

Service for the Lord's Day

January 26, 2020 11:00 a.m. 3rd Sunday after Epiphany



New to Hunter? Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. All children are welcome to come forward for the sharing with young disciples. When we share our joys and concerns, feel free to join in. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. David S. Harris

*Call to Worship

To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence has appeared.

God is indeed our light and our salvation.

We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.

Let us worship our God of light and promise.

Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

*Hymn 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

Prayer of Confession

If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we are liars. If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while all about us others go hungry and their lives are imperiled, what has become of our call to share the good news? You know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive us for turning our backs on you, and restore us into your blessed fellowship. Amen.

(moment for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn

sung to the tune O QUANTA QUALIA

Glory to God, the Creator unending, Glory to Christ, Who's eternally redeeming, And to the Spirit, Who's always sustaining From the beginning, and now, and forever.

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

Gathering Song

"I Love to Tell the Story" (hymn 462, verse 3) HANKEY

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Sharing with Young Disciples

HEARINGTHEWORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 9:1-4

(O.T., p. 638)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

Reading from the New Te	estament Matthew 4:	12-23 (N.T., p. 3)
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Hymn 842	"The Lord Is My Light"	THE LORD IS MY LIGHT
Message	"Proper Confidence"	J. T. Silence
	RESPONDING TO THE WOR	RD
Choral Anthem	"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"	arr. Benjamin Harlan
Sharing Our Joys & Conc	erns	
Prayers of the People		
Presenting Our Tithes & C	Offerings	
Offertory	"This Is My Father's World"	arr. Anna Laura Page
*Hymn 607	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flo	OLD HUNDREDTH
Prayer of Thanksgiving	& Dedication	
*Hymn 620	"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaver	LAUDA ANIMA
*Charge & Benediction		
*Hymn 571	"Amen"	AMEN
Postlude	"How Firm a Foundation"	arr. Anna Laura Page
Depart in Peace		
*Please stand as you	are able.	

Household Prayer: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

This Week at Hunter		
1/26 Sunday	Annual Meeting & Potluck Luncheon 12:15p.m. (FH)	
1/29 Wednesday	Blessings in a Backpack 3:30p.m. (Glendover) Choir Practice 7:00p.m.	
2/2 Sunday	Early Worship 8:45a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. Morning Worship 11:00a.m.	

Sunday Announcements

A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for: Josh Spencer, Charlie Allen, Beth Webster, Ann Freytag, Roger Guffey, Jim Almgren, Ruth, Dorothy, and the Beattie family, Todd Guffey, Rubin Thomas, Wilton Cherry, Doris Palmer.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held **today** following the potluck lunch, which will follow the 11 am worship service. The annual budget, an update on the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee, and the *State of Hunter* report will all be presented.

Sunday, February 2 is Super Souper Bowl Sunday. As in the past, bring canned goods, or this year, money for God's Pantry. Either allows you to vote for your favorite team (voting more than once is good!!!) and the closest winning score guess wins party snacks. Wear your team colors!

There will be a Unity Garden meeting on Tuesday, February 4th from 6:30 to 8p.m. to prepare for spring planting (no snow date if cancelled due to snow).

Here's a look at our financials through December 31, 2019:

