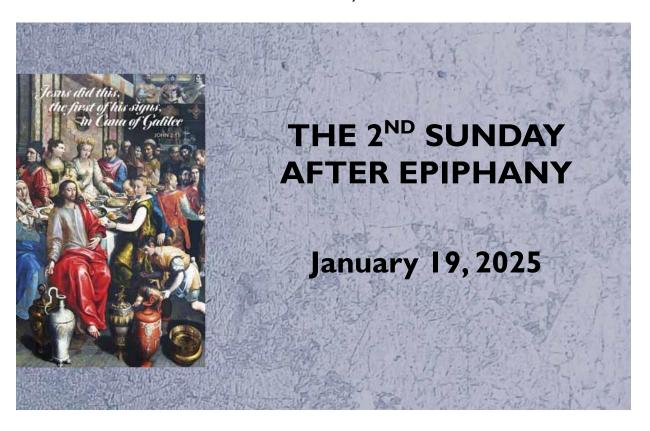
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# **WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

# **Our Purpose:**

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

# **Guiding Principles:**

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- -Generously stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- -Serving as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- -Providing for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- -Growing in Faith through worship, study, and discernment
- -Praising God through music, word, and service
- -Welcoming all people into fellowship with God

# Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor C: Congregation L: Lay Reader A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

# + 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany + January 19, 2025

### INTRODUCTION

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

### THE GATHERING

### WELCOME

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

# C Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

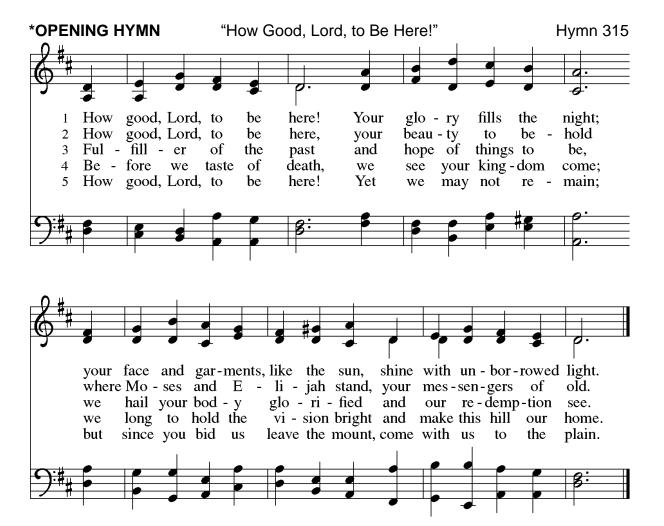
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God.

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In  $\pm$  Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.



# \*GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE







# \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

# THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

- L The First Reading according to Isaiah 62:1-5
  - <sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.
- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM** Psalm 36:5-10 read responsively

- A <sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- C <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

- <sup>8</sup> They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- <sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
- <sup>10</sup> Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.
- A Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C Thanks be to God.

# **SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

- L The Second Reading according to 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
  - <sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.
  - <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.
- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



\*GOSPEL John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

- P The Holy Gospel according to John 2:1-11
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
  P On the third day then
  - ¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁶ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁶ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.
  THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON





# \*APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

# \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

# C hear our prayer.

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace, hear our prayer.

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace, hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

# C Amen.

# SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

# C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

# THE MEAL

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"We Three Kings"

Heritage Choir

(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <a href="https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.">https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.</a> If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

# \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of grace,

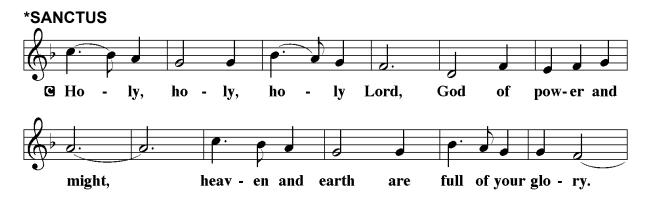
your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

