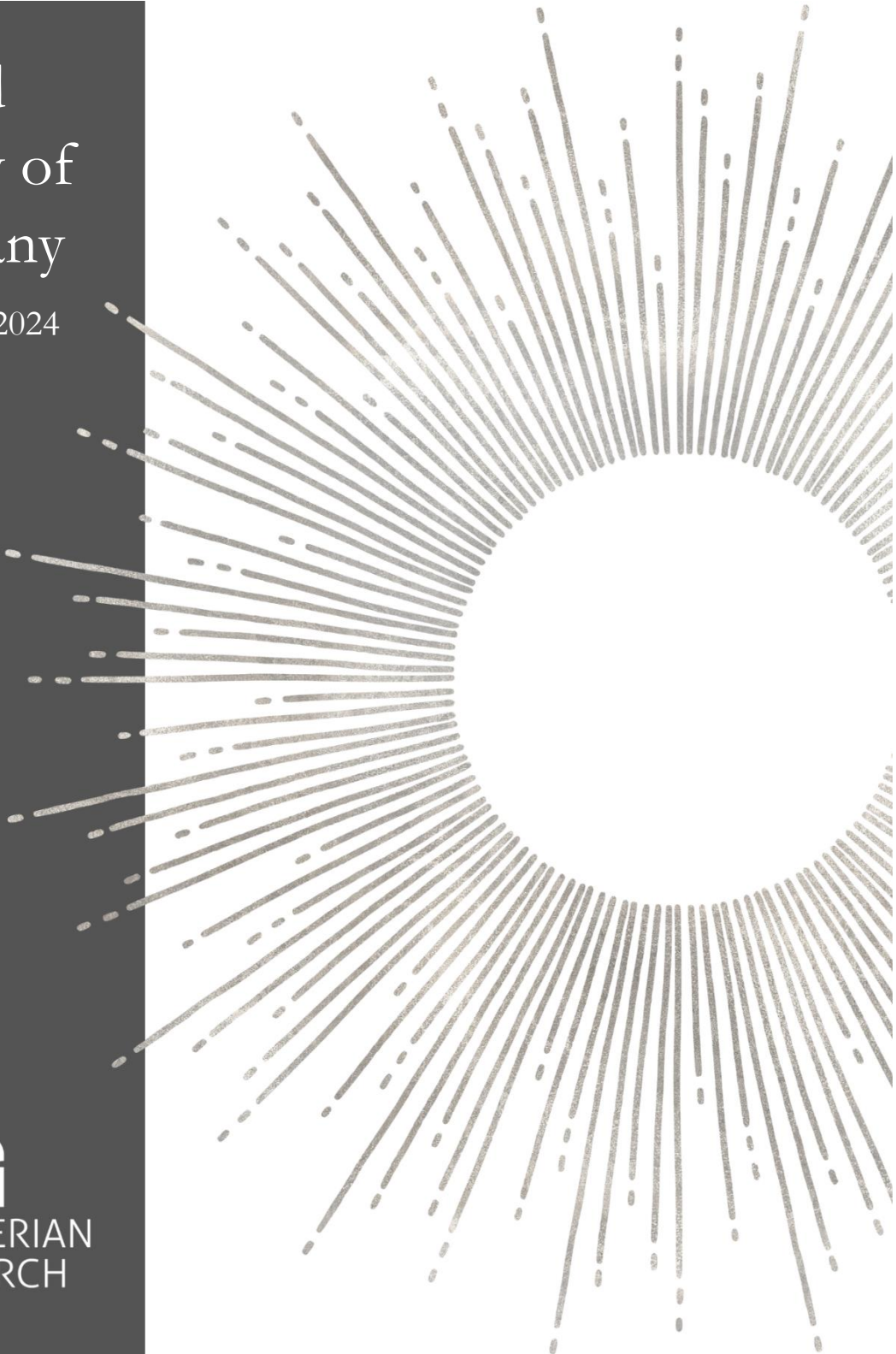


# Second Sunday of Epiphany

January 14, 2024  
10:30 A.M.

FIRST  
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CHURCH



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The one who calls you together this day  
yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

Blessed is the One who comes  
bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 697

*Take My Life*

HENDON

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

**May God be with you in worship there.**

*Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

*Is. 40:27-28*

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. In Jesus' name you are forgiven. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.  
**Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

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

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 298)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

**Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us, for the work of ministry.**

## **THE WORD**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

John 1:43-51                      The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

1 Samuel 3:1-20                      The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

“Call of the Mild”

Rev. Matt Curry

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from the Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Tamara Warren & Marilyn Ericksen

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Dorsey, arr. Sevier

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;  
take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Sung by all:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!** *The prayer continues.*

#### THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Usbers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Prepackaged gluten-free elements are available in the baskets near the communion stations. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.*

MUSIC AT COMMUNION      *“The Lord is My Shepherd” from Requiem*      John Rutter  
Ava Wiggins, Soprano

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 69      *I, The Lord of Sea and Sky*      HERE I AM

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*  
Liturgist: *Jerry Price*  
Communion Servers: *Pat Corkran & Glenda Price*  
Worship and Wonder: *Susan Godthaab*

# The Life of the Church

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** is this weekend. We encourage you to participate in these community events as we live out our Christian calling to dismantle structural racism.

- Sun., Jan. 14 at 3:00 PM - *NAACP MLK Day Celebration of Faith, 4<sup>th</sup> St. Baptist Church*
- Sun., Jan. 14 at 5:00 PM – *Sign Making Party for MLK Day March at FPC*
- Mon., Jan. 15 at 9:00 AM – *MLK Day March from Owensboro High School to KWC*
- Mon., Jan 15 at 10:00 AM – *MLK Day Program at KWC Wells Activity Center*

**Annual Reports** from each church committee must be turned in to the office by Tuesday morning to be included in the annual report booklet.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** has been called for Sunday, January 28 for the purpose of receiving the annual report, electing officers, and voting on the pastor's terms of call. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary following worship.

**Church Game Night** will be held Sunday evening, January 28 from 5-7 P.M. We will enjoy a chili supper and spend some time playing board games. Come join the fun!

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed. Frankly, I have never yet engaged in a direct-action movement that was "well timed" according to the timetable of those who have not suffered unduly from the disease of segregation. For years now I have heard the word "wait." It rings in the ear of every Negro with a piercing familiarity. This "wait" has almost always meant "never."

Martin Luther King, Jr., Letter from a Birmingham Jail





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