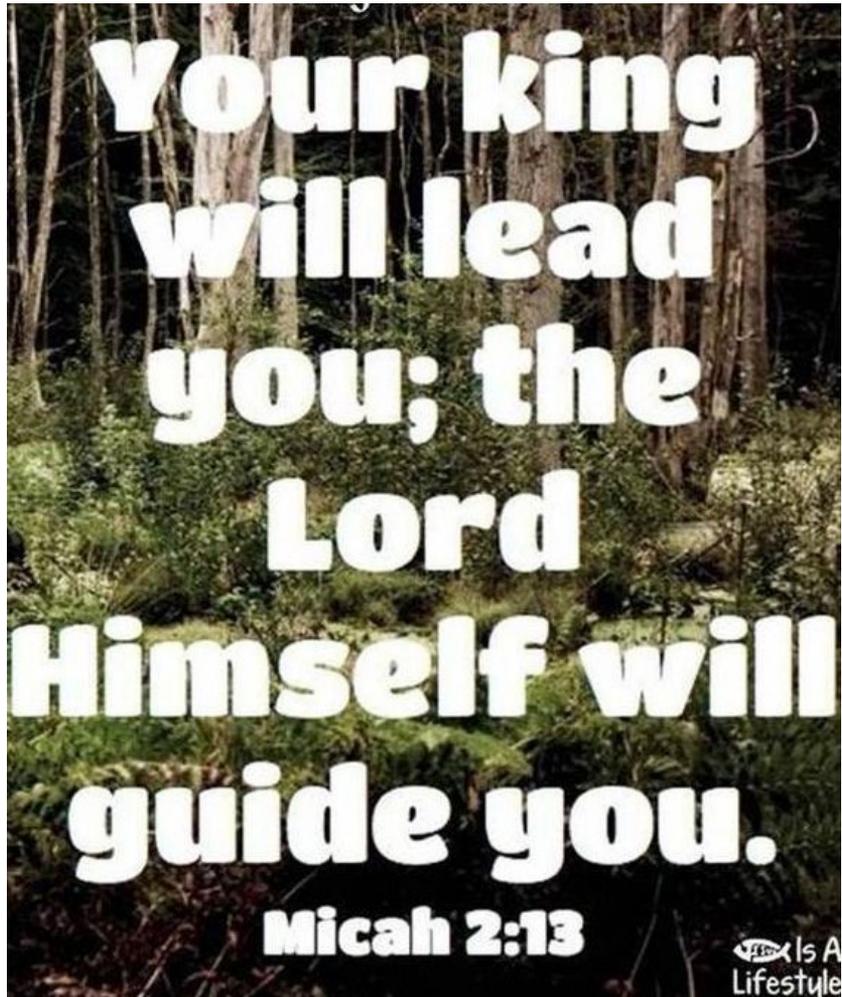


**St. John's:
Making and Maturing
Disciples of Jesus Christ**



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“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

Welcome

Prelude

Just as I Am

Woodsworth

*Hymn #448

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Call to Worship

L: Leader C: Congregation

Psalm 139:13-18

L: For it was You who formed my inward parts;
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are Your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In Your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

C:How weighty to me are Your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them-they are more than the sand;

I come to the end-I am still with You.

***Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Robbie Slagle III – Heath, OH

Mission of the Month: Jamie & Susan Ramage

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

Children's Message

Try Something New

Matthew 11:16-19

(children please remain in your seats)

Special Music

I Believe

Soloist: Jane Baker

Drake, Graham, Shirl, Stillman

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

Scripture

Micah 2:1-13

Matthew 11:16-19

Sermon

What Is This Generation Like?

***Hymn #469**

Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

Postlude

Christ is all in all of Thee

W. Boyd

***Benediction**

*— Those who are able, please stand



**Welcome to St. John's
Church!**

**The flowers on the altar are in honor of Sydney
Dyer's 9th Birthday by her family.
Happy Birthday Sydney!!**



Scripture Readings (ESV):

Micah 2:1-13:

¹Woe to those who devise wickedness
and work evil on their beds!

When the morning dawns, they perform it,
because it is in the power of their hand.

²They covet fields and seize them,
and houses, and take them away;
they oppress a man and his house,
a man and his inheritance.

³Therefore thus says the LORD:
behold, against this family I am devising disaster,
from which you cannot remove your necks,
and you shall not walk haughtily,
for it will be a time of disaster.

⁴In that day they shall take up a taunt song against you
and moan bitterly,

and say, “We are utterly ruined;
He changes the portion of my people;
how He removes it from me!
To an apostate He allots our fields.”

⁵Therefore you will have none to cast the line by lot
in the assembly of the LORD.

