February 3, 2019

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

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**GATHERING MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE HOUR & LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY**

**OPENING PRAYER:** In you, O Lord our God, we find our joy, for through your law and your prophets you formed a people in mercy and freedom, in justice and righteousness. Pour your Spirit on us today, that we who are Christ’s body may bear the good news of your ancient promises to all who seek you. Amen. (Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, pg. 59)

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*CALL TO WORSHIP*  
Signe Vaughan  
LEADER: Lord, you have formed us to be a people – the body of Christ, at work in your world.  
ALL: We celebrate the gifts you have given us to carry out the work of your kingdom.  
LEADER: Guide us in that work. May your vision be our vision.  
ALL: We offer ourselves – our gifts, our time, our energy, our resources – to you and your purposes. Let us worship our God!  
(adapted Words for Worship 2, #135)

*HYMN:* Christ For the World We Sing  
Red Hymnal #568

*INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION*  
Signe Vaughan  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
All: Thanks be to God

*PASSING OF THE PEACE*

**OFFERING, OFFERTORY PRAYER, ANTHEM**

**DOXOLOGY:**  
Red Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER**

*HYMN:* Just as I Am  
Red Hymnal #357

1st SCRIPTURE LESSON: James 1:22-27 (p.854)  
Signe Vaughan  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
All: Thanks be to God

2nd SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 4:14-21 (p. 727)

**SERMON:** The Spirit Upon Us  
Rev. Laura Stratton

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
Red Hymnal pg. 13

**LORD’S PRAYER:** 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** Eternal God, 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. (Red Hymnal pg.11)

*HYMN:* The Summons  
Black Hymnal #2130  
You are always welcome to come to the altar and pray during our last hymn.

**BENEDICTION**

*RECESSIONAL: Shalom to You*  
Red Hymnal #666

The 2019 Flower Calendar is on the table in the sanctuary for anyone who wants to sign up!
We have large-print hymnals available. If you would like one, please let Pastor Laura or an usher know.

Don’t let Sunday be the end of your spiritual focus this week. Continue your faith journey with:

**PRAYER:** This week, pray this prayer: Great God, give us open hearts and minds. Grant us a vision of you as you are and of the world as it might be. Touch our lips; give us words of truth for one another. Then set us free to do what you ask of us. Amen. (Words for Worship: 1; #121)

**STUDY:** Reread today’s Scripture readings. How did Jesus fulfill this vision in his ministry? Are there any parts of this vision that resonate with you?

**SERVICE:** How has the Spirit anointed you to care for others and to bring about this vision of Jesus?

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**Our Stewardship**

“We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our services and our witness.”

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**Vital Statistics through January 27th**

*Attendance: 48  Joined Church: 0  People in Mission: 4  Small Groups: 4  General Fund: $1432.00  Amount Needed Each Week: $2179.00  Amount to Mission: $75*

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**Serving today:**

- Placist: Dale Hamilton
- Organist: Nora Belle Comer
- Choir Director: J.R. Stratton
- Ushers: Daryl Davison, Aron Davison, Donnie Grinnan, & C.T. Campbell

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This Week

Sunday, 2/3
9:45am Sunday School
10:30am Choir Practice
11:00am Sunday Worship

Monday, 2/4
10:00am Nurture Meets
1:00 - 2:30pm Winter Study

Tuesday, 2/5
2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura’s Office Hours

Wednesday, 2/6
12:00pm Wednesday Prayer
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, 2/7
10:00-12:00pm Pastor Laura at Gathering Grounds

Sunday, 2/10
9:45am Sunday School
10:30am Choir Practice
11:00am Sunday Worship

Looking Ahead

Monday, 2/11
6:00pm Winter Supper Study Begins

Wednesday, 2/20
7:00pm Admin Council Meeting

Worship With Us

- **Liturgists:** If you are interested in reading Scripture and leading the Call to Worship during worship on Sunday, please tell Pastor Laura.
- **Choir:** Join us Sundays at 10:30am in the sanctuary for practice.
- **Nursery:** Children are welcome during Sunday worship, and we have a moment we spend talking just to them. We have Bibles and crayons and paper in the pews for children. Nursery services are available for children ages 0-6 years old. Two adults will be in the nursery, located downstairs. If you need help, ask the ushers to help you find the way.

Grow With Us

- **Sunday School:** Take another opportunity to grow in your faith and join us for

Sunday School at 9:45am! We have classes for all ages.
- **Wednesday Prayer:** Pastor Laura invites all to join in a time of prayer & devotion Wednesdays at noon. To receive an email reminder, tell Pastor Laura.
- **Wednesday Online Chapel Service:** The conference Communications office has started showing the sermons of the chapel services held each Wednesday on Facebook Live at the Virginia United Methodist Center located in Glen Allen. Tune in by going to the conference Facebook page.
- **Prayer List:** If you asked for prayers for someone, please let Pastor Laura know about updates on their condition. We want to be able to celebrate their joys and continue our prayers for those who need it, while keeping our list current.
- **Winter Study:** Our afternoon winter study will meet on Mondays through
Monday, February 11 from 1:00-2:30pm. Our study will be *God of the Bible: A Study for United Methodists about How God Is Revealed in Scripture.*
- **Winter Supper Study:** Our winter supper study will meet Monday, February 11 – Monday, February 25 from 6:00-7:30pm and discuss the book *Finding God in the Waves: How I Lost My Faith and Found It Again Through Science* by Mike McHargue.

Serve With Us

- **Page One:** During January we will collect *Canned Tuna.* Don’t forget to add this to your shopping list.
- **Feeding the Lambs:** Thank you to everyone for helping to pack the bags of food for the children at Springfield Elementary! Stay tuned for our next packing dates.

Sunday, February 3rd and again February 10th at 2:00pm at Asbury UMC in Harrisonburg, there will be presentations and discussions on “The Commission on a Way Forward” and the General Conference discussion on human sexuality. The meetings will be in room 300, also called Slaven Hall.  

February 3rd presentation will be on options and decisions before General Conference, and some of the potential consequences of the plans. This first meeting will focus more on the institutional questions.

February 10th presentation will be on theological issues raised by the topic of human sexuality. The values informing the three plans will be lifted up and brief reflections on Biblical/theological approaches will be offered. This second meeting will focus more on the personal questions.

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James 1:22-27

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God