Main St

March 6

Lakeland Reformed Church
10442 Sprinkle Rd

March 13

St. Martin's Catholic Church
5855 East W Ave

March 20

Chapman Memorial Church of the
Nazarene
7520 East U Ave

Everyone is welcome!