***Crescentville & Frankford Memorial United Methodist Churches***

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany January 15, 2023**

**Welcome**

Chorus of Welcome *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family,

the family of God.

**Call to Worship** *1 Corinthians 1*

*I always give thanks to my God for you because of the grace he has given you through Christ Jesus. For in union with Christ you have become rich in all things, including all speech and all knowledge. The message about Christ has become so firmly established in you that you have not failed to receive a single blessing, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be faultless on the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is to be trusted,*

*the God who called you to have fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**Opening Hymn** *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”* # 173

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,

Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;

Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;

joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;

till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy divine,  
 scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

**Opening Prayer**

**Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the Light of the world:**

**Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and Sacraments, may shine**

**with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Hoy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Children’s Message**

**Joys & Concerns……….……..*Gathered Prayer………………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 trespasses and debts as we forgive our debtors and those who trespass**against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Gifts and Offerings

The Offertory *“The Giving Song”*

The Doxology *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” # 95*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn** *“Jesus! the Name High Over All”* [VS. 1-4] # 193

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Jesus! the name high over all, in hell or earth or sky;  
 angels and mortals prostrate fall, and devils fear and fly.

Jesus! the name to sinners dear, the name to sinners given;  
 it scatters all their guilty fear, it turns their hell to heaven.

O that the world might taste and see the riches of His grace!  
 The arms of love that compass me would all the world embrace.

Thee I shall constantly proclaim, though earth and hell oppose;  
 bold to confess Thy glorious name before a world of foes.

**Gospel Lesson** *St. John 1:29-42*

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! **30**This is the one about whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.’ **31**Even I didn’t recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel.” **32**John testified, “I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. **33**Even I didn’t recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize

with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ **34**I have seen and testified that this one is God’s Son.”  **35**The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. **36**When he saw Jesus walking along he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” **37**The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus. **38**When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, “What are you looking for?” They said, ***“Rabbi*** (which is translated *Teacher*), ***where are you staying?”*** **39**He replied, ***“Come and see.”*** So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. **40**One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. **41**He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated *Christ*). **42**He led him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which is translated *Peter*).

**Sermon** *“Where Are You Staying?”*

**Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn**  *“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”* # 521

I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.   
 All along my pilgrim journey, O I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.

When my heart is almost breaking, O I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me. When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me.

When my head is bowed in sorrow, O, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.   
 All along my pilgrim journey, O I want Jesus to walk with me.

**Benediction**

***Quiet Meditation, Reflection, and Prayer***

**Choral Benediction**  *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* [VS. 1]# 206

I want to walk as a child of the Light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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*Was John the Baptist a disciple of Jesus? As a disciple is one who follows someone else, John the Baptist didn’t “follow” Jesus in the same way that Jesus’ disciples did, no, John the Baptist was always all-about pointing others toward the Christ. We shouldn’t be surprised, then, to hear John the Baptist’s disciples leave Him to follow Jesus. What about you?*

*- Pastor Randy*

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**Meeting on Tuesday, January 17th at Noon.**

**Please bring your lunch,**

**beverages and deserts will be provided**.

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***A Memorial Service will be held for Betty Dawson at Philadelphia Protestant Home on Thursday, January 19th at 11 AM in the Chapel.***

***Please enter the chapel directly from the parking area. Betty was a friend of Crescentville & Frankford Memorial UM Churches.***

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**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

*God speaks to us through the Bible*. It’s His letter to us.

*We need to read and know it.*

**January 22, 2023 - Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

Matthew 4:12-23 - Isaiah 9:1-4 - Psalm 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18



**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call the church and leave a message. (215) 745-7115.*** It’s hard to be angry at someone we’re praying for. There’s something about taking a genuine prayer to God that removes anger from our hearts, even if that’s not what we’re praying about. And when that happens, it leads to reconciliation.

**Prayer Requests from January 8th**

Mary Smith - change in employment

Diana Wilson is having pain in her leg - prayers for healing

Farol is starting a new school semester

Rev. Carlos Carrera is now in remission from cancer

Prayers for Kayla & Christian - both are not feeling well.

Prayers for the many families grieving as they have recently lost loved ones.

Prayers for all of us in the new year.

Collingwoode made it safely to Sierra Leone, prayers for safety while he is there.

Abdullah Jah has been accepted into a Doctorate program. Prayers for his success.

Prayer and praise for our confirmation class.

Prayers for the Miller family grieving the death of their mother.

Prayers for Louisiana and Haiti.

Joy - Praise for so many in worship today [50]

Joy - Pastors Randy & Cindy had a good visit in Rhode Island with Ginny & Kevin.

**Continuing Prayers:**

Pastor Randy & Family Sana Aman Eva Baumgartel Zilpha & James Browne Dorothy Buzzard Caroline (Burghaze’s Daughter) Patsy Coyne Rev. Khan Wondor Korto Marva Scott Meyer Bob Patterson Cass Quigley Betty Sauerwald & family Sylvia Spotts Suzanne Turner

Prayers for the Ukraine and Russia - for world peace.

Prayers for our city and end to violence.

Prayers for peace and stability in Sierra Leone.