

Service of Divine Worship

4th Sunday after Epiphany, Baptism, Communion, Scout Sunday
February 2, 2025

Assemble in God's Name

Becoming a Matthew 25 Congregation, Week 3: Question for Reflection: *This parable focuses on time. In your congregation, how will you use the resource of time as you watch for the coming of God's realm—advancing the Matthew 25 vision of eradicating poverty, dismantling racism, and building congregational vitality?*

Life Together: Susie Faas

Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News

Prelude: *Keep Your Lamps* Benjamin Tucker
Hallelujah Ringers

*Call to Worship:

One: Please stand for our call to worship. People of God, are you awake? Are you keeping watch?

All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

One: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

One: Come, let us worship God together.

All: Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.¹

*Opening Hymn #485: *To God Be the Glory*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: *Responsive Reading*

All: Loving and gracious God, forgive our inclination toward comparison and perfection. Forgive our tendency to look upon our lives with critical eyes that search for flaws. Rather, help us embrace who you have shaped us to be so that we can willingly join you in the work of loving our neighbors and ourselves.

One: In the quiet of this place, I invite you to confess your sins silently before God.

Silent, Personal Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: *Responsive Reading*

*Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and all of God's people said...
Amen!*

***Song of Joy, Hymn #332, verse 4:** *Live Into Hope*

**Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.**

*** The Peace:** *"The Peace of the Lord be with you." "And also with you."*

*As a sign of reconciliation please share the Peace of Christ
with your brothers and sisters.*

Proclaim God's Word

Unison Prayer for Illumination:

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism: *Patience Felicia Tiwatope Onuoha*

All children are welcome to come forward to sit in the front pews for the baptism

***Affirmation of Faith:** *The Apostles' Creed, Traditional (Blue Hymnal page 14)*

Ministry of Music: *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* Joseph Martin
Heritage Choir Tenors & Basses

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: *Becoming a Matthew 25 Congregation, Week 3: Keep Watch*
Reverend Sarah Sparks-Franklin

***Hymn of Response #357, verses 1, 3 & 4:** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn

Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: *When, Jesus, When?*

Heritage Choir Trebles

* Hymn # 592: Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

David Schwoebel

***The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Joys & Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (*Blue Hymnal page 16*)

All: Our Father...

One: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took the bread.....

The Bread— *"This is my body broken for you."*

(Please partake of the bread individually.)

The Cup— *"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood."*

(please hold the cup until directed.)

Prayer After Communion

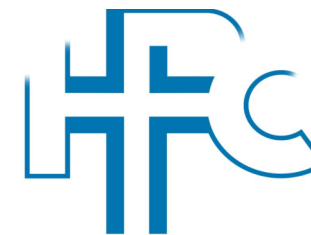
* **Hymn of Sending #420:** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Those who are able may stand*

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Souper Bowl of Caring: February 9

It is time for our annual SOUPER BOWL of CARING! Each year, we collect canned goods and donations to support a local pantry. NEW THIS YEAR!! Our donations this year will go to the Comet Cupboard, through the Mason Schools and to the Community Cupboard which is housed in our own parking lot. This year we are not limited to soup. Feel free to donate canned or boxed pantry supplies that are nutritious and hearty for hungry people. We will again have a competition to collect the most items possible. Last year we collected 1300 cans and \$1850 in monetary donations. What is this year's goal?

Souper Bowl pantry foods are currently being collected in the Atrium bins . Please donate items that are beneficial to the pantry.

YES Foods:

- ⇒ Hearty soups and stews
- ⇒ Canned Fruit
- ⇒ Canned meats/chicken/tuna
- ⇒ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ⇒ Boxed breakfast foods, potatoes, pasta

Foods NOT Needed currently:

- ⇒ Canned veggies (at the present time, we have a big supply)
- ⇒ Foods in glass containers. (Glass is dangerous in an outside pantry)
- ⇒ "Unique" food (would your family eat sardines?)
- ⇒ Multiple boxes of Jello (again, how many boxes of Jello do you use?)

