

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT COMMUNION

PRELUDE "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" (arr. by Beradine Johnson)
Susan Seders

CALL TO WORSHIP (Stand if able)

L: In the name of the Holy God who is beyond all names, all joy be with you!

P: And also with you!

L: Happy are the pure in heart.

P: For they shall see God.

L: Wonderful is the God who shapes creation with beauties and fruits beyond numbering.

P: Wonderful is the God who wears our humanity and redemptively bears our sins.

L: Wonderful is the God who indwells us with light and leads us into all truth.

P: Most wonderful is God in whom we trust, and to whom we are drawn by grace.¹

OPENING HYMN "Grace Greater than Our Sin" UMH No. 365

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Natasha Evans

JOYS, CONCERNS, PASTORAL 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.

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Blessed" (Ingram/Rozier/Dairymple/Harris)
Chancel Choir

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Blessed Be the God of Israel" UMH No. 209
(sung to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation")

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12
"The Be Attitudes"

HYMN OF DEDICATION "Be Still, My Soul" UMH No. 534

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Blessed Be Your Name" (arr. by Smith/McDonald)
Susan Seders

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GIVING THROUGH January 22nd

Needed for budget: \$34,585 Received for budget: \$25,175 Budget for 2023 is \$458,257

Church Staff

Senior Pastor Brian Seders (blseders@gmail.com) [twitter@SedersBrian](https://twitter.com/SedersBrian)

Administrative Assistant Rhonda Elmer (rhonda@fumcelkinswv.com)

Associate Minister Trudy Carowick

Pastor Emeritus Basil Hensley

Council on Ministries Director Greg Johnson

Youth Minister Natasha Evans

Financial Secretary Julie Civiello

Custodian Donna Abbott

Music Director Susan Seders

Nursery Supervisor Tammy Casto

Pianist/Handbell/Choir Director Susan Seders

Staff Liaison Lynn Ritter

Scripture Readings:

Monday: Revelation 1

Tuesday: Revelation 2

Wednesday: Revelation 3

Thursday: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Friday: Psalm 112:1-9

Saturday: I Corinthians 2:1-12

Sunday: Matthew 5:13-20

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mission Team with Woodford UM Church will host "Lunch with Neighbors" on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays starting from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm in the Family Life Center.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor.

Pioneer Teen will meet on Monday, February 6, 2023, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Youth Room.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS (as of January 22)

MILITARY – Zach Corcoran (Army Reserves), Joel DiStefano (Andy Montgomery's cousin), Robert Jerow (Jerry Jerow's son), Ben McDonald, Patrick Spears, Isaac Stalnaker (Denise "Stalnaker" Losh's son), Joel Timmons (Seth and Michelle Pratt's son-in-law), Aaron Wetsch, Max White (Andy Montgomery's nephew), Sgt. Megan White (Kit Phillips' niece), Staff Sgt. Abigail Yardley, Air Force, (Steve and Loleta Yardley's granddaughter)

Prayer Requests will run only three consecutive weeks unless requested differently:

January 15: Donnie Corbin, Jimmy and Sylvia Hammond, Marshall Howser, Meadows/Backus Family, Nelms/Pippin Family, Leonard, Kathy & Diana Patterson, Chuck Preusch, Gary and Ruth Lynn Schoonover, Betty Walden

January 22: Hobert Corley, Kathy Hitchcock, Phoebe Johnkowski, Kelly Simmons Family, Mike Welshonce

Maxine Cooper, Vanessa Davis, Carrie Denny (Barbara McQuain's friend), Franco (Marieta Reel's nephew), Jim Harman, Christina Harris, Bob and Sara Hinkle, Van Jacobs, Brian Jenkins, Deborah Johnson (Catherine Poe's sister), Joe Jones, Allen Judy, Jim and Patty McCloud, Kevin McKinnie, Sharon McQuain, Christa Myers, Marcia Myers, Pandemic, Joan Plant, Gary "Doc" Rexrode, Ross Riffie, Cecelia Riggelman, Faith Seders, Susan Seders, Delores Sibley (Sharon McQuain's sister-in law), Jim Smith, Lloyd Teter, Bill and Elaine Valentine, Janet Velez (Beck Kirkpatrick's cousin), Ralph Wilmoth, Mary Louise Yokum

MOUNTAIN MEMORIES (Formerly COLONIAL PLACE) – Barbara Carroll, Willard Herron, Phoebe Johnkoski, Marylou Raikes, Carolyn Rice, Tom Schoonover, Pat Seders, Zan White, Rosalea Wood

ERCC – Evelyn Jean Wamsley

LAVENDER FIELDS – Dee Clark, Ruth Hepler, Pat Kenney

NELLA'S - Mabel Phares

Seniors- Serve the seniors in the church by sending a card, keeping them in your prayers and making a phone call or a visit.

