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Third Sunday of Epiphany
January 27, 2019 **10:00 a.m.**

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND SHARING

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

***INTROIT**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill our hearts with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the
darkness, shining;**

**Jesus, Light of the World, shine up-on us; set us free by
the truth you now bring us.**

Shine on me; shine on me.

Repeat the refrain.

(#192)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God gathers us together to be the Body of wonder and
joy, of hope and healing.

All: **Jesus call us to carry grace to outsiders, to walk
with all those left behind.**

One: The Spirit anoints us to speak up for the voiceless, to
partner with the poor to discover their gifts.

All: **Let us rejoice in our call as we gather to worship
God.**

***GATHERING PRAYER**

**Thank you, Lord, for bringing us here, to this sacramental
moment, for we will surely leave richer than we arrived.
And with that inheritance which grace alone gives, may
our lives be a blessing for others, a source of comfort and
laughter, of gentleness and generosity. And so the
Kingdom comes, even through folk like us ... Amen**

***HYMN**

Morning Has Broken

#664

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

Dear Lord, thank you for this world of beauty, diversity
and creation.

We are sorry that we damage it with pollution, isolation
and destruction.

Sometimes we wound the world with our conflict, greed
and hate.

Please help us to heal it with peace, kindness and love.

Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you all. Please share the peace of
Christ with your neighbor.

***RESPONSE**

I've Got Peace Like a River

#623

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Christy Willmore

*Prayer cards may be sent to the front with youth and children who come forward.***PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING** *(Sung)***Open my eyes, Lord; help me to see your face.****Open my eyes, Lord; help me to see.****Open my ears, Lord; help me to hear your voice.****Open my ears, Lord; help me to hear.****Open my heart, Lord; help me to love like you.****Open my heart, Lord; help me to love.****SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Deborah Schlacks

FIRST READING *Nehemiah 8:1-3; 5-6; 8-10***SECOND READING** *Luke 4:14-21***ANTHEM**

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Rev. Susan Goodin

HYMNTake My Life*

#697

OFFERING**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Jan Letsos

OFFERTORY***RESPONSE****In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,****In the Lord, I will rejoice!****Look to God, do not be afraid.****Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,****Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION****O God of the high heavens,****O Christ of the deep earth,****O Spirit of the flowing waters, O Trinity of love,****you have offered your love to us, and here we pledge****our love to you. Strengthen us in our desire, and****breathe into our bodies the passion of your love. We****pray this in the name of Jesus, to whom we commit****ourselves. Amen****TIME FOR PRAYER****CALL TO PRAYER***Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

#469

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****CLOSING HYMN** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* #700***BENEDICTION*****POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

Children are welcome to use the nursery or the area in back of the sanctuary during worship. Your assistance in cleaning up and putting away toys and activities is greatly appreciated.

FIRST READING*Nehemiah 8:1-3; 5-6; 8-10*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding.

This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

SECOND READING*Luke 4:14-21*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 1/27 Congregational Meeting

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting

12:00 p.m. Birthday Potluck

6:00 p.m. Scout Meeting Happy Birthday – Gianna Johnson

6:00 p.m. UPC Volleyball Lynn Larson

MONDAY 1/28

5:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting Happy Birthday – Randy Art

6:45 p.m. Cub Scout Parent Meeting

TUESDAY 1/29

1:00 p.m. UPBeat February Deadline

4:30 – 9:00 p.m. Youth Soccer League

Happy Birthday – Hunter Willmore

WEDNESDAY 1/30

THURSDAY 1/31

Happy Birthday – Cole DeFoe

FRIDAY 2/1

1:00 p.m. UPBeat Mailing

SATURDAY 2/2

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING THIS WEEK

Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 27 at 11:00 a.m.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, February 2 at 8:30 a.m.

MEETING THIS MONTH

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held today following worship service. Business will include the election of officers and a new nominating committee for the congregation. The Annual Meeting is also a time to review the events of the past year and for any members of the church to bring forward for discussion any concerns they have. **Printed 2018 Annual Reports** are located on a table at the back of the narthex.

BIRTHDAY POTLUCK

Today following the Congregational Meeting we will be having a Birthday Potluck. Each month's table will have a themed cake which are the center pieces. Sit at the table of your birthday month. This is a great time to reconnect with those birthday sharing friends. Everyone is welcome; we always have plenty of delicious food and many cakes to sample!


BIBLE STUDY RESCHEDULED

Due to a scheduling conflict, Adult Bible Study has been rescheduled in February. The class will be held earlier in the month on **Wednesday, February 6th at 9:00 a.m.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We are currently looking for Winter and Spring Sunday School Teachers. Look for a sign-up sheet at the back of the Narthex. Choose the date or dates you would like to teach class. Simple curriculum will be provided. Contact Christy Willmore at 218-590-8294 with any questions.

WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Letsos at 715-394-6009
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

GUEST PASTOR	Reverend Susan Goodin
DEACONS OF THE MONTH	Susan Litehiser & Ed Anderson