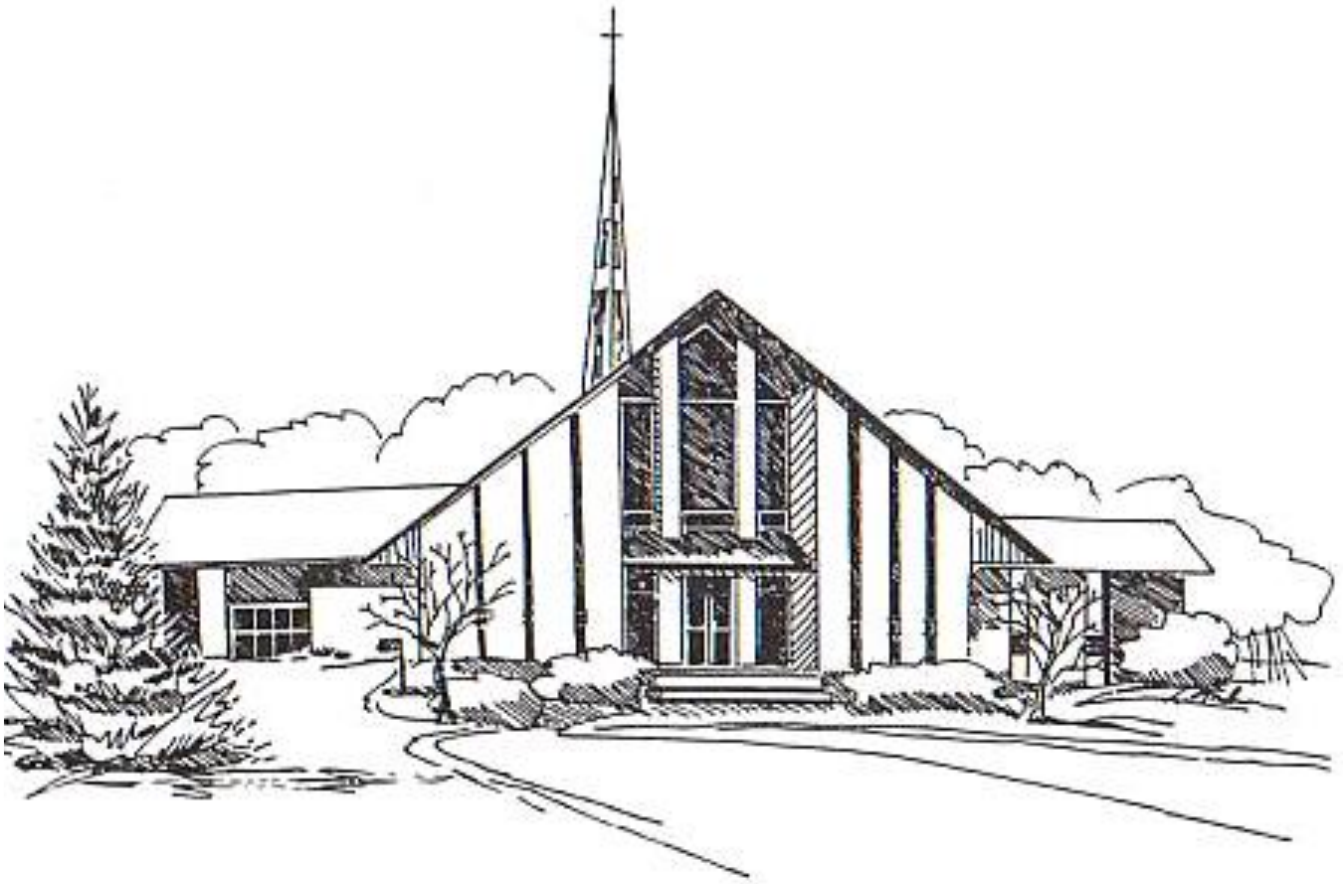


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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Mighty God, you call to us. You call to the heavens and to the earth in covenant. And so we call to you: be present as we worship. Gather us, that we may hear your voice and respond to your ways of righteousness. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

*** OPENING HYMN: WE HAIL YOU GOD'S ANOINTED 104**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting

People: God speaks to us and summons us.

Pastor: God gathers us in covenant,

People: God's glory shines forth.

Pastor: Let us worship God!

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

*** CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:**

Mighty God, you call to us and summon us to live in covenant and walk in righteousness, yet we forsake your covenant and walk in ways of injustice, ignorance, or disdain. Your beauty shines forth in creation, yet we abuse and tarnish what you have created. May we be willing to do the hard thing: may we see what is happening. May we see what we do. Renew us. Let us receive a double portion of your renewing spirit. Amen.

* **THE KYRIE**

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Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth your praise.

