

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Communion Sunday

February 5, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

**Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Fughette on *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* Johann Pachelbel  
(A Mighty Fortress Is Our God)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

**People: And our spirits rejoice in you.**

Liturgist: We will praise you as long as we live.

**People: We seek to honor you in all our ways, O Lord.**

Liturgist: We will not trust in the powerful of this world or put our faith in the things of this world.

**People: Instead, we will put our whole trust in you, O God, our Creator and Sustainer.**

**All: Give us strength, O Lord, to serve you and love you wholeheartedly and without reservation!**

\*HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* No. 110

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

**Unison: Faithful God, we come into your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unflinching love you have shown toward us, your people. When we call out to you, you answer. When we are exhausted, you give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves tested beyond our abilities, you are there, standing beside us. And so, we come before you now, offering you not only the words of praise from our lips, but our very lives. Help us, this morning, to move into a deeper commitment to you as your disciples. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON *2 Corinthians 4:8-16a*

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the People of God.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *Come Find Forgiveness and Love* Besig/Price

MESSAGE *When the Heat is On* Reverend Lisa Flory

\*HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* No. 529

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*OFFERTORY *Verset for the Kyrie* Alexandre-Pierre Francois Boëly

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE Tune: DUKE STREET  
*All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer thee:  
And hence with grateful hearts today, Thine own before thy feet we lay.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Confession and Pardon

**Unison: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(All pray in silence.)*

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION Page 12

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

+THE LORD'S PRAYER

The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew. Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table. (Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal Father, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Now Let Us from This Table Rise* No. 634

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Live with confidence and faith.  
Be encouraged! Do not lose heart! God is with you.

**All: Amen.**

**\*ORGAN RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*How Firm a Foundation*

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\* - All Standing...A position of adoration and praise  
+ - All Kneeling or Sitting...A position of humility and petition

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.  
Liturgist: Pastor Cody Young, Pastor of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

**Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd**

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

**2023 Mission Support**  
International

Heifer Int., Congo Partners in Mission, Africa University

Lebanon County

COGS in Motion, Gretna Glen Support, Habitat for Humanity, Celebrate Recovery,  
Iglesia Nuevo Nacimiento, Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM),  
Jubilee Ministries, Lebanon Rescue Mission, COGS Care and Compassion Fund.

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
*Celebration of Faith* †



**“When the Heat Is On”**

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SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

7:00 - Staff Parish Relations meeting [rm 23]

TUESDAY

11-1:30 - FREE Noon Meal [LCCM]

7:00 - Board of Trustees [LB Hall]

WEDNESDAY

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

THURSDAY

8:30am-1pm - FFA [Ed Wing]

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

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8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00—COGS Kids choir [Hall]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Group -

see Youth Page in the Announcements

Sermon Outline

“When the Heat Is On”

Daniel 3; 2 Corinthians 4:8-16a

Pastor Lisa Flory

We feel pressured to conform to the world around us, and we even feel persecuted for our faith at times. How can we as Christians resist the pressures, the “heat,” of the world, and choose God’s side?

We can be inspired by the faith of the three friends in Daniel- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego- who were thrown into the fiery furnace for refusing to bow down and worship false gods.

- Discern the false and destructive messages coming from the culture around us, and depend on the Holy Spirit to strengthen us as we stand up against those messages.
- Stand firm in our call to spread God’s message even in the face of persecution, and trust God for His plan and His victory.
- Find strength in community, sharing in these challenges with others, like the three friends in the story.

Be encouraged! Don’t lose heart! God is with you.

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