

Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Ode to Joy)* Bell Choir

*Doxology Hymn #607
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)
God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Closing Hymn #695 *Change My Heart, O God* (sing twice)

SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

Charge & Benediction

Benediction Response *Surely the Presence*
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 angels' wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Postlude Jeremy Kurn

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*A Service for the Lord's Day
February 13, 2022 ~ 10:00 am
6th Sunday after Epiphany*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.

Prayer for the Day

Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives. May we never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Son Jesus, fulfill the law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Music Jeremy Kurn

Words of Welcome Pastor Teddie McConnell

Introit Jeremy Kurn

*Call to Worship – Dionysius of Alexandria (d. 264) Liturgist Carol Topp

Leader: God, good beyond all that is good,
fair beyond all that is fair, in you is calmness, peace, and concord.

**All: Heal the dissensions that divide us from one another
and bring us back to a unity of love
bearing some likeness to your divine nature.**

Leader: Through the embrace of love and the bonds of godly affection,
make us one in the Spirit.

**All: By your peace which makes all things peaceful. We ask this through the
grace, mercy, and tenderness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Parts of the service in bold are for everyone to speak in unison.
Parts with an asterisk * mean that all are to stand in body or in spirit.

*Lighting the Christ Candle (unison) Carol Topp
We give thanks for the light of hope – unrelenting and inexplicable.
We give thanks for the light of peace – strong and unafraid.
We give thanks for the light of joy – persistent and unpredictable.
We give thanks for the light of love – hot and holy.
Let the light we kindle go before us, strong in hope, wide in good will, inviting the day to come. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

*Prayer of Confession (unison) Pastor Teddie McConnell
Still-speaking God, we give thanks to you for the prophets of the past, but we confess your modern-day messengers make us uncomfortable. Forgive us, God, and disturb us. Send your Spirit among us, that we may hear your Word for us, in the words of our scripture, in the whispers of our hearts, in the warnings of your prophets, and in the weeping of the world. Amen

*Assurance of God's Love

*Response of Praise #581 *Glory be to the Father*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Carol Topp
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Lesson Jeremiah 17:5-10 Carol Topp
Leader: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams* Bell Choir
William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

Second Lesson Luke 6:17-26 Pastor Teddie McConnell
From *The Message* translation

Sermon *Deepening Your Roots*

Moment of Silent Reflection



RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Hymn #175 *Seek Ye First*

Affirmation of Faith (unison) Carol Topp

We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Call to Prayer Jeremy Kurn

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Pastor Teddie McConnell
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.

SERMON MUSINGS

Jeremiah 17:5-10 and Luke 6:17-26



As I was planning the hymns to go with today's scripture readings, I came across *Change my Heart, O God*. The words include, "You are the potter. I am the clay. Mold me and make me. This is what I pray."

I took ceramics in high school and for three semesters in college, so the potter is a metaphor that resonates with me.

We're not talking about modeling clay here. We're talking about a form of mud that is dug out of river banks, cleaned of debris, and used by potters and sculptors. The water in the clay keeps it soft and flexible. Once it dries, it becomes brittle and fragile until it's fired, driving the chemically bound water out of it. Then it can be coated with glaze, which is a liquid suspension of glass particles that melt into a coating over the clay during a second firing.

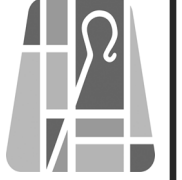
To work clay properly, it must be kneaded like bread before it's used to remove any lumps or air bubbles. On a potter's wheel, one applies pressure to the outside of the lump to make it tall and thinner, then to the top to flatten it out. This is done three times before the center is opened and the pot is formed. The pressure aligns the molecules in the clay to make it stronger and easier to work. Water allows the potter's hands to slide over the clay and shape it without distorting it.

Today's readings are about how trees grow their roots deeply to the source of water by the stream, like us when we reach for God's baptismal water in the form of the Holy Spirit. Jesus says we're blessed when we endure hardships for his sake. The potter is applying the right pressure at the right time to make us stronger, lubricated with the water of love. Life isn't easy, but God can use our trials to make us sturdy and beautiful. We just have to yield to the touch of the Master's hand.

~Pastor Teddie McConnell



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Opportunities This Week

**Today - Hearts and Helpings Lunch
after worship!**

**Monday - Men's Shed 10 am - noon
Bell Choir 6:10 - 7:45 pm**

**Tuesday - Session Meeting 4 pm
ESL Class 6 - 7:30 pm**

**Wednesday - Seibel Memorial Service 1 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 - 8:15 pm**

**Thursday - Sometimes Circle 1:00 pm
ESL Class 6 - 7:30 pm**

Saturday - Food Bank open 9 am - noon

Your Church at Work

FOOD BANK

Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 am - 11:45 am
Third Saturday of the month 9 am - 12 pm.
Need donations of toilet paper, bar soap, and dry pet food.



The Food Bank would also like to have a few backpacks (new or gently used) for our homeless clients. See Becky Van Dyke.

Joys and Concerns



Please pray for those dealing with health issues: for Marion H.; Jim M.; Bill L.; Jane; Haylee; Jason; Gil; Tammy Vaughn; and Maxine; for all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for Jean Cook's family; Burton Kugler's family; the McCarron family; and the Coleman family; and for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.



We welcome **Commissioned Pastor Teddie McConnell** to the pulpit this morning. She has recently finished the process to become a CP that included eight college classes, two internships, teaching two adult ed classes, preaching several times, and more. She has been the office administrator at both Westminster Presbyterian Church and Good Shepherd during the last five years. "Becoming a CP is a new way to serve God, but just one of many ways to do that," Teddie said. "I love sharing God's love with others in a variety of settings."

MASJID IKHLAS

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Feb. 8, 15

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Feb. 12

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Thursdays:
Feb. 10, 17

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The Fruit of the Spirit

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. - Galatians 5