

JOHN 1:35-42

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?

The Gospel According to John

The Deity of Jesus Christ

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. **4** In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. **5** The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

The Witness John

6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. **9** The true Light which enlightens every man. **10** He came to the world, and the world did not know him.

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE

"I Will Rise"

By Craig Curry

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come, Let Us Gather"

Traditional

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Julie Peterson

Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

We welcome the Anointed One, who makes us whole.

Look! God's Chosen One, who calls us each by name.

We greet the Messiah, who summons us to follow.

Come and see—the Lord is here.

Our hearts are made glad by God's grace! Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 749

"Come! Live in the Light!!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Stu Rutter

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Baptizing God, by water and the Spirit you anoint disciples and witnesses, prophets and teachers, to make your reign known throughout the earth. But we deny your claim on our lives and pretend we have no part in proclaiming the good news.

You call us to testify to your grace. We fall silent.

You call us to declare your truth. We shrink from speaking out.

You call us to point others to Christ.

We fade into the crowd and hope others will take the lead.

Forgive us Lord. Send your Spirit upon us, and reclaim us for your work so our words and deeds might glorify you.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

*HYMN No. 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

*PASSING THE PEACE ~ *Greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

*HYMN No. 188, vs1 "Jesus Loves Me" *Children are invited to come forward*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*HYMN No. 188, vs2 "Jesus Loves Me" *Children return to their seat*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Stu Rutter

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Storytelling as Invitation"

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

*HYMN NO. 737 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH¹

adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

Jesus' life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted.

God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY "I Lift my Heart" Arr. Hal Wright

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Stu Rutter

*CLOSING HYMN No. 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "May the Grace of Christ our Saviour" John Stainer

*POSTLUDE "Lead On, O King Eternal" By Henry T. Smart

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



COTC's Annual Congregational Meeting will take place in the sanctuary immediately following worship on **Sunday, January 26, 2020**. All active members of Church of the Cross have voice and vote for this meeting. The congregation will be asked to receive the 2020 Budget and the 2019 Annual Report.

Following the Congregational Meeting, there will be a potluck in the Lounge. Please check out the sign-up sheet in the lounge or on-line to sign up.

Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



Hearing Assistance Devices, large print copies of the bulletin and hymns are available from an usher.

ARE YOU A VISITOR OR DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you are a visitor today please fill out one of our visitor cards. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card.

Please drop your card in the offering plate.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Avonne (Laura D's mother)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Mary Lou A (friend of Larry & Dawn A)
Connie & Ed (Friends of Karen)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Mary Joe (Jim B's co-worker)
Virgil B (friend of Karen F)
Andree C
Becky C (former member)
Patrick C (Stu & Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura D's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Linda D (Jim & Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Shawn F (Karen F's son)
Jack and Donna F (uncle/aunt of Sue L)
Karen F
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of the Rutter's)
Nick G (Rutter's grandson)
Ricky G (Liataud's nephew)
Rita H (Jim & Ann's relative)
Jessica (Charlie / Nancy's niece)

Mary Ann J (Judie T's friend)
Bob L (Judie T's friend)
Jim L (Groenewold's son-in-law)
Linda L (Judie T's friend)
Mary Jo (Jim B's co-worker)
Al M (Pastor Julie's cousin)
Glenna M
Judy M
Klee (Michaelis' son)
Kofi M (Grant-Acquah family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Jann P (Jeff P's father)
Barbara O (friend of Glenna M)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Ann S
Larry V (Jim V's father)
April V (Chris V's cousin)
Caregivers
Communities impacted by natural disasters
Those devastated by terrorism
Families of suicide loss
Those who grieve

- **Family of Paul** (Judie T's Uncle)

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, COTC will be participating in the 2020 Souper Bowl of Caring



MORE THAN 29 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Join us on Sunday, February 2 by bringing canned goods or money to support our local food pantry.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

On Sunday, February 9, COTC will be celebrating Black History Month



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Saturday, February 22 @ 9a m – 11 am
we head to Feed My Starving Children as one of our mission activities. Sign-up for this event is on our website.



ONLINE DONATIONS

GIVE+
Electronic Giving Options



Donations to the General Fund, Major Maintenance Fund, Deacons Fund and Memorial Fund can now be made online on our website (churchofthecrossonline.org) or via the Give+ Church application on your phone. For instructions please pick up flyers in the lounge or visit our website.

FOOD DRIVE

The Schaumburg Food Pantry provides assistance to those in need within Schaumburg Township.

The most needed pantry items are:

Hamburger Helper

Rice A Roni

Pasta Roni

Apples

Oranges

Potatoes



AGAPE SUPPER POTLUCK

Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00pm

We are looking for the following:

Soup, chili, fruit, veggies, cornbread, or a dessert.

(Please have your dish here by 5:45pm)

SAVE THE DATE FOR COTC's 60th ANNIVERSARY

We are celebrating Church of the Cross's
60th Anniversary on **Sunday, May 31st**.

Please spread the word with former members you may still be in contact with. Ask them to let the church office know they are interested in having their names added to the event contact list. *Thank you!!*



CALENDAR

For the week of January 19th

Sunday, January 19

9:00 am Sunday School for Adults only
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 22

12 noon Lunch with Pastor Julie

Thursday, January 23

9:00 am Café Hours with Pastor Julie
7:00 pm Choir practice

Sunday, January 26

9:00 am Sunday School for All only
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Congregational Annual Meeting
11:30 am Potluck

January - February

28 Tuesday	29 Wednesday	30 Thursday	31 Friday	1 Saturday	2 Sunday
7:00 pm - Session meeting	12 noon - Lunch with Pastor 1:30 pm Friendship Devotions	9:00 am - Café hours with Pastor Julie 7:00 pm - Choir			9:00 am - Sunday School for All 10:00 am -Worship 11:00 am - Coffee Hour & Fellowship

WORSHIP RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Date	January 19	January 26	February 2	February 9
		Annual Congregation Meeting	Souper Bowl of Caring	Black History Month
Worship Leader	Stu Rutter	Jim Buchholz	Pat Groenewold	Jim Letterer
Disciple on Duty			Ken Groenewold	
Usher/Greeter	De La Cruz	Karen Franz	Jim Vakoc	Stu Rutter
Counter	John Baker	Jane Lesch		Bob Groenewold
Communion Set Up				
Communion Servers				
Coffee Hour	Free will	Potluck	Cathy Walker	Ann Moorman