

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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Stained Glass Window, *Wedding at Cana*, Saint John Neumann Church (Sunbury, Ohio);
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“On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ 4And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ 5His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’”

-- John 2:1-5, NRSV

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025, 11:00 AM

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

TV Director: Rev. Bob Mathias

Worship Leader: Gina Loebell

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Music Director: Dominico Reyes

~ Order of Worship~

** = Please stand, as able.

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Our Lord is the God of the feast and of abundance,
People: **God is always turning water into fine wine.**
Pastor: Though the wine runs out,
People: **The Lord continues to work miracles among us.**
Pastor: Though the work feels impossible,
People: **The Lord accomplishes wonders through us.**
Pastor: Though many fail to perceive it,
People: **The Lord reveals God's glory among us.**
Pastor: May we be on the lookout to receive God's good gifts this day.
People: **Let us worship the Lord, putting our faith in God! Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, Gracious One. Change us—like water into wine—to become what the world lacks, that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: God has lifted you up from all that has pushed you down. Gone are old names of derision: Forsaken, Desolate, Loser, Nobody.
People: **Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, God calls us by new names: Wise, Knowing, Faithful, Healer, Prophet, Mystic.**
Pastor: Hear, believe, and trust your new name:
People: **In Jesus Christ, my name is Forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**CONFESSION RESPONSE 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you!**

NOISY OFFERING OF LOOSE CHANGE

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 459 v.2

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

***The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
amid the rocks and quick-sands still guides, O Christ, to you.***

HT LESSON

Isaiah 62: 1 – 5

Pew Bible P.604

Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 36

HYMN 477 *Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord*

TALLIS' ORDINAL

NT LESSON

1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11

Pew Bible P.933

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON

John 2: 1 – 11

Pew Bible P.863

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord.

People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

**CANTICLE 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (x2)

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

MESSAGE

Epiphanies as God's Pivot Points

PASTOR JOHN

RESPONSE 601

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Amen, Amen. A—men.

****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with THE 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.

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

****DOXOLOGY 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***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.***

****CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness and justice, and your steadfast love for all. Amen.

The Sending

****HYMN 505**

The Trumps Sound, the Angels Sing

THE FEAST IS READY

****THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

****POSTLUDE**

Wait, Don't Go Yet! Join us for a light snack & conversation at the round Sanctuary tables.
Thank you to The Morrison's for providing today's snack!

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Celebration: January 23 Dr. John Pritchard's Birthday!



Coming Up:

Jan 19 Noisy Offering of Loose Change

Feb 2 Annual Congregational Meeting 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

Feb 9 The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lighthouse Item of the Month: Cereal

Mission Outing: Your mission committee is planning a tour of Hosanna Industries on Tuesday, January 28th. The time will be determined by how many people want to participate. Anyone interested should contact Gina Loebell 724-841-6767. The director sent us a request to consider joining in their mission, and we are exploring what that might look like.

Hosanna Industries is a 501c faith-based organization formed in 1990 by the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown. Based on the vision of bringing Christ's love and tangible assistance to those most in need in the western PA region This mission is achieved through four main valves: by helping low income families renovate their homes at no cost, providing trade skill training, aiding in disaster relief, and by offering a variety of activities geared towards creative and spiritual wellness and development. In the process, Hosanna 'renovates' the lives of families, the mission workers, the financial supporters, and the hundreds of volunteers that give generously of their time annually.

From the Treasurer: **December Financial Snapshot**

Expenses	\$15,055
Income	\$8,164
Reserves Used	\$6,890



Prayer Concerns: If you have a prayer request, please contact the Prayer Cordon: Virginia Lokovich 724-287-3920, Jane Hall 724-287-5410, Pastor John 412-779-6148, or covenantoffice@zoominternet.net

Please Pray for:

Jane Faulkner, sister of Ann Morrison, who lost her home in the Pacific Palisades fire, is beginning to make steps forward in recovery.

All the other residents, first responders, relief workers, coordinators and helpers amidst the devastation of the Southern California fires.

Tillie, known to the Loebells is having complications after recent surgery.

Doug Loebell, Dave's brother, had a toe amputated recently, prayers for a speedy recovery.

Sheila, Gina Loebell's cousin, in a Colorado hospital in critical condition.

Mary Reefer, is cleared to be able to drive and is healing well after recent knee surgery.

Virginia Lokovich, her eyes are improving, but she is asking for prayer for **her son, Larry**, who is in an ICU near Washington, D.C. in a medically induced coma.

Bonnie Wilson, friend of Lone Mathias, in chemo treatment for cancer in her jaw.

Dee Hall, known to the Mathias', is doing well despite a continuing battle with cancer.

Ken Hricz, friend of Pastor John & Elaine, has begun experimental treatment for Parkinsons through the Cleveland Clinic; he is doing this from home in Wexford.

Sharon Anderson, friend of Nancy Rice, is recovering at home from recent surgery and will be undergoing further treatments.

Pam Patterson, at Concordia Cabot.

Homeless people in and around our area during these cold weather months.

1 Corinthians 12: 8 – 11

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Word List

INTERPRETATION INDIVIDUALLY DISCERNMENT CORINTHIANS UTTERANCE
KNOWLEDGE ACTIVATED ACCORDING PROPHECY MIRACLES WORKING VARIOUS
TONGUES THROUGH SPIRITS HEALING CHOOSES ANOTHER WISDOM ALLOTS
THESE KINDS GIVEN GIFTS FAITH SAME NRSV JUST EACH WHO ONE AND OF
BY

(1 Corinthians 12:8-11) To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, (9) to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, (10) to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. (11) All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. (NRSV)