Leigh Fletcher – 220 Buffalo Street, Elkins, WV 26241.

Wilma Crowley – 116 Wilton Avenue, Elkins, WV 26241.

Christian Sympathy
to the family of
Gary Crawford



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- ❖ Sunday Traditional Worship is available live on Facebook and Youtube
- ❖ Communion served on the first Sunday of each month
- ❖ Children do appear on the Livestream during Children's Message. If you have a concern about their image being shown on Facebook or Youtube, please have children stay with guardian until dismissed for Children's Church, or contact the Pastor.

January 29, 2023

Epiphany 4 A

9:30 am Contemporary Worship

Gathering Songs	"We Are So Blessed" (Gaither)
	"Blessed Be Your Name" (Matt Redman)
	"Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)" (Chris Tomlin) or
	"Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)" (Shane & Shane)
	"Blessed" (Vertical Worship)

Welcome & Announcements

Song	"10,000 Reason (Bless The Lord)" (Matt Redman)
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Pastoral Prayer

Song	"This Is the Kingdom" (Elevation Worship)
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Scripture & Message

Song	"I have Been Blessed" (Michael Compton)
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Blessing

COME, SHARE, REJOICE...

SUNDAY, January 29

9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – Sanctuary / Live-Streaming
10:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS – Senior Adult Sunday School Class
11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP – Sanctuary / Live-Streaming
CHILDREN'S CHURCH AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MONDAY, January 30

12:30 PM LUNCH WITH NEIGHBORS / Family Life Center
6:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL / Choir Room

TUESDAY, January 31

12:30 PM LUNCH WITH NEIGHBORS / Family Life Center – (12:30pm – 1:30pm)
4:00 PM BDGS TROOP 51432 MEETING / Scout Hall
6:00 PM ENCOUNTER / Youth Room
6:30 PM CUB SCOUT MEETING / Scout Hall
6:30 PM STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING / Parlor
7:00 PM BOY SCOUT TROOP 88 MEETING / Scout Hall

WEDNESDAY, February 1

10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY / Parlor

THURSDAY, February 2

6:30 AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST @ Hardees
12:30 PM LUNCH WITH NEIGHBORS / Family Life Center – (12:30pm – 1:30pm)
6:30 PM BACKPACK PROGRAM / FLC STAGE
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FRIDAY, February 3

SATURDAY, February 4

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“Eyes of Faith” Easter Cantata



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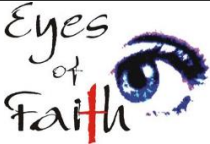
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365 Grace Greater than Our Sin

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord,
 2. Sin and de - spair, like the sea waves cold,
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide.
 4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace,

grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt;
 threat - en the soul with in - fi - nite loss;
 What can a - vail to wash it a - way?
 free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve!

Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
 grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,
 Look! There is flow - ing a crim - son tide,
 You that are long - ing to see his face,

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
 points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross.
 bright - er than snow you may be to - day.
 will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?

WORDS: Julia H. Johnson, 1911 (Rom. 5:20)
 MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner, 1910

MOODY
 99.99 with Refrain

Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will par - don and

cleanse with - in; grace, grace, God's grace,

grace that is great - er than all our sin!

