

*Second Sunday after
Epiphany*



WNY Church Unleashed

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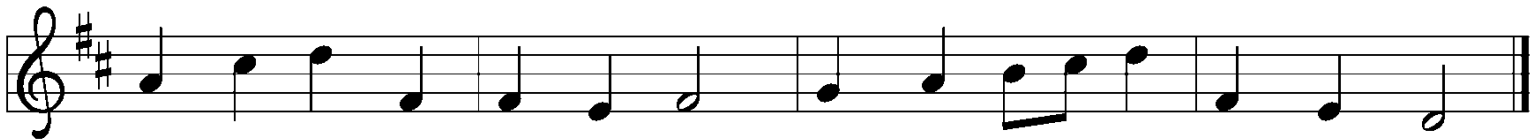
Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God. Holy God,
- C you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.
- P How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ✚ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
- C Amen.

Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

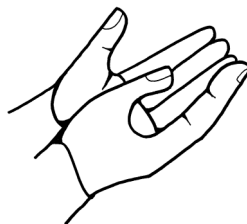
5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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Children's Time

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 2nd Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



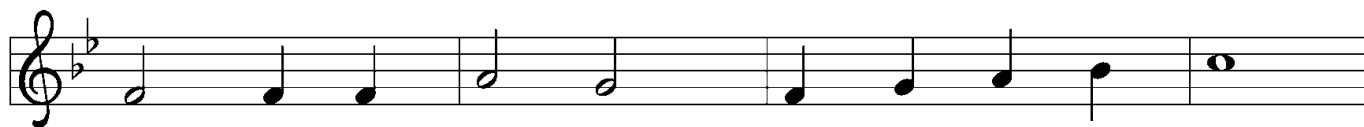
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



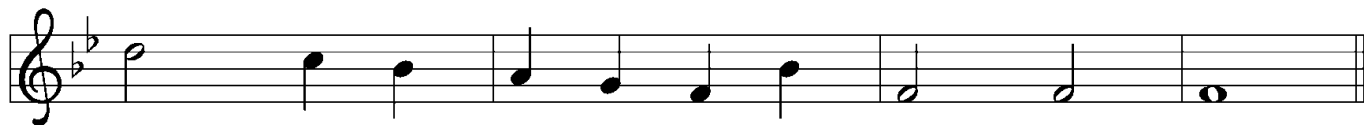
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

Youth Time

Apostles' Creed

P Let's confess the faith of the Church together using the Apostles' Creed:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living 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

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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 and ever. Amen

Benediction

P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace and Sending

P Go in peace, remember the poor, and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: January 17-24, 2021

TODAY: 10:00 am: WNY Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV
10:30 am: Zoom Half-Hour (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84667134122>)
Meeting ID: 846 6713 4122
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Tuesday: 10:00 am: Bible Study
6:00 pm: Burrito Project

Wednesday: 12:30 pm: Staff Zoom Meeting

Thursday: 3:00 pm-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

Saturday: 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Community Meal Share
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Attendance last week: YouTube/Facebook/MeTV: 200+ Offering: \$8,696.00

Prayer List: In our congregational family: (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Marion Alexander: Tennyson Court, #127 in Memory Care Unit, Williamsville, NY 14221

Neal DeLeo: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Susan Epstein: 70 Fairlawn Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

Claire Franke: Elderwood, 225 Bennett Road, #223, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Christopher Magin: 22 Dale Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Dorothy Menth: Amberleigh, 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 383, Williamsville, NY 14221

Alison Silsby: 4360 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105

Norma Stevenson: Weinberg Campus, 2700 North Forest Road, Getzville, NY 14068

Mary Elizabeth Stewart: 69 Washington Highway, Amherst, NY 14226

Scott Vahue: 475 Berryman Drive, Amherst, NY 14226

David Wolf: P.O. Box 198, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Prayer List: In our and extended family: The family of Dolores Shearer; Scott Greenawalt (Marilyn Emerson's nephew); Wendy Coyde (friend of Jean Brundage); Mary Jo Williams and family in the passing of her mother-in-law; Jeff Keefe (Janelle Franasiak's uncle); Thomas Maier

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship: We have suspended in-person worship until further notice due to Erie County being designated an “orange Covid-19 zone.” Please continue to worship with us as WNY Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook. Stay safe, be healthy.

Covid-19 Restrictions: With the current status of Orange/Red zones in Erie County, we ask that you not stop by the Church Office unannounced. If you have a need to come to the office or meet with Pastor Steve, please call ahead and make an appointment (716-835-0407). This way we can help keep you and our staff safe during this difficult time.

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. January Pantry hours are Thursday 1/21 from 3:00 pm-6:30 pm, and Saturday 1/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm.

Sunday Morning Zoom Meetings: As of January 1, 2021, the Zoom link for the Sunday morning meetings has been changed to: (**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84667134122>**
Meeting ID: 846 6713 4122)

2021 Commitment Cards: If you have not had a chance to fill out the card that was sent to you, please take a minute to fill it out and mail/return it to church. Your response helps us plan for the finances for the coming year.



