



*Our vision: To be the head, heart, and hands of Jesus Christ,*

*driven by God's love for the church and the world beyond.*

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

*January 16, 2022, Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*We have a nursery available for infants and children under the age of 3,  
If needed, an usher can escort you to the nursery.*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Jim Pera*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Peggy Stichter*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Amazing God, we praise you for the ways that your presence in our hearts can bring about changes in us that we never thought possible.*

**All: Take our lives and make them like new wine.**

*One: Refresh our spirits, disturb our apathy, and deepen our capacity for love.*

**All: Transform our weary, anxious mutterings into joyful song.**

*One: This we pray in the name of Christ, who is the Light of the world. Amen.*

### \*HYMN # 662

“Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(in unison)*

**Surprising God, you frustrate us when we think we have you all neatly wrapped in a predictable box. If we could only learn to pay attention, we might just discover you bursting out with laughter on your lips and grace flowing from your heart. Forgive us for the times when our grumbling and complaining gets in the way of seeing the gifts right in front of us. Keep us from becoming cynical and negative and guide us toward healthy relationships with each other and with you. Fill us with the joy of your Spirit, that we might become vessels of your healing love.**

*(Silence for personal reflection and confession.) Amen.*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*One: Hear the Good News: God loves us, God forgives us, and God strengthens us for service.*

**All: May God’s compassion make us more passionate to serve;  
May God’s forgiveness in Jesus Christ make us eager to forgive;  
May God’s love move us to love one another. Amen.**

### \*RESPONSE

“Gloria, Gloria”

*Hymn # 583*

*(The choir will sing it once. Then the congregation will sing)*

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*One: The peace of Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Peggy Stichter*

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 36:5-9

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Josh Sweeney*

ANTHEM

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"  
*Vocal Ensemble*

*arr. Roy Ringwald*

SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

SERMON

**"Gallons of Grace"**

*Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN # 156

"Sing of God Made Manifest"  
*Verses 1 and 2 sung by the choir.*  
*Verses 3 and 4 sung by everyone.*

\*Affirmation of Faith

*Steve Davis*

*Adapted from A Brief Confession of Faith of the PC(USA)*

**In life and death, we belong to God. We trust in one God, the Holy One, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the powers of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life.**

**We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and sets us free to accept ourselves, and to love God and neighbor. In gratitude to God 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!**

\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

If you would like to give online, please go to [www.sminster.com/give](http://www.sminster.com/give) where you can give once or set-up a recurring monthly offering to the church.

\*PRESENTATION HYMN

*Sung to the tune of Hymn # 15, "All Creatures of Our God and King"*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Holy Spirit ever more,  
Praise Triune God whom we adore.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*Steve Davis*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

**\*HYMN # 366**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Jim Pera*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*



## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Vocal Ensemble  
Jim Pera, *Organist*  
Ruth Whatley, *Director of Music*  
Peggy Stichter & Steve Davis, *Liturgists*  
Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong, *Pastor/Head of Staff*

Jeanne Leatherbury, *Usher*  
Bob & Dottie Eggers, Lana Ellinger and Lois Thorp, *Greeters*  
Ralph Adkins, Cindy Battelle, Ryan BAttelle, Todd Hall, *Stream Team*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

After Children's Time, children ages 3—8 and 9—11 are invited to go to "Children and Worship" for the remainder of the service. Each age group will include a Bible lesson and respond to the story with a variety of mediums.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Youth will meet on January 23 at 6:00 p.m., in the CFC. Throughout January they will reflect on the topic of "New Beginnings", with devotions, fellowship, and games.

### **BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY**

Today, after worship, we will have a very brief congregational meeting to approve the nomination of Mary Baez as an Elder.

### **PB'NJ PUPPET MINISTRY**

Puppets will resume on January 23, at 5:15 p.m., in the Community Room. This is open for elementary through high school youth. No puppet experience is necessary to volunteer.

### **#KIDSONG**

Starting January 23, at 9:30 a.m. Ruth Whatley, Director of Music Ministry, will resume #KidsSong. This ministry is for preschool to 6th grade. Meet in the Choir Room for a fun time of instruments, songs, and dance.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY “THE CALL”**

Steve Davis will facilitate the Bible study which will meet every other Sunday, from 11:15 to 12:15. The next study will resume on Sunday, January 16, in the Community Room. For more information or to sign up please visit our website at [www.sminster.com](http://www.sminster.com).

### **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

During the January 23 worship service, we will be ordaining and installing Elders and Deacons.

### **THE CASTLE**

The Castle is a safe haven for adults that experience mental disorders. We have not been able to donate food to the Castle due to the Covid Virus. However, if you want to help there are other ways to donate. Please visit [www.friendsatthecastle.com](http://www.friendsatthecastle.com) for more information.

### **FLOWERS FOR 2022**

If you would like to sign up for flowers to place in the Sanctuary for the year 2022, please sign up on the flower calendar, located in the Narthex. You can donate for anniversaries, birthday's or to the Glory of God. For more information please, contact Liz Taylor or Lois Thorp at [office@sminster.com](mailto:office@sminster.com).



### **CHURCH EVENTS**

Please scan the QR code for the full calendar of events or to make a room request.

### **Elder Candidate**



*Mary Baez is a Centerville native and grew up attending Southminster Church. She is a mom of two – Ethan (14) and Wes (12) Mary works for a tech company, loves the outdoors, and just picked up a new passion of photography. Mary currently lives in Lebanon.*

**CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

**As of January 16, 2021**

*Please remember the following people in your prayers:*

**RECENT DEATHS:** Glenda Hime; Lanny Mathis

**IN REHAB FACILITY\*\*:** Madileen Gravenstine; Hazel Keeley.

**CONTINING HEALTH CONCERNS:** Kastner Berger- Dale's grandson; Pat Bethel, Sharon Boyko; Gretchen Campbell's father; Tom Sowder.

**UPCOMING SURGERY:** Gay Amos, 1/27-Hip Surgery, Tammy Caskey, 2/2 Foot Surgery

**RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/HOSPITALIZATION:** Marj Lawson, Sue Schenck, Wanda Tapp

**LIVING WITH CANCER:** Walt Kaiser

**HOMEBOUND OR ASSISTED LIVING\*\*:** Vivian Crooks, Ann Fahnline, Gloria Guest, Marion Laing, Edie Lansiedel, Paul & Linda Lentz, Roger McClung, Peg Mueller, Keith Peppard, Adele Pitsinger, Billie Platt, Opal Rohr, Jeanann Sinewe.

**MILITARY:** Frank Abbey- Ohio; Wolfgang Amos-Georgia (Jim & Gay's nephew); Spencer Burkman-Hawaii (Bob & Carol's grandson); Jacob Dameron-Florida: Zack Dameron- Alaska (Suzi Dameron's grandsons); Wyatt Deno-Washington(Suzi Dameron's nephew); Randall Fields-Virginia(Jim & Gay Amos' nephew); Andin Fisher-Ohio (Drew & Naomi's son); Jesse Kaiser-S.Dakota; (Walter & Mary's grandson; R.J. Natherson-California (George & Marj Lawson's nephew); Gary-Paul Sims – Texas(Lois Thorp's nephew; Curtis Sinewe,-Oklahoma, Marcus Sinewe-Washington(Jeanann's grandsons); Patrick Yost- VA (Joanne's nephew)

\*\*Call the church office for specific contact information, or if you need to add a name to the list, at 937-433-1810.