

Living Our Faith

January 22, 2023 — 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Worship Services

Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Downers Grove First United Methodist Church

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Thought for the Day

“If the blind put their hand in God’s, they find their way more surely than those who see but have not faith or purpose.”

– Helen Keller

Prelude

8:30 *Chorale Prelude on “Heinlein”*

10:00 *Partita on ‘St. Anne’*

Let us assume an attitude of worship during the prelude.

Beatrice Miller

Paul Manz

Gathering

Tolling of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register at the end of the pew.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

As we come together to worship God, we remember,

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,

And for those who sat in the shadow of death, light has dawned.

In the light, our joy is increased!

The weight of our burdens is relieved,

And we offer thanks to the Lord, our God!

– centerforfaithandgiving.org

*Hymn #156 *I Love to Tell the Story*

Opening Prayer

We find great joy, Oh God, in being a body of Your people brought together for transformation and service. We come with various colors and backgrounds and struggles and sins. We stand on a level plane at the foot of the cross. May our unity with other believers be so palpable, our fellowship so genuine, and our hearts so winsome and warm that people will be drawn to Your love. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer Hymnal #895

10:00 **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** Hymnal p. 39 – 43

Ava Joan

daughter of Ann and Jason Petrus

The Congregation’s Response Hymnal p. 40

With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround Ava with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in service to others.

We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

10:00 A Moment for Children

Pastor John

Children are welcome to come forward or to gather around the screen at home to share in this special time. Afterwards, preschool through sixth graders may go with the Sunday school teachers. Children may be picked up in the second floor classrooms (rooms 212–218) following the service.

At this time, youth in 7–12 grade are invited to attend Bibles and Bagels in the Youth Room for the rest of the worship service.

Community Prayers

Reading of the Holy Scripture — 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

¹⁰ Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, Chloe's people gave me some information about you, that you're fighting with each other. ¹² What I mean is this: that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas," "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul's name? ¹⁴ Thank God that I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! ¹⁶ Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas too. Otherwise, I don't know if I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the good news. And Christ didn't send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ's cross won't be emptied of its meaning. ¹⁸ The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved.

Anthem *Lord of the Dance*

Sydney Carter/D. Willcocks

Sermon "Unity in Diversity"

Pastor Claude

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 8:30 *Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag*

Kauffman

10:00 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

arr. Carol Tornquist

***Doxology** Hymnal #94

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #560** *Help Us Accept Each Other*

Benediction

Postlude 8:30 *The Heavens Rejoice*

Beatrice Miller

10:00 *Toccata in E Minor*

Johann Pachelbel

Please rise as you are able.

Notes: **Bold** text indicates congregational response. Hymnal refers to the red hymnal in the pew holders. Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the balcony from the ushers.

Please note that the 10:00 a.m. worship service is being recorded and livestreamed on YouTube.





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EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

New Member Class Today

New year, new opportunities to grow in faith and community! Join us for a new member class today, immediately after the 10:00 am worship service in Room 202. This is a great opportunity to meet other people, learn about our congregation, and learn about our denomination. If you want more information or are interested but unavailable today, email Pastor Andi at andi@dgfumc.org.

United Methodist Women Fundraiser

Tuesday, January 24

United Women in Faith (UWF) are having a fundraiser at 3 Corners Grill at 7231 Lemont Road in Downers Grove on Tuesday, January 24. Stop by for a meal from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and show the paper flyer or show it on your smartphone. See the flyer in *Happenings* or pick one up from the welcome table. Twenty percent of the sales will go to our UWF group for their efforts to help women and children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Service Trip Reveal

Sunday, January 29; 11:00 a.m.

Our church has a long tradition of service and mission in our local community and beyond and this summer, like most, our youth (ages 13+) have the opportunity to go on a service trip!

Join us on Sunday, January 29 immediately after the 10:00 a.m. worship service in the parlor for our mission trip reveal. People of all ages are welcome. At the meeting, we will find out where the group is going, a little bit about what they will be doing, and information about pre-trip service and reflection opportunities. The registration paperwork for youth and adult volunteers will also be available to take home.

Save the Date for the Encore! Concert

Sunday, February 23, 3:00 p.m.

All of the proceeds from the Encore! Concert support the work of the DGFUMC Bridge Board.

Assisting in Our Services Today

Music 8:30 Elizabeth Vaughan, Chapel Organist
10:00 Diane Hires, Chancel Choir Director
Pattie Barnes, Sanctuary Organist
Lay Reader 8:30 Mary Carver
10:00 Patti Staley
Audio-Visual Jim Gracey, Tom Lykins

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 22

8:30 am – Worship Service – Chapel
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:15 am – Bibles and Bagels – Youth Room
11:00 am – New Member Class – Rm 202
11:00 am – Missions, Justice, Comm. Mtg – Rm 206

Monday, January 23

UWF Fundraiser at 3 Corners Grill

7:00 pm – SPRC Meeting – Room 202
7:00 pm – Sarah Circle Meeting – Room 202

Tuesday, January 24

7:00 pm – Board of Trustees Meeting – Room 202

Wednesday, January 25

9:00 am – Women's Bible Study – Rm 213
1:00 pm – Mary Elizabeth Circle Mtg – Rm 202
4:30 pm – Angel Choir rehearsal – Rm 16
5:00 pm – Family Dinner – Gym
5:00 pm – Cherub Choir rehearsal – CH
5:00 pm – Chorister Choir rehearsal – FH
5:45 pm – Connection Choir rehearsal – FH

Thursday, January 26

7:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – FH

Next Sunday, January 29

8:30 am – Worship Service – Chapel
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00 am – Youth Service Trip Reveal – Parlor
CH – Chapel Hall FH – Fellowship Hall YR – Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Creating Care Packages for Deployed Congregants and Family Members

Whether our church family is near or far, we want them to know our love and support. In February, we will be collecting items and creating care packages for congregants and their family members who are deployed. If you have a loved one who is currently deployed and you'd like for us to send a care package, send the following info to Pastor Andi at andi@dgfumc.org: 1. Name; 2. Address; 3. Any allergies; 4. Favorite treats. Thank you!