Musical Offering

Setting by Zsolt Gardonyi "Be Thou My Vision"

Introduction of New Members

Carol McEntyre

Service and Fellowship of the Church

Matt Rollins

## Words of Blessing

\*Doxology (Hymn 32)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Benediction

Carol McEntyre

Postlude

Allegro vivace J.S. Bach

Our Service of Worship has ended. Our Worship through Service begins.

(from Concerto in G major after Johann Ernst)

Jacob Bouchie, Herring Choral Scholar, is the soloist today. Will Jordan, Herring Choral Scholar, is the soloist in the choral worship. Vocare is singing with the Sanctuary Choir.

The flowers this Sunday are given in memory of Richard Harper by his family who miss him every day.

"Litany of Confession" from https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/prayer-of-confession-mark-5-21-43.html; "Let Your Faith Be Stronger than Your Fear" by Tom Trenney, ©2018 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

Mary Carol Anderson Youth and College

> Caleb Avery AYMC Director

Julie Fayssoux First Baptist Day School Vivian Hamilton

Music and Worship

Amy Joye

Music Associate

Bridget Kokolis Children

Camille Loomis Rehnborg Spiritual Formation and Outreach

> Jenna Manning Church Operations Kyle Matthews

Carol McEntyre Senior Minister

Matt Rollins Community Engagement

Charles Tompkins Organist

Andrew Tonks Associate Youth and College

> Baxter Wynn Interim Senior Adults

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## **Looking Ahead**

Sunday, January 28

11:30am Lunch for Visitors and New Members (Fellowship Hall)

11:30am Vocare Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Vocare is our youth choral ensemble for 6th-12th grade students.

5:00-7:00pm Sunday Night Live (AYMC)

6th-12th grade students meet for games, supper and Bible Study.

5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Parlor)

All are welcome to support, learn and fellowship with the LGBTQ community in our church.

Wednesday, January 31

**6:30am** Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group (AYMC Terrace Level)

All men of the congregation are invited to study the Revised Common Lectionary weekly passages.

Wednesdays@First Activities

Wednesdays@First offers a meal, fellowship and spiritual formation opportunities for all ages. See block for more information.

**6:00pm** MidWeek Classic: Spiritual Habits of Happiness with Carol McEntyre (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, February 2

10:30am Senior Adult Lunch and More (Fellowship Hall)
Senior adults gather for games, book reviews and program followed by lunch.

Friday, February 2-Sunday, February 4 Youth Winter Retreat (Winterplace, WV)

Sunday, February 4

10:30am Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Carol McEntyre, including Deacon Ordination and Installation and Bell Tower Ringers

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### Wednesdays@First Schedule

3:30-6:00pm Youth Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)

5:00-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open (Fellowship Hall)

6:00-7:00pm Adults@First (Music and Prayer Time, MidWeek Classic)
(Fellowship Hall)

7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## A Community of Believers. Each Member A Minister.



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January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Ten Thirty O'Clock



## Words of Blessing

Call to Worship Matt Rollins

Music for Meditation Niels Gade

"Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"

We are invited to use this time to center ourselves and prepare our hearts for worship.

O Morning Star, how clear and bright, your beam shines forth in truth and light!

My Sovereign meek and lowly! O Root of Jesse, Promised One,
my God and Ruler, you have won my heart to serve you solely!
You are holy, great and glorious, all-victorious, rich in blessing,
Rule and might o'er all possessing.

– Philip Nicolai, 1599, tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.

Invocation and Welcome of Worshipers

Matt Rollins

\*Processional Hymn 314 REGENT SQUARE "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

## Words of Baptism

Invitation to Baptism

Mary Carol Anderson

- Today we are invited to gather at the water's edge as both witnesses and participants.
- We remember that through the waters of the sea you led your people Israel out of bondage into freedom in the land of your promise.
- We remember that Jesus your Son was baptized in the waters of the Jordan and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit.
- We rejoice that you also claim us in our baptism and by your grace we are born again.
- Let us listen once again for the voice from heaven naming us the beloved children of God, connecting us to all who have felt the waters of baptism soaking them in grace.
- God, drench us in the living water of your love. Immerse us in the depths of life in your Spirit. Raise us to walk in new life with you. Amen.

Ordinance of Baptism

Candidate: Olivia Holder

Musical Blessing

"You Belong Here"

Kyle D. Matthews Chris Eaton

You are welcome in this fam'ly! You are wanted in this place!
You have value to your maker that your past cannot erase!
There is room for all your searching! There is music for your song!
There are shoulders you can cry on and the strength to carry on!
You belong here! Welcome home!

### Words of Faith

Gospel Lesson

Mark 5:21-43

**Andrew Tonks** 

page 816 of the Bible in the pew rack

\*Children's Hymn 229

RESTORATION

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

(During the last two stanzas, children 4K through grade 5 are invited to come forward.)

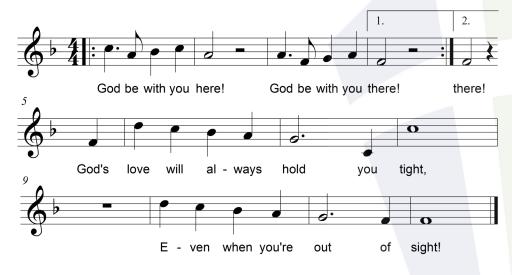
Children's Sermon

Bridget Kokolis

"God Be with You Here"

Kyle D. Matthews

(Children, 4K and 5K ages, are dismissed for Preschool Worship.)



**Belonging Moment** 

Chesnee Marshall

Choral Worship

Tom Trennev

"Let Your Faith Be Stronger than Your Fear"

In the deserts of your life, I'll not desert you.
I will make a way beside a flowing stream.
Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you;
My rod and staff to comfort and redeem.
In the darkness of your life, I will not leave you.
In the shadow, I'm your light, your lamp, your sun.

I will be the star that shines above to guide you, a light unto your path to lead you on. Do not be afraid, I go before you. Do not be afraid, I am by your side. Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear. When you're weary, when you're faint, I will be with you. I will raise you up to soar on eagle's wings. I will be the joy that seeks you through your sorrow. Unending hope my resurrection brings. When the storms of life assail, I will uphold you. I will strengthen you; I'll be the help you need. Though the waters rage and foam, fear not, I'm with you. I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed! Do not be afraid, I go before you, Do not be afraid, I am by your side. Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear.

Sermon Belonging: Longing to Be Cared For Carol McEntyre

Call to Confession

Litany of Confession

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

### God have mercy.

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation:

### Christ have mercy.

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

#### God have mercy.

When we are unwilling to admit we need help and to reach out to our community of faith:

Christ have mercy.

Assurance of Grace

# Words of Commitment

\*Invitation Hymn 331 "The Servant Song"

BEACH SPRING

\*Invitation to Offering

Deacon

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)