

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

First Sunday after Epiphany	January 7, 2018	10:25A.M
Prelude		Peter Vaast
Welcome and Announcements		Dr. Alan Forsman
Invocation		
Choral Introit		Amanda Bowman
*Call to Worship	Responsive Reading	# 691
*Hymn # 220	All Hail the Power of Jesus Name	
Time of Prayer	(The Lord's Prayer, using "sins" & "sin")	
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Victory In Jesus</i>	Peter
*The Doxology		Hymn # 638
*Prayer of Thanksgiving	Dear Lord, upon whose giving we depend every day, teach us how to give generously to those in need. May our worship in giving be used to share your love with others. In Christ's name we pray AMEN	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 51:1-6	Alan
*Glory Be to the Father		Hymn #642
Choral Anthem	<i>For All That You Have Done</i>	Amanda Bowman
Message		Rev. Dr. David Kersten
Call to Communion		
Confession of Faith #783		The Apostles Creed
Invitation to the Lord's Table		
Words of Institution		
Distribution of the Bread and the Cup		
Communion Charge		
Hymn #624	Another Year is Dawning	
*Benediction		*Three-Fold Amen
*Postlude		Betsy Wagner

ANNUAL MEETING

On January 28, 2018 we will have our Annual Meeting. We will have a luncheon for all directly after services. Sign up sheets will be on the back table. After the luncheon, members will hear various reports and voting for and accepting council members.

GUEST SPEAKER

Today we have the privilege of hearing Rev. Dr. David Kersten, Dean of North Park University and Vice President for Church Relations. David is ordained to word and sacrament in the Evangelical Covenant Church and has served as a pastor in 4 churches. Prior to his current position, he served as Executive Minister for The Department of Ordered Ministry(now the Developing Leaders Mission Priority to the Covenant). David's sister is Laurie Palmer. She and her husband Dennis are seasonal residents of Bay Indies. They attend Bay Indies Covenant Church when here and Laurie sings in the choir.

NEXT WEEK

We will have the great pleasure of hearing David Koblish sing for us. (Please see insert).

FOOD PANTRY

Next week we will be collecting non-perishable food for the Salvation Army. They are in immediate need of soups, complete meals in cans-spaghettios, stews, etc., jelly in plastic jars, boxed macaroni and cheese, instant potatoes, and rice.

SPECIAL OFFERING

There will be a special missions offering on January 28th to support our local missions, Southeast Conference, Agape Flights, and Salvation Army. Envelopes will be given out on Sunday Jan 21st.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

...Faye Deroian at home with hospice care.
...Ethel Czerwinski at Harbor Chase, rehab for a broken ankle.
...Mary Ann Olund's brother-in-law, cancer treatments
...Paul Boise, friend of Barb Atkins, pulmonary fibrosis, on oxygen 24/7.
...Vince Sinnott, serious back problems.
...Jason Gabie, son of Chris and Pam Gabie, colon cancer.
...Diane Hartley, recovering from heart surgery in Sarasota.
...Erna Kerr, friend of Hal Bates, lung cancer surgery Jan.5th.
...Linda Cross, tear in disc.
...the Pastoral search committee and our church council as they get closer to finding a new pastor.

BIRTHDAYS

Jean Shantz 1/11

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 51:1-6 (NIV)

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD:

Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn;² look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many.

³The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.

Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

⁴“Listen to me, my people hear me, my nation:

Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations.

⁵My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me

and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,

look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke,

the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies.

But my salvation will last forever,

my righteousness will never fail.

USHERS AND GREETERS

Head Usher Gary Bursh

Richard & Barbara Welch Dave & Diane Carl



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