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WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today! On our welcome table in the Fellowship Area, you will find cards for prayer requests and a basket for financial offerings. As a part of our continuing Covid-19 procedures, we ask that you sign in at the welcome table (please include your address and phone number.) Following the CDC's guidance, we recommend that those entering our church may choose to mask at any time. Anyone presenting symptoms should stay home. If you are worshiping with us virtually, you may easily find our YouTube live stream by going to www.crossroadsgibsonia.org and clicking the link on the homepage.

CROSS ROADS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday of Epiphany



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Our Mission

As Christian believers, we gather for worship in the strength of the Holy Spirit. We teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ by ministering in His name to the needs of those in our community, seeking the transformation of people's lives, and equipping them to reach out to the larger world for the sake of the glory of God.

Give. Love. Serve.

Order of Worship
Third Sunday of Epiphany
January 22, 2023 at 10:00 AM
**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Prelude Open the Eyes of My Heart M. Redman

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *[responsive]*

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

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

We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

***Hymn** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name GTG-red, # 263

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Hymn The Steadfast Love of the Lord GTG-red, # 59

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4 p. 600, OT

Moment of Word and Wonder

Scripture Lesson Matthew 4:12-25 p. 3-4, NT

Sermon Fishing as Vocation Rev. Niki Atkinson

Our Joyful Response - Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory O Follow Me

H. Ayers

***Congregational Response**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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***Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance**

Affirmation of Faith (from "A Brief Statement of Faith" in the Book of Confessions)

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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer *[When directed, respond with*

"hear our prayers"

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.

***Hymn** Arise, Your Light Is Come! GTG-red, # 744, v. 1, 4

***Charge and Benediction** [based on Psalm 27:8]

Postlude Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*** Please remain seated during the Postlude. Thank you.

What's Happening at Cross Roads?

A **congregational meeting** was re-scheduled for TODAY, January 22, at 11 AM. The purpose of this meeting is to review the annual reports for 2022, present the budget for 2023, and the 2023 terms of call for the pastor. This meeting will be held in person and via Zoom.

Blessings Box - Our Blessings Box is getting a lot of use! It's often pretty empty. Can you help? Items that can be put into the box include: non-perishable food items, paper goods, toiletries (travel size are best), diapers, wipes, dry formula, pet food (dry or wet). If you prefer to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to the church with "Blessings Box" in the memo line.

Lighthouse Food Pantry donations

1/22 - sugar, 1/29 - flour, 2/5 - canned fruit

Prayer Family of the Week:

This week's family: **Ken & Debra Conner**

Also pray for: Alex G., George & Suzanne A., Eleanor B., Diane L., Gerry M., Colton and family, the James family, Elizabeth P., Vince R., our troops, frontline workers, healthcare workers, and all those impacted by COVID.

If you have a prayer concern or praise, please email us at prayer@crossroadsgibsonia.org or call Pastor Niki in the church office. Specify if you would like it kept private or shared in our prayer concerns. Thank you.

Can you help with **transportation**? We are entering a period where some of our members will be undergoing treatments and therapies, but may be unable to drive. Our Session developed the idea of having a list of those available to give rides to some of our members in need of transportation. If you are willing to provide transportation, please email Pastor Niki with your phone number and availability (if you know of consistent days you are available or unavailable). Thank you so much!

The next **Lighthouse** cleaning day is Saturday, March 11th. Please contact Geoff Anderson if you are able to help out (gda1116@yahoo.com).

Join us for church activities, in-person & virtually!

Sunday, January 22

10:00 AM Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,
streaming online via YouTube

11:00 AM Congregational Meeting, In person and via Zoom

Thursday, January 26

6:30 PM Bell Rehearsal

Sunday, January 29

10:00 AM Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,
streaming online via YouTube

11:30 AM Session Retreat

Sunday, February 5

10:00 AM Communion Sunday
Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,
streaming online via YouTube

11:00 AM Worship Committee

Monday, February 6

6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop

Sunday, February 12

10:00 AM Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,
streaming online via YouTube

11:00 AM Food, Fun & Friendship

Sunday, February 19

10:00 AM Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,
streaming online via YouTube

11:00 AM Membership Committee

Tuesday, February 21

7:00 PM Mission Committee

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

12 Noon Drive-Up Imposition of Ashes

7:00 PM Worship, in-person in the Sanctuary,
Streaming online via YouTube