

***RESPONSE**

Surely the Presence of the Lord (See screens)
 Surely, the presence
 Of the Lord is in this place;
 I can feel His mighty power and His grace;
 I can hear the brush of angel's wings;
 I see glory on each face.
 Surely the presence
 Of the Lord is in this place.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

—AAIC meeting **Tuesday, Feb. 4, 10-12**, Front Porch Cafe of South St. Ministries, 798 Grant St. From 10-10:30 Meet and Greet. Meeting begins at 10:30.

—Firestone Park Presbyterian Church is collecting products for the Women of South St. Ministries ReEntry Program. They need shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, brushes, soap, lotion, and other women's products. Drop off items or monetary donations at the church. Items can be left in the box in Fellowship Hall. Please see Nancy W. about monetary donations.

—Please submit your announcements to the office by Tuesday, if you would like it printed in the bulletin for that upcoming Sunday.

—Please submit your articles for the newsletter by the last Tuesday of the month, if you would like them printed in next month's "The Messenger."

—St. Sebastian Parish – 476 Mull Avenue, Akron will host a **Coffee House Concert** featuring the Akron Symphony Gospel Choir on **Sunday, February 2nd at 4 p.m.** in St. Sebastian Parish's Zwisler Hall. Coffee, tea and desserts will be served. This concert is free and open to the public.

Pastor
Tom Ulrich

Director of Music
Marlys Hershberger

Audio-Visual
Susie Stevenor

Liturgist
Phil Smith

Communion
Hal and Jackie Horton

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NEW COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Church Service 10:30 am

February 2, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Ulrich

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Phil Smith

Leader: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

People: Blessed are those who love generously, seek justice, and see all people through the eyes of Christ.

***HYMN**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Phil Smith

Leader: The grace of Jesus Christ is truly music in the sinner's ears,
but yet, because of our sin, we fail to hear Christ's call to us,
and we forget who we are as disciples of Jesus Christ.

So we come together to bow before the Lord,
to reclaim God's promise of forgiveness for sin,
and to renew our commitment to follow Jesus Christ.

Therefore, let us confess our sin to God using the prayer which is found in the
bulletin,
and after our corporate prayer we will have an opportunity to offer our own
silent confessions as well.

Let us pray together:

People: Gracious and merciful God, while Your glory is without blemish, we confess that our lives are stained with sin. We have been blinded by greed; we have been held captive by our desires; we have been timid in sharing Your good news. Forgive us, Lord, and set us free for a new beginning. Open our eyes, so that we may see the needs of others. Amplify our voices, so that we may proclaim Your word. And give us the courage to follow You and walk in the way of true discipleship. As Your renewed and redeemed people, show us where faith, hope, and love are needed, and then use us to share these gifts with the world, for we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent)

* congregation standing (if able)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (adapted from Psalm 130:3-4) Phil Smith

Leader: If the Lord would mark iniquities, who could stand?
People: But there is forgiveness with God, so that our Lord may be revered
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI** #577

Glory be to the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE** Phil Smith

Leader: In Second Corinthians, believers are told to “live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you” (13:11), and in the letter to the Hebrews, we are instructed to “pursue peace with everyone” (12:14). As we celebrate God’s forgiveness in our lives, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Tom Ulrich

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.

READING FROM THE WORD OT Page 863 Micah 3:1-12

***HYMN** Open the Eyes of My Heart (See Screens)

READING FROM THE WORD OT Page 866 Micah 6:1-8

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD “What Is Required?”

REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD
(Congregants are invited to share any thoughts and questions concerning today’s proclamation.)

***HYMN** You Are My All in All (See Screens)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** adapted from The Confession of 1967, 9.37-38

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society.
Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church’s worship and theological reflection.
Their witness is the church’s evangelism.
Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world.
The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church’s fidelity.
Each member is the church in the world,
endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry,
and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in each particular situation.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**
We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Words of Institution and Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

We have “open” communion, therefore all who desire a closer relationship with God and want to share in the love of Jesus Christ are invited to participate fully in the sacrament.

***HYMN** Live Into Hope #332

***BENEDICTION**