



Chester Bethel UMC

January 26, 2025

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell choir Director: Pam Manochio
Special Music: Bell Choir
Greeter: Bill White
Usher: Sylvia Illuzzi
Worship Leader: Sylvia Illuzzi

*Altar flowers are given to the
glory of God*

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

Joseph Glasgow (H); CA Wildfire victims (L); Linda Lyons (H); Jean Andrews (H); Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Darene Hazel (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Jane Dean (H); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Laura White (H); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H); Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (H); Mabel Ladd (H); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war (LT)

Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex



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Announcements

- Don't forget to bring cans or boxes of soup by Feb. 9th.
- Bible Study for Lent will be based on Luke by Adam Hamilton. If you would like the office to order you a book please let the office know before Feb. 18th. They will be \$13 each.
- We're assembling a phone list for folks that prefer church communications by call. Please sign up on the list in the Narthex. We want everyone to stay in touch!
- Starting in January through June the Missions Committee has designated the following charities for your mission donations:
 1. Child, Inc.
 2. Neighborhood House
 3. Sojourner's Place
- As we rotate volunteer leadership of our church for the next term, we are currently in need of a Finance Chair. Seeking someone who is organized, good with numbers, capable of faithful oversight of the Finance Committee, and willing to learn about our church's financial policies! If interested, please see Pastor Kelly!

Dates to remember:

- Feb. 9 – Souper Bowl Sunday (canned or dried soups for Claymont Community Center's food pantry)

January 26, 2025 9:30 AM
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 19)

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: **the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: **the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

People: **the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold!

All: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

*OPENING HYMN – “For the Beauty of the Earth” vv. 1,4, & 5
UMH #92

OPENING PRAYER

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your Church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.¹

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

¹ Written by Ruth C. Duck, *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Updated*, eds. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2012), 38-9.

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.²

OLD TESTAMENT READING Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 8-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM *(see insert for liturgy)*

Liam John Starr

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “All Things Bright and Beautiful”
vv. 1 & 2 UMH #147

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

PASTORAL 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, as we forgive 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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You are invited to give in one of the following ways:

- 1. You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time*
- 2. You may mail your tithes and offerings to the church office*

Thank you for your donations and the ways in which you all use your gifts to work as Christ’s hands and feet in the world!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CLOSING HYMN – “How Great Thou Art” vv. 1 & 2 UMH #77

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Standing, in body or spirit

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²http://www.valleypresct.org/uploads/8/0/1/6/80162/prayers_for_illumination.pdf