



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE "Open the Eyes of my Heart" By Matt Hyzer

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "Rejoice, the Lord is King" John Darwell

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Rev. Julie Peterson

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is my stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

From our daily labors, the Lord summons us.
Freed from fear, we are bold to follow.

"Come! I will make you fishers of people."
We respond with gratitude and praise!

*HYMN NO. 401, VS. 1-2, 4 "Here in This Place"

CALL TO CONFESSION Jim Buchholz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

On the bustling shores of Galilee, Jesus called Peter and Andres, James and John. Immediately, they dropped their nets. Immediately, they abandoned their boats. Immediately, these fishermen-turned-followers set out to fish for people.

Christ, you also call to us. But we are slow to set aside the mundane tasks which shape our lives, slow to abandon the weak excuses we recite to drown out your voice, slow to drop the daily demands which complete for our attention.

Call to us again, we pray Lord Jesus. Summon us to lives of gracious service. Fashion us into faithful followers who hear Christ's commands and respond with courage and compassion, so we might proclaim the reign of God.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

*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

Jim Buchholz

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-25

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Repent, for... Heaven Has Come Near”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME

*HYMN No. 170 “You Walk along Our Shoreline”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH³

adapted from Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY "The Eyes of All" Michael Larkin

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jim Buchholz

*CLOSING HYMN No. 720 "Jesus Calls Us"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Threefold Amen" John Storer

*POSTLUDE "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus" By William J. Kirkpatrick

¹Call to Worship 53.1, © 2019 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pg44

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



COTC's Annual Congregational Meeting will take place in the sanctuary immediately following worship TODAY. 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.

Please join us for Lunch after the Congregational Meeting. All are welcome.

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 are still in contact with. Ask them to call the church office to let us know they are interested in having their names added to the event contact list. **OR**, point them to the website where they can add their names to the event contact list.

Click on the EVENTS tab, scroll down to the "60 YEARS" link to click and submit contact information.

Thank you for getting the word out!!



BOOK CLUB



Wednesday, February 12 @ 7:30 pm - Fountains of Silence
by Ruta Sepetys

Wednesday, March 11 @ 7:30 pm - A Piece of the World
by Christina Baker Kline

CALENDAR

For the week of January 26th

Sunday, January 26

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

Wednesday, January 29

12 noon Lunch with Pastor Julie
1:30 pm Friendship Devotions

Thursday, January 30

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

Sunday, February 2

9:00 am Sunday School for All
10:00 am Worship & Communion
Souper Bowl of Caring
11:30 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship

February

4 Tuesday	29 Wednesday	30 Thursday	31 Friday	1 Saturday	2 Sunday
7:00 pm - Deacon meeting	12 noon - Lunch with Pastor	9:00 am - Café hours with Pastor Julie 7:00 pm - Choir			9:00 am - Sunday School for All 10:00 am -Worship <i>Black History Month Celebration</i> 11:00 am - Coffee Hour & Fellowship

WORSHIP RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Date	January 26	February 2	February 9	February 16
	Annual Congregation Meeting	Souper Bowl of Caring	Black History Month	Townhall Meeting
Worship Leader	Jim Buchholz	Pat Groenewold	Jim Letterer	George Rogers
Disciple on Duty		Ken Groenewold		
Usher/Greeter	Karen Franz	Jim Vakoc	Mauldings	Stu Rutter
Counter	Jane Lesch		Bob Groenewold	Jane Lesch
Communion Set Up				
Communion Servers				
Coffee Hour	Potluck	Cathy Walker	Ann Moorman	