Let's feed the hungry in healthy ways!



It is time to order 'Tween Chili!



To raise donations for the SouperBowl of Caring, our 'Tweens will be making their famous homemade chili that you can enjoy during the big game. Your 'Tween Chili package includes 2 containers of 'Tween Chili, a loaf of homemade cornbread, and home delivery on Saturday, February 8th. Click on the link <https://bit.ly/TweenChili2025> to place your order. A freewill donation of \$20 is suggested. If you prefer to pick your chili up at church, it will be available on Saturday, February 8 between Noon and 2 pm, and on Sunday, February 9 after worship.

Prayer List

Concerns:

- Amanda—Kim Moore's daughter—emergency appendectomy

Continued Prayer:

- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia, Israel & Gaza, and for peace.
- Prayer for those suffering from addiction and mental health challenges
- Judy Andrews—recovery from kidney infection.
- Noah Cassion—2 1/2 year old son of Ashley Ross, the Children & Youth Director at Mt. Washington PC—diagnosed with cancer and having chemotherapy
- Winston Cochrane - pain relief and answers
- Eric Craft—friend of Geoff & Kristin Homan—recovery from 1/13 surgery to remove a brain tumor.
- Erin—niece of the Zumkehr's neighbor—cardiac arrest
- Jane Evans—Pat Anson's sister— at MCV after from surgery on broken hip
- Joanne Foster's neighbor—health issues
- Barbara Garrett—Sarah Falck's aunt—Hospice care
- Skip Glander—Anita Segreto's brother—new cancer diagnosis
- Debbie Jarvis—friend of the Homan family—setbacks in breast cancer treatment
- Robin Jemtrad—Leslie Dauer-Creek's coworker—2nd battle with cancer
- Alan Knobbe—hospitalized for testing
- Laurie Knobbe—health concerns
- JoAnne McCaulou— at Mason Christian Village Grace Center, room 406
- Ron Mooneyham—father-in-law of the LeVans' niece Heather—major heart issues
- Joe Pestro—recovery from surgery
- Carole Phillips—memory care at Optimized Senior Living
- Steve Ritz
- Merideth Rought—healing after a car accident
- Roger Rude— health issues
- Carl Sanker—at Mt. Pleasant Rehab healing from breaks in his shoulder.
- Randy Stanford—cancer in his lungs
- Roni Swihart—recovery from herniated disc

Intercessory Prayer: Oak Hills Presbyterian Church

Call the church office, 398-7671, to request the prayer chain be started

Baptism

Baptism Today

HPC is pleased to congratulate David and Jumoke Onuoha on the baptism of their daughter, Patience Felicia Tiwatope Onuoha this morning.

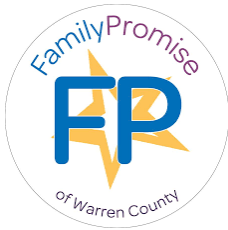
Community Cupboard

Current Needs: Potatoes (canned, boxed, packets), Syrup, Pancake Mix (add water only), Jelly, Peanut butter, Meat (Tuna, Chicken, Vienna sausages etc.)



FPWC Hosting Week Starts Today, 02-02-2025!!!

Our first Host Week for FPWC (Family Promise Warren County), for 2025 begins today, 02-02-2025!!! This is just next Sunday!



This means I am asking those of you who have been trained at a 3 hour Saturday FPWC training session, to volunteer for one of the 42 volunteer positions that are needed in that week. A signup list of needed volunteer slots is posted on the Mission Bulletin Board in the atrium, or you can just tell, call, text, or email me (Nelson) using the contact information below.

Also, it would really help if HPC had more trained volunteer Hosts for our Year 2025 Host weeks. If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful Host experience, please contact Nelson.

You Family Promise Missionaries are Fantastic! Is there a better way to respond to the Grace of God than by providing food and shelter to the homeless in your own community?

Nelson Kennedy

513-470-1279, nekskier@aol.com

Address: 5th pew from the back, left center section.



