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Denmark Manor seeks the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we work together through.....

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Donald C. Watkins.....Pastor
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Thad Balsley, Allen Latherow.....Acolytes
Doreen Cherep.....Worship Leader

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 02/02/2025

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words:

Love guides the way through every season, in every situation, and in every life.

(Brief moment of silence)

***Ringing of the Bell**

***Introit:** "Here I am, Lord"

All: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Attendance for January 19, 2025: 25
Offering for January 19, 2025: \$1,397.00

Attendance for January 26, 2025: 57
Offering for January 26, 2025: \$2,963.00

There will be a Consistory meeting Monday, February 3, at 7 p.m.

The Missions Team is collecting cans of soup to donate to the Westmoreland County Food Bank for "Souper Bowl" Sunday, on February 9, 2025. You may put these in the back of the sanctuary.

Please check your mailboxes at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs to get your 2024 offering tax statements.

"God is still speaking . . ."

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Kyrie #750

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance:

Faith, hope, and love remain. But it is through the greatest of these, love, that we forgive and are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Act of Praise Gloria Patri**

All: 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.

***Passing the Peace of Christ:**

Leader: May our lives reflect the challenging messages of scripture. May love guide our path and may courage light our way and may the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: And also, with you!

(Let us lovingly pass our greetings and wish peace on each other!)

Anthem: "Taste and See"

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

***Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:21-30**

Sermon: "Eh?"

Response to the Word: (Unison)

Help us hear the hard questions we need to ask. For in asking, we discover God calling us into deeper relationships and greater truths.

***Hymn of Preparation:**

"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face" #336 NCH (vs.1&2)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in hope that the Holy Spirit would bring peace to the world. In lighting it we remember all past and present military personnel, medical workers and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer: "Hear our prayer, O God"

All: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God. Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.

**Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer
Prayer of Our Savior:**

**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.**

Invitation to the Offering:

As a sign of our love for God, God’s church, and God’s creation, let us share our gifts and offerings.

Recognition of Our Time of Sharing:

Offering Music *Offertory Response: “Doxology”

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

Bless these gifts, O God, with your love, your strength, and your presence. May the ministries these offerings support be a sign of your love, strength, and presence in the world. Amen.

***Hymn: “The Gift of Love”
#408 UMH (vs.1-3)**

***The Benediction:**

Pastor: Go with the courage of Christ. Go with the Spirit of love. Go to answer God’s call, wherever and however God leads. Go with the blessing of God, that all might be one. Let all God’s children join together and say,

All: Amen.

***Benediction Response: “Go with GOD” (projected)**

***Postlude**

***Call to Worship: (Responsive)**

L: Let us gather to listen deeply.

P: Word of God, speak.

L: Let us gather with childlike faith.

P: Ageless wisdom, reveal.

L: Word of God, speak.

P: Your servants are listening.

***Opening Prayer: (Unison)**

God of love and life, speak to our hearts this day. Speak words of wisdom and faith. Open our hearts and minds to perceive your message of love, even when it’s hard to hear. Strengthen our faith to answer your call, even when we don’t feel confident or capable. Be our wisdom, our strength, and our love, that we may bring your wisdom, strength, and love to the world. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: “O, Jesus, I Have Promised”
#493 NCH (vs.1-3)**

Prayer of Yearning: (Unison)

Gracious, loving God, pour your love into our hearts and lives. Bless us with such overflowing grace that your love might flow within us and through us. Be patient with our impatience. Calm us with your patient love in all of our encounters. Forgive us and fill us with your grace, that we might extend loving forgiveness to others. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.