

“Speak *God*,
for your servant
is *Listening*.”

January 17, 2021

Announcements

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- **Welcome to the Combined Worship of Macedonia Christian Church & Ashland Christian Church!** We give thanks you are worshipping with us today! Please feel free to *share the YouTube link of this service with others. Also, please give the service a thumbs up and leave a message in the comment section so we know you are here! Now is the time to gather crackers or bread and juice so that even while we are apart we can participate in partaking communion together.*
- **Worship & Wonder for Children-**Storyteller Karen Lynne shares the story of “*Jesus is Baptized*” [HERE](#).
- **In Person Worship & Activities Have been Suspended Indefinitely-** With the rise in COVID infections and the desire to keep congregants, worship participants and staff as safe as possible the Board has reached the difficult decision to close our in person worship services for the time being.
- **Birthdays-** Happy Birthday: Susan Tucker~TODAY; Libbie Sydnor~Jan. 20;

Order of Worship

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

Rev. Trudy Betts

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Organist, Dr. Harold Rohrs

"Larghetto" -- L. Spohr/arr T. Kendall

Invocation/ Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kathryn Hull

Opening Hymn

Stacey Wilson

"God of Love, We've Known Division"

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Trudy Betts

† **Prayers for the World:** Pray for our nation; All who have been infected with COVID-19. For all who have lost their lives to this virus and their loved ones who mourn; all First Responders, nurses and doctors; **Macedonia:** Crawford Harmon - in hospital for health issues with blood pressure medicine; Al Kidwell - in hospital for broken hip, pneumonia, and MRSA; **Ashland:** Family and Friends of Nancy Swenson (John Paul Stockwell's mother); Tristan, Amy & Bill Spangler Dunning.

†† **Macedonia:** Michael Yanak – diagnosed with lymphoma; Donna Mork recovering from surgery; **Ashland:** Mike Coakley (Michael Holland); Patricia Ermold and Leonard Ermold (Suz Morrison's mother and step-father) struggling with various health issues & Leonard is struggling with COVID; Sean Johnson struggling with COVID (Trudy Betts).

††† Macedonia: Monty Gay; Ashland: Melissa Matthews (Lisa Dingman & Karen Lynne); Kellan Moran (Agnes Petrie), Walter Baughan; Lindsey Pinkelman (Carroll LaHaye); Joe Long; Hannah Moore, Luke Moore & Sue Schmied (Pat Moore); Tallu Schuyler Quinn (Trudy Betts); Phyllis Terrell; Sidney Lane; Nancy Munden; Maureen and Richmond Jones, (parents of Kimberly Gryder), Liam Gryder; Betsy Hulick Pinder, her husband Tim and their two children (Melissa Leecy); The family and friends of Thomas Cameron, Richard Cameron's brother.

The names of those we pray for will be listed in the bulletin for three weeks unless asked to stay on longer. Please contact your minister to remain on the prayer list.

Hymn of Response

Stacey Wilson

"Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill"

Scripture Reading

Rev. Trudy Betts

1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (NRSV)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. 2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" [a] and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6 The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall

say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

One: The inspired stories of God for the people of God.

Many: Praise be to God.

Homily

Rev. Trudy Betts

"The Tragic Gap"

Offering Meditation

Rev. Kathryn Hull

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You can also give online to our [Virginia Regional Church](#), which provides pastoral care for Virginia Ministers and congregational leaders as well as much needed resources for our congregations thriving especially during this difficult time.

Links to give online to these important ministries [Feed More](#), [The Society of St Andrew](#), [ACES](#), [Week of Compassion](#) and [Hanover Habitat for Humanity](#).

Offering Hymn

Stacey Wilson

"As with Gladness"- v. 3

Offering Prayer

Rev. Kathryn Hull

Communion Hymn

Stacey Wilson

"Here I am, Lord"

Communion Meditation

Rev. Kathryn Hull

Prayer for the Bread & Cup

Rev. Kathryn Hull

One: On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and after he blessed it, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said,

All: "This is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me."

Partake of the bread.

One: Likewise, after supper Jesus took the cup and said,

All: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, even that which is poured out for you; this do in remembrance of me. "

Partake of the cup.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Rev. Kathryn Hull

Parting Hymn

Stacey Wilson

"God Made from One Blood"

Benediction

Rev. Trudy Betts

Postlude

Organist, Dr. Harold Rohrs

"How Majestic Is Your Name!" -- E. Broughton