Annual Meeting Part II, Today, February 2, at 11:30am

Session has called the Annual Meeting Part II to be held on Sunday, February 2 after the morning worship service at 11:30am. We will remain in the Sanctuary and review the 2024 Annual Report, the 2024 Budget and any other matters properly pertaining to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. For those who cannot attend in person, a Zoom link will be emailed out the week before the meeting.

After the meeting, the Scouts will be providing a lunch. Plan to stay for food and fellowship after the Annual Meeting.

Senior Game Day!



Senior Game Day will be **Wednesday, February 19**, from 1-3pm in rooms 21/22 this month. Libby McKean will be the hostess. Come out and spend the afternoon playing Dominos, Sequence, Qwirkle and other fun games. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Be a Greeter

Please consider signing up to be a greeter! Greeters arrive at the church by 9:55am, wear their badges, and greet the congregation and visitors as they arrive. You can be a part of this important ministry! Sign up on the board in the Atrium





Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 2, 4th Sunday after Epiphany, Communion

2/2-9: Family Promise Week

9:00 am: Sunday School for All Ages

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

11:30 am: Annual Meeting Part II

12:30 pm: Scout Lunch

5:00 pm: Kids of the Kingdom, 'Tweens & Legacies

Monday, February 3

11:30am: Lunch Bunch at Perkins

7:00 pm: Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 4

10:00 am: Crafting Group

6:00 pm: Matthew 25 Action Group led by Morgan Perkins in the Fireside Room

Wednesday, February 5

6:15 pm: Choir Practice

7:30 pm: Bells Practice

Thursday, February 6

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study/Matthew 25 Action Group led by Susie Faas

8:15 pm: Men's Fellowship

Friday, February 7

2:00 pm: Endowment Committee Meeting

6:00 pm: Meet to go to PYC Winter Retreat

6:00 pm: 'Tween Chili Cooking

Saturday, February 8

8:00 am: Presbytery Meeting at Madeira-Silverwood

Sunday, February 9, 5th Sunday after Epiphany, Souper Bowl of Caring

9:00 am: Sunday School for All Ages

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

11:30 am: Matthew 25 Action Group led by Mike Wasson in 14/15

11:45 am: Confirmation Class

The Sanctuary Flowers Today are given by Jack & Dianne Eldridge in memory of their daughter, Yvonne.

Birthdays this Week: Michelle Romans, Alan Snyder, Kevin Zumkehr



2025 Offering Envelopes

Boxes of 2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up outside the Church Office. If you need a box mailed to your home, please email office@hpcmason.org.



Got Talent? Sign Up!!!

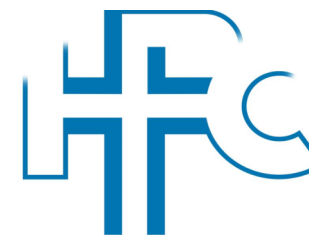
Please join us for the Heritage Got Talent Fundraiser, February 23rd at 6pm. There will be a Live Talent Show, and Art Gallery, and a Silent Auction. All events are to raise money for the Legacies Summer Mission and Faith Formation Trips! If you have a Talent you would like to showcase or if you would like to have an Art Piece showcased at the Art Gallery, please contact Leah Jacob at cellogoddess76@yahoo.com

If you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, we are looking for theme baskets, event tickets, trip opportunities or desirable items to auction off. If you have something to offer for a silent auction item, please contact Ben Schnetzer at youth@hpcmason.org.

The Event is open to all on February 23rd at 6pm at Heritage Presbyterian Church.



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9am Sunday School, 10:15am Worship

Sandwich Mission Update: Thursday, January 16, 2025

- ⇒ Sandwiches Delivered: 33,123
 - ⇒ Sandwich Tower Height: 253 Stories
 - ⇒ Weeks Delivered: 241
 - ⇒ HPC Sandwich Missionaries: 48
- You Sandwich Missionaries are amazing!*



"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat." Matthew 25:35.

"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40.



2025 Pledges & Gifts

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