For Guidance

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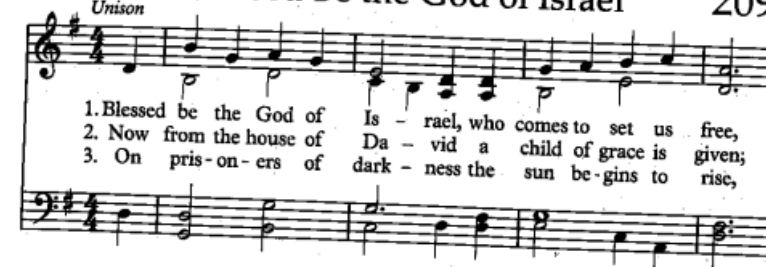
O God,
 just as we look into a mirror to see any soiled spots on our face,
 so let us look to you
 in order to understand the things that we have done amiss.
 We are like a reed shaken in the wind;
 we are inexpressibly weak.
 Leave us not to ourselves,
 but dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions. Amen.

Koca, 20th cent.

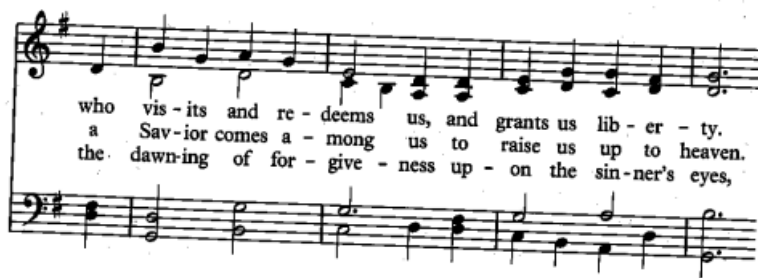
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Blessed Be the God of Israel 209

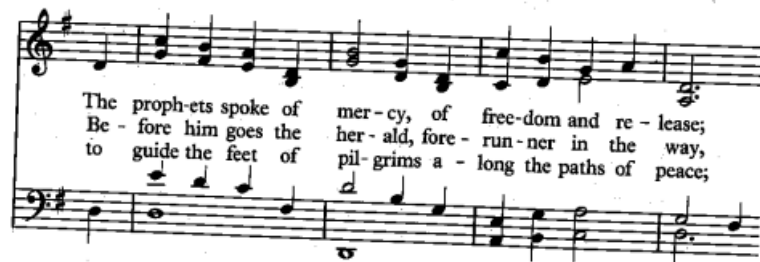
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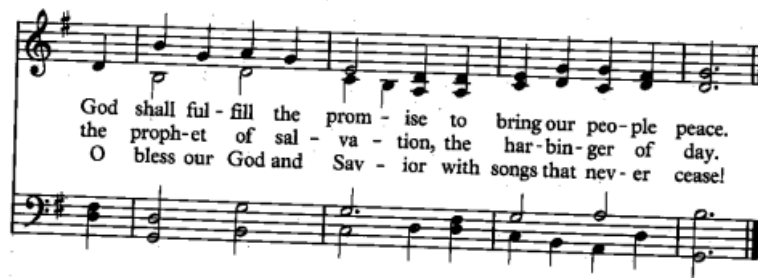
1. Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free,
 2. Now from the house of Da - vid a child of grace is given;
 3. On pris-on-ers of dark-ness the sun be-gins to rise,



who vis-its and re-deems us, and grants us lib-er-ty.
 a Sav-ior comes a-mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn-ing of for-give-ness up-on the sin-ner's eyes,



The proph-ets spoke of mer-cy, of free-dom and re-lease;
 Be-fore him goes the her-ald, fore-run-ner in the way,
 to guide the feet of pil-grims a-long the paths of peace;



God shall ful-fill the prom-ise to bring our peo-ple peace.
 the proph-et of sal-va-tion, the har-bin-ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav-ior with songs that nev-er cease!

WORDS: Michael Perry, 1973 (Lk. 1:68-79)

MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983

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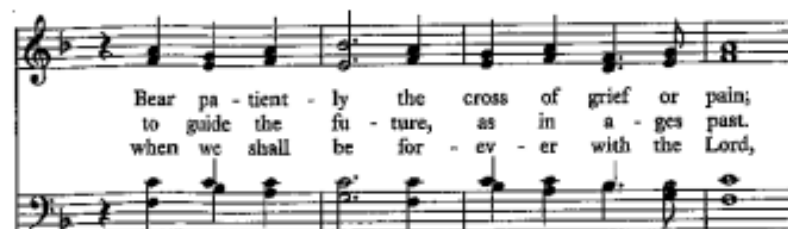
MERLE'S TUNE