St. Paul's Lenten Adult Forum: Beginning Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm, join Lois O'Brian in a Zoom Adult Forum to discuss race issues based on Debbie Irving's book, Waking Up White, And Finding Myself in the Story of Race. The Forum will run for 6-8 weeks. The Zoom link will be sent out at a later date. Please read Chapters 1-4 prior to the first Zoom meeting. If you would like to participate in the Adult Forum, but are unable to purchase the book, please contact the office and we will mail a copy to you.

Parkside Lutheran Church Announcements - January 17th, 2021

At Parkside we are rediscovering the radical love of Jesus -

Gathering All, Serving All, Caring for All

2 Wallace Ave Buffalo, NY 14214 (corner of Depew)

(716)836-1361 parksidelutheran@gmail.com

There are 3 ways to watch the recorded Service 10am Sundays:

- 1) Watch on your TV: Station METV - channel 5 on Cable, Fios & Dish or channel 67 on DirecTV
- 2) WNY Unleashed Facebook Page
- 3) WNY Unleashed YouTube Page

Indoor Worship is suspended while Erie County is in Orange or Red.

North Buffalo Food Pantry Hours are Saturday 9am-1pm - enter on Depew. Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry during regular Pantry hours or call the office to arrange drop off.

Donations requested for January-Crackers, Toilet Paper & Tissue

Backup volunteers are needed. Contact the office if you are interested in helping on the ***occasional Saturday*** for 3 hours. ***We need volunteers February 20th.***

Nonperishable food donations can also be left in our little red “**Blessing Box**”. Please only leave foods that can withstand freezing weather. Granola bars, peanut butter, crackers, instant noodles, etc.

Meals on Wheels Parkside LC location is in great need of volunteers - if you can help 2 or 3 mornings during the week for an hour or two, please contact the office.

Prayer Tree:

Congregation: Friends & Family as they mourn the passing of Ron Arnold; Tanya Scaccia, and her mother, Priscilla Jane Scott, who is in hospice care; Mike Miller as he heals; Joan Bauer; Tanya Scaccia for her nephew Aubree; Continued healing for Lina; Marlene & Andrew; Ruth; Joyce & Roman S; Pam; Janet Stout; Becky & Vince; Eileen & Ken Moser; Norra Carroll; Gratitude for the birth of Stephanie & Kevin's baby girl.

Friends & Family: Catherine, for recovery from a bad fall; John Siuta, for recovery from covid19; Helen Wolfman; Carol & Larry McAteer; Joan's son, Donald Railey who is facing multiple health challenges and other family members, Jameson & Kevin; Melanie's sons Nick and Paul and their families; Jess & Ed Forster; Bailey & Family; Donna Durkin; Beverly & Bob; Ed Yeltsis; Cory DeAeth (Ruth's grandson), and cousin Alan; Catherine (sister of Gigi & Jeff Jankowski), for her multiple myeloma to remain in remission.; Lysander Pope; Jim C. (Cheryl Kinsman's brother in law); Bobby Amann; Pray for Carson to remain cancer-free; Victims of coronavirus, health workers, and those who are most vulnerable at this time; We offer our prayers for the church, the world & all people in need.

If you would like to add to the prayer list or share some good news, please contact the office.

Parkside For Social Justice

Recommended Resource: Anti-Racism Daily "Since June 3, the Anti-Racism Daily has been sending one email a day pairing current events with historical context and personal reflections on how racism persists in the U.S. (and around the world)."

Per Kris Pope: "What I like about this resource is it is delivered via email daily (or you can choose a weekly version) with bite-sized bits of information that are related to what's happening right now, what's in the news, etc., and has resources embedded in the email if you want to take action or take a deeper dive into the history and studies. Here is an excellent example of one of their emails:

<https://www.antiracismdaily.com/archives/understand-disparities-in-healthcare-treatment-anti-racism-daily> This article explains clearly how "race doesn't put you at a higher risk; *racism* puts you at a higher risk."

Have a suggested resource or question about this Parkside For Social Justice?

Contact Pastor Jeremiah or Alison Smith alisonmsmith07@gmail.com. All are encouraged to sign the ELCA's Anti-Racism Pledge found here: <https://www.elca.org/racialjusticepledge>.



Every fourth Tuesday of the month, volunteers from Parkside hand out Burritos in Downtown Buffalo. We also distribute hats, scarfs, gloves, and masks! Donations will be collected now until spring. Contact the office if you'd like to arrange for drop-off. Thanks for putting love of neighbor into action!

Parkside Members: Annual Congregation Meeting via Zoom, is Sunday January 24th at 10:45am. You should have received a mailing about this. If you have not received this information, please contact the office right away. Thank you!

Want more information about all that is happening at Parkside LC?

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on our website - parksidelutheran.org Like us on Facebook - Follow us on Instagram

WINE AND CHOCOLATE PAIRINGS

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Save the date!
Thursday, February 11th
7:30pm
\$60.00

For just \$60.00, this online event includes four bottles of wine and chocolates, available for pick up or delivery.

Enter into our
virtual tasting room for a guided
experience with an expert from
Addy's Fine Wine and Spirits.

Perfect gift for Valentine's Day!

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