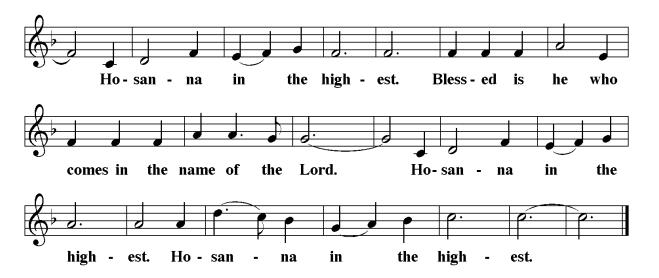
# \*DIALOGUE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# \*PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





# \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,in your holy Church, both now and forever.

# C Amen!

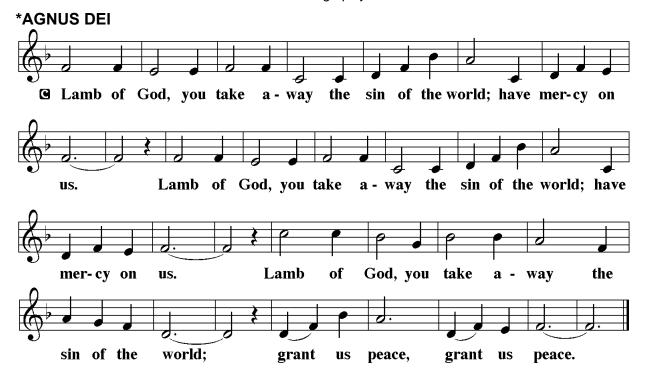
# \*LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
- 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 and ever. Amen.

# \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

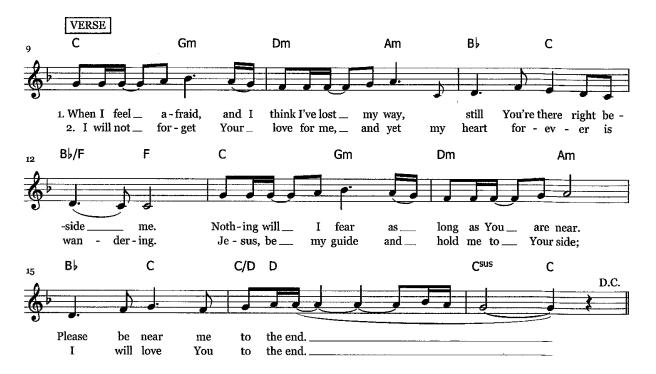
P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

All are welcome to commune. If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.



# **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**





Children and Faith Formation leaders are dismissed to Faith Formation time after receiving communion.

# \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

# \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,
- C Amen.

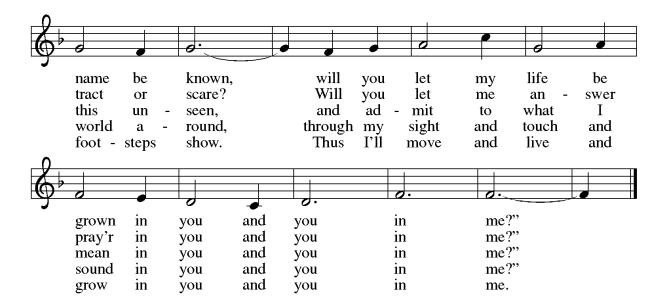
# THE SENDING

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# \*BLESSING

- P The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
- C Amen.





# \*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God.

# \*POSTLUDE

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	January 19	January 26
Assisting Minister	Frank Hueske	Deb Sowers
Acolyte	Leah Kaltreider	Matthew Kaltreider
Lay Reader	Bill Sowers	Deb Sowers
<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Russ Kaltreider	Bill Sowers
	Maureen Kaltreider	Deb Sowers
Ushers	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler
	Donna Lehman	Donna Lehman
Altar Committee	Ginny Murray	Ginny Murray
	Donna Lehman	Donna Lehman

<sup>\*</sup> Stand if you are able

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We know that fellowship is an important part of our faith community; that's why we hold Coffee Hour after church each Sunday. We are looking for volunteers to help keep our Coffee Hour going! There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer as coffee makers or to bring snacks. Coffee makers would start the coffee urn around 9 a.m. (coffee training available on request!) Both volunteers would help with set up and clean up. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!

# SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at <u>finance@stpaulsyorkst.org</u>

Radio–Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers- Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine- Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23 (\$20 each date)

Eternal flame- Jan. 26, Feb. 9, 16, & 23 (\$10 each date)

# PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR IN OUR CHURCH LOUNGE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

**DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE, for anyone who is not attending the children's Faith Formation classes,** will be held following the Worship Service. Grab some coffee and snacks in the lounge and join us **in the nursery, across from the lounge,** to dive a little deeper into the day's Bible readings. We should finish by 11:30 am.

JANUARY'S DESIGNATED GIVING will go to support Golden Visions Adult Day Services. Golden Visions is a 501(c) organization that has been serving the elderly of the Hanover community since 1990. They serve around 25 clients each day in the Adult Day Service, as well as providing vital Alzheimer's and dementia support services to their family and caregivers. Golden Vision's mission is to offer a daily structured program that ensures safety, security, and provides needed nutritional and medical care to local Alzheimer and Dementia clients. They provide outstanding services to a large portion of low-income seniors who would otherwise be overlooked. We will support Golden Visions in providing a bridge of care and support for our seniors in the Hanover area.

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES** are available to pick up in the hallway outside of the pulpit entrance. Please feel free to contact Maureen in the church office (717-637-5941 or <a href="mailto:finance@stpaulsyorkst.org">finance@stpaulsyorkst.org</a>) anytime you have questions about your offerings.

**PLEASE ENJOY OUR ADVENT IN FULL COLOR** murals displayed in the hallway beside and in front of the 2025 Offering Envelope boxes. Thanks to all who participated in coloring and reflecting on our Advent preparations. May the God of love, hope, joy, and peace continue to fill your life with innumerable blessings!

**FAITH IN ACTION NEWS:** Our Souper Bowl "soup" collection will run from Jan 12 - February 9, 2025. We will be collecting regular size cans of soup (10.5 oz) for the Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry here at St. Paul's. Any kind of soup is acceptable. We are setting a goal of 400 cans this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY - Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Lounge. Join us!

**ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB** will meet on **Wednesday**, **January 29 at 12:30 pm** in the Conference Room at 12:30 pm. The book we are reading for January is **Ordinary Grace** by William Kent Kruegar. We extend an invitation to all readers to come, bring a brown bag lunch and drink and join us for great discussion and good fellowship.

**PIE AUCTION AND DINNER** will be held February 23 at 1 pm. Watch upcoming bulletins and the February Evangel for more information.

SUN., JAN. 19 8:30 am 9:30 am Immediately following Communion Immediately following Worship		Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service — 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Children's Choir rehearsal — Children's Music Room Followed by Faith Formation Coffee Hour - Lounge Daily Discipleship class — Nursery room (1 <sup>st</sup> floor) Youth Choir rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
MON., JAN. 20	6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Daisies – Fellowship Hall Something's Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
TUES., JAN. 21	10:30 am	LIU #12 – Fellowship Hall
THUR., JAN. 23	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary Cub Scouts – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Boy Scout Troop 102 - Youth Room & Gym Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
FRI., JAN. 24	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
SAT., JAN. 25	9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Grocery Ministry – volunteers needed Saturday Evening Worship Service) Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., JAN. 26 Immediately follow	8:30 am 9:30 am ing Worship	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Farewell and Thank You reception for Pastor Katrina (see back cover)

Join us for a special reception on January 26 following worship as we wish Pastor Katrina

# Famewell and Thomas You

for guiding us on our transition journey.