* **THE GLORIA PATRI**

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*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen. Amen.*

* **WE SHARE PEACE: I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER**

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I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

LEARNING ABOUT GOD

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: **Psalm 50:1-6**

New Testament: **Mark 9:2-9**

HYMN: DEAR GOD, EMBRACING HUMANKIND

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SERMON: Seeing In a New Light

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

**Jesus stays with us in the Spirit,
who renews our hearts,**

**moves us to faith,
leads us in the truth,
stands by us in our need,
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.
The Spirit's gifts are here to stay
in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs.
We thankfully see each other
as gifted members of the fellowship
which delights in the creative Spirit's work.
He gives more than enough to each believer
for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND INTERCESSION

Pastor: Heavenly Father, working through human events to show your presence and strength, work through each of us as we seek to respond to your call to serve.

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Pastor: Almighty God, shine in our lives like you do in the universe, maintaining life, order, balance and forever making new creations. Mend us as needed, bend us as necessary, that we may be your new creation, in body, mind and spirit.

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, put your seal upon us that we may be filled with zeal for God's work through us as his agents of reconciliation.

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, when we do not know what to do when we are overwhelmed by God's intervention in our lives, give us the wisdom to listen, to marvel, and to renew our commitment to follow you all the days of our lives.

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Pastor: Transfigure your world as you transfigure your church,
Lord God, that all may be made new and whole.

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Pastor: We pray for all who have needs beyond our power to
meet, knowing that you, alone, are the Great Physician.

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Pastor: Light of the world, shine upon us.

*(The names of specific people, places, and circumstances
may be lifted up at this time)*

Pastor: Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to
pass. We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He
offered;

**Unison: 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.**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING

OFFERTORY

CHOIR ANTHEM: *FOLLOW THAT STAR*

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE – THE DOXOLOGY 780

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all
creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

**Let us pray: Mighty God, you live, and you do not leave us.
With these gifts, we do not leave each other, but use them in
mutual support. Bless those who receive and benefit from**

these gifts. May they know your presence with them. With these gifts, our prayers rise up to you. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*** CLOSING HYMN: *ABIDE WITH ME***

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*** BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

*** MEDITATION**

Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted into our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruits of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**

**Would those who are able please stand.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *FOLLOW THAT STAR* - D.E. Wagner

Follow that star up yonder, yonder; it is the star of Bethlehem; it will lead to the little Lamb. Shepherds and wisemen traveled eastward, over the white and burning sand. Shepherds and wisemen traveled eastward, in search of the little Lamb. Follow that star; hear what the angels say. Jesus Christ is born today. Onward they trod, o'er hill and valley, over the bleak and barren land.

Welcome to Faith Church this Sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We are glad to have you worshiping with us. May our time together serve as an inspiration for the days and weeks ahead. Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads provided for you in the pews.

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Bob and Patti Shelly in loving memory of their parents.

Special thanks to Linda Lennon for leading us in worship this morning.

Pastor Bruce will return from his vacation on Monday and be back in the office on Tuesday. If you find yourself in need of pastoral care until then, please call Pastor Teresa Martin at 717-654-4044.

The Ash Wednesday Service will be held this Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm. Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Lent. Communion will be served during worship.

This Lenten Season will be like last year. You can use the Devotional Booklet and Daily Devotional Cards online and read them at your own pace. If you prefer hard copies, you can pick up a Devotional Booklet and Daily Devotional Cards next to the Guest Book.

The “Cereal” Bowl of Sharing is going strong! Our latest count is 249 boxes and 54 individual sized boxes of cereal.

We will once again be holding a Soup & Chili Cook-off Lunch after Worship on Sunday, February 18. Maybe YOU will make the best soup or chili this year. You may be the one to take home the golden ladle! Everyone will be able to vote.

If you can't make soup for any reason, please join us to enjoy some social time with friends and family. **There is always plenty of food. OR** - if you really want to bring something, then bring some crackers or cookies or other dessert to share with all.

Is your closet too full? Do you have clothing that no longer fits you? Are blankets sticking out of your linen closet? The Allen Clothing closet has a solution to help you. One day every month the William Allen High School clothing closet is opened to the public to come in and select clothing, toys, blankets, and household goods. All sizes of clothing -- mens, womens, infants, and childrens clothing are welcome. If you have anything that you are looking to get rid of, please bring it in to Faith Church. Questions - Donna Schoenberger

(610-390-1574). All donations are greatly appreciated. At this time of year warm sweaters, winter coats, hats, gloves, etc. are desperately needed. Thank YOU.

CALENDAR

Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9 am to 4 pm; Friday Closed

- Today** - **10:15 am Worship/Sunday School**
- **Joyful Noise**
- Monday** - **Sandy works remotely**
- Tuesday** - **2:00 pm Faith in Stitches**
- Wednesday** - **1:00 pm Chamber Music Mtg/Mem Rm**
- Thursday** - **10:00 am Samaritan Fund Mtg**
- **7:00 pm Consistory Mtg**
- Friday** - **Office Closed**
- Sunday** - **10:15 am Worship/Sunday School**
- **Soup & Chili Cook Off**

Thanks to our volunteers:

	February 11	February 18
Head Usher:	Donna Schudel-Barone	Donna Schudel-Barone
Ushers:	Bob & Patti Shelly	Deb Herstine Rose Mirth Cindy Talaber Donna Schoenberger
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