

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD		
“Is not My word like fire,’ declares the Lord, ‘and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?’”		
– Jeremiah 23:29		
January 5, 2020	Epiphany Sunday	10:00 a.m.

God Calls Us to Worship		
Welcome		
Prelude	What Is This Lovely Fragrance Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	arr. Norris

* Responsive Call to Worship	selected Scriptures
<p>Oh sing to the Lord a new song, <b>Sing to the Lord, all the earth!</b> Sing to the Lord, bless His name, <b>Tell of His salvation from day to day.</b> Sing to the Lord a new song, <b>His praise from the ends of the earth!</b> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. <b>The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. And He who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”</b></p>	

* Hymn	Our God, Our Help in Ages Past	ST. ANNE
<b>Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home!</b>		
<b>Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone and our defense is sure.</b>		
<b>A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.</b>		
<b>Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the op’ning day.</b>		
<b>Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.</b>		

* Prayer of Adoration	Dr. David Lawrence	
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God Calls Us to Repent		
First Gospel Lesson		
This is the word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>		

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer		
<b>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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.</b>		

* Hymn	A Mighty Fortress is Our God	EIN’ FESTE BURG
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<b>A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing, For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not His equal.</b>		
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<b>Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; Were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing, Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He, Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.</b>		
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<b>And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.</b>		
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<b>That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.</b>		
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God Calls Us to Give and Serve

God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Anthem	Thou Who Wast Rich	arr. IJames
Stephens Valley Church Choir		

Thou Who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love’s sake becamest poor; thrones for a manger did surrender sapphire-paved courts for stable floor. Thou Who art God beyond all praising all for love’s sake becamest man. Stooping so low, but sinners, raising; heav’nwards by Thine eternal plan. Thou Who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee. Emmanuel, within us dwelling make us what Thou would have us be.

* Presentation of Gifts	DOXOLOGY	
<b>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.</b> (Children ages 4–6 may be dismissed to Children’s Church, room #38.)		

* Prayer of Dedication
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God Calls Us to Study His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson	Luke 8:4–15
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. <b>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.</b>	

Sermon	The Secrets of the Kingdom	Pastor Jim Bachmann
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Prayer of Supplication

God Calls Us to His Table

General Prayer of Confession		
<b>Our gracious God, please forgive us of our many sins. We regret that we have so often broken Your law and grieved Your Spirit. Have mercy upon us according to Your loving-kindness. Cleanse us of our iniquity and pardon our transgressions, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.</b>		

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread	It Is Well with My Soul	arr. German
Mr. David German, piano		

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn	The Church’s One Foundation	AURELIA
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<b>The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is His new creation by water and the Word: From heav’n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.</b>		
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<b>Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth, Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.</b>		
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<b>’Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, She waits the consummation of peace forevermore; Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.</b>		
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<b>Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.</b>		
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\* Benediction

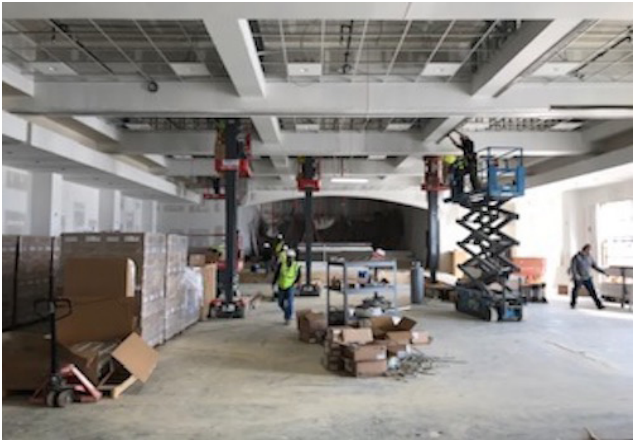
* Postlude	Fantasia on St. Anne	setting by Fedak
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ		

\* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

**Greetings** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We trust all of you have enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. May 2020 be a wonderful year, by God’s grace, for you, your loved ones, and our church family!

**Building Update:** Permanent power is now “on”; landscaping work is ongoing; curbs on the parking lot have begun; parking lot pavers will begin installation the week of January 13; sidewalks have been poured for the north entrance; exterior monument sign work will begin this week; hard tile flooring is down in the gathering area; drywall installation is essentially complete; elevator installation begins the week of January 13; millwork installation has begun in the fellowship hall. Our tentative move dates are February 18-28; tentative first service, March 1.



**New Building Needs:** Thank you for your donations to the youth room. We are looking for one last item: a PlayStation 4 Slim with 3 additional wireless controllers. The church will also be in need of a **golf cart** to shuttle older members from the parking lot to the church building. Please contact Lu Miller with questions.

**Need donations:** Every Sunday in January, SVC will again be collecting warm clothing for the Nashville Rescue Mission. We are accepting donations for men, women and children of coats, jackets, sweaters, pants, socks, hats, gloves, and blankets. (Please, no summer clothing.) Place your clean items in heavy duty plastic bags and bring them to the lobby on Sundays. Our security and valet parking crew will assist you if you need help unloading. For more information, contact Prudy Nichol.

**Congregational Meeting:** The Council has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 19, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of voting upon the following deacon and elder candidates: deacons, Mr. Kevin Burr and Mr. Will Powell; elders, Mr. Cullen Smith and Mr. Tom Smith. There will also be a meeting of the corporation immediately following the congregational meeting for the purpose of voting upon the following corporation nominees: President, Mr. John Avery; Vice-President, Mr. Dale Lewelling; Treasurer, Mr. Steven Moore; Secretary, Mr. Ron Kimery.

**SVC Women’s Spring Bible Study:** Sign up today for our spring Bible study on 1-2 Thessalonians. We will be following the book Living the Gospel to the End by Kathleen Nielson. Books are \$10 each. (Please note that this study does not include video teaching.) The studies will take place on Tuesdays beginning February 4 and going through April 7 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the homes of Susan Joseph, Donna Kimery and Karen Jones until we move into our new church. Please join us as we explore this exciting and relevant study for living in today’s world.

**SVC Men’s Bible Study:** Mr. Craig Valentine has offered to lead a men’s Bible study after the first of the year. If you are interested in participating please speak to Craig or sign up in the school lobby. Details regarding the day, time and location for the study are forthcoming.

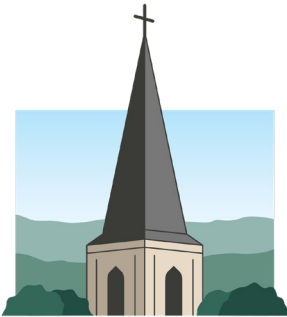
– THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR –

Today, 8:20 a.m.	Officers’ prayer meeting, Room 18
Today, 9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:00 a.m.	Worship service
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group, Panera Bread at Green Hills Mall
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer, 5031 Hillsboro Pike, in the St. Paul Chapel, first floor
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal (Julia Green auditorium)

**Carpooling:** If you are currently carpooling to church on Sundays, please confirm that your arrangement will continue in our new church home. If you need a ride now or when we move to the new church building, please contact Roy Pearson.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Operating Budget	Budget	Actual	Over/(Under)	Total Annual Budget
Year to Date Income (Jul 1 through Nov 30)	\$565,927	\$556,805	(\$9,122)	\$1,462,618



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