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Be Still, My Soul



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un-der-take
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has-tening on



Bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain;
to guide the fu-ture, as in a-ges past.
when we shall be for-ev-er with the Lord,



leave to your God to or-der and pro-vide;
Your hope, your con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
when dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,

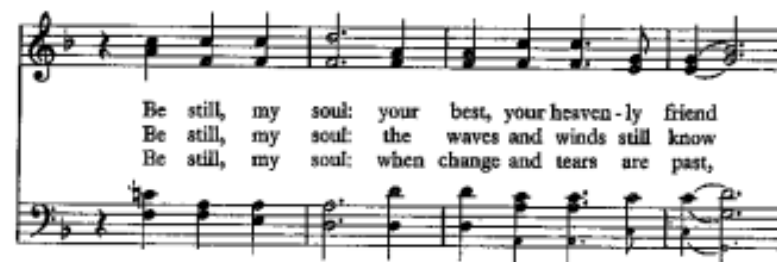


in ev-ery change God faith-ful will re-main.
all now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last.
sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored.

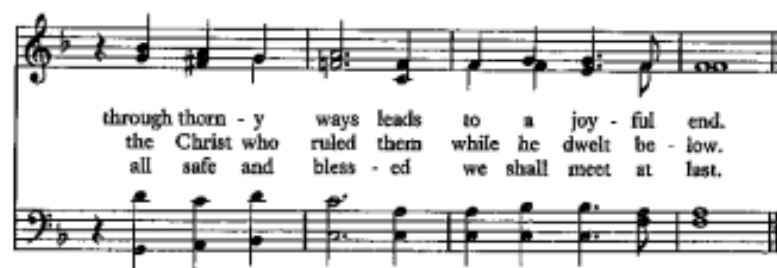
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MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

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Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven-ly friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,



through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be-low.
all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

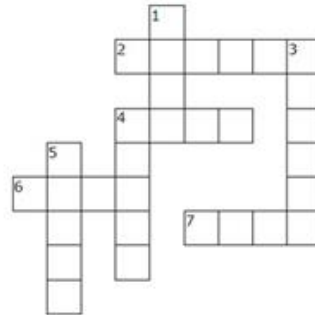
A Refuge amid Distraction

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Like an ant on a stick, both ends of which are burning,
I go to and fro without knowing what to do,
and in great despair.
Like the inescapable shadow that follows me,
the dead weight of sin haunts me.
Graciously look upon me.
Thy love is my refuge. Amen.

Trad., India

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. A need for food
4. To be humble in spirit or manner
6. Having little money or few possessions
7. To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

DOWN

1. To be without any faults; without sin
3. A payment received in return for doing good deeds
4. To show great kindness toward others
5. To feel sadness

PURE	MOURN	REWARD	HUNGER
POOR	GLAD	MERCY	MEEK



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Children's Worship Bulletin

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

Word Search

K M B S P F N T K X V Y K L X
Z Y Z P X U H E H I E C K J K
J E B I W P R S P I N A R K X
J J O R G J H E O O R G R S X
E W T I X D H U S P O S D T M
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F M E E K V F U O F Q R G B V

MOURN	THIRST	PURE	HUNGER	HEART
FILLED	MEEK	MERCY	POOR	EARTH
KINGDOM	INHERIT	HEAVEN	BLESSED	SPIRIT

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Elkins, West Virginia

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

S	A	Y	X	O	L	B	G	C	Q	J	D	U	W	Z	N	T	R	P	E	V	I	M	K	H	F
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 7-20-2-17-22-17-13-12-20-1 _____
- 19-5-5-18 _____
- 1-19-22-18-22-17 _____
- 23-5-13-18-16 _____
- 23-20-20-24 _____
- 25-13-16-8-20-18 _____
- 23-20-18-9-22-26-13-6 _____
- 19-13-18-20 _____
- 24-22-16-8-12-5-23 _____
- 25-20-2-21-20-16 _____

HUNGER	MOURN	SPIRIT	MERCIFUL	MEEK
POOR	PURE	KINGDOM	BEATITUDES	HEAVEN



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The Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5:1-12

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