⁶“Do not preach”—thus they preach—
“one should not preach of such things;
disgrace will not overtake us.”

⁷Should this be said, O house of Jacob?
Has the LORD grown impatient?
Are these His deeds?

Do not My words do good
to him who walks uprightly?

⁸But lately My people have risen up as an enemy;
you strip the rich robe from those who pass by trustingly
with no thought of war.

⁹The women of My people you drive out
from their delightful houses;
from their young children you take away

My splendor forever.

¹⁰ Arise and go,
for this is no place to rest,
because of uncleanness that destroys
with a grievous destruction.

¹¹ If a man should go about and utter wind and lies,
saying, "I will preach to you of wine and strong drink,"
he would be the preacher for this people!

¹² I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob;
I will gather the remnant of Israel;

I will set them together
like sheep in a fold,
like a flock in its pasture,
a noisy multitude of men.

¹³ He who opens the breach goes up before them;
they break through and pass the gate,
going out by it.

Their king passes on before them,
the LORD at their head.

Matthew 11:16-19:

¹⁶ "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷ "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at Him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

Sermon Notes
24 January 2021

Scripture: **Micah 2:1-13; Matthew 11:16-19**

Sermon: **What Is This Generation Like?**

1. In **Micah 2**, where and when does wickedness and evil originate? How does that make the deeds that follow (and are judged by God) more easily committed by seemingly people of God?
2. How is the true character of these individuals revealed? Why do they turn from the path of God? Is God's way difficult or confusing? Is it simply that following God takes effort, faithfulness, and a full (and humble) commitment to Him alone?
3. What comparison did Jesus use for "this generation" in **Matthew**? Is that still apt for the sinful people today? Why is it that people cannot be satisfied apart from the security we receive in the Holy Spirit?
4. Jesus promised us that Wisdom would be justified by her children (**Matthew 11:19**) and **Micah** promises us a king who will lead us forth as a Shepherd leads the sheep (**2:12-13**)? How do these passages comfort you? What promise do you find here? What calling in ministry do you receive here? How will you carry that ministry out in 2021?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Child: our prayers today go out to Robbie Slagle III missing since January 13, 2021 from Heath, OH.

Mission of the Month: Jamie & Susan Ramage

Community Men's Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7:30 am at Our Place Family Restaurant (formerly Basil's).

Chancel Choir: Choir will practice once a month on the Wednesday before the first Sunday of the month at 7:30.

Joyce Agin Birthday Card Shower: Joyce Agin has been moved to a nursing facility near her daughter. Joyce will be celebrating her 94th birthday on January 26. Cathy asked that if anyone would like to send her a card to her daughter's address, she would deliver it. Please send cards to: Joyce Agin c/o Cathy Hart, 22907 Ellsworth Ave., Minerva, OH, 44657.

Children's Choir: Practice will begin Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 5pm.

Annual Congregational Meeting: January 31 at 11 am following the morning worship service pending COVID restrictions.

Slate of nominations for council: Terry Hord – Elder; Jerry Pfister-Trustee, Hal Elsasser – Elder

Christian Ed Committee: February 18 at 6:00 PM.

Card Donations Needed: If you have any birthday, sympathy, get well, or cards of encouragement that you would like to donate to the church, that would be greatly appreciated. We like to send cards to people that we have information available. Thank you!



Care Team: We have a group of people that make calls to members to try to keep in touch with each other and to just check in. If you would like to participate in any way, please let the church office know or contact Carol Wilcox. If you are not receiving a call and would like one periodically or know of someone who would, please let us know.

Wednesday Night Helpers Needed: A few additional people are needed on Wednesday evenings once the program begins to help with name tags, temperature checks and any additional duties.

Wheelchairs: If you have borrowed a wheelchair from the church and no longer need it, please return or if you have one that you no longer use and would like to donate it, that would be appreciated. We used to have several to lend out to those in need. Any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 9:00 AM.

Week at a Glance

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| Today, 1/24: | 9:00 AM Sunday School (PK- Grade 12) 10:00 AM Service |
| Monday, 1/25: | 6-8 PM CEF Meeting |
| Tuesday, 1/26: | 11:30 AM AA – Chapel 12:00 PM Prayer 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel |
| Wednesday, 1/27: | 5:00 PM Children’s Choir 5:30-7 PM Disciple Me Program 6:15- 7:45 PM Youth Group |
| Thursday, 1/28: | 11:30 AM AA – Chapel |
| Saturday, 1/30: | 7:30 AM Men’s Bible Study- Our Place |

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester
Chancel Choir Director: David Beazley
Children’s Choir Director: Hope Cauley
Bell Choir Director: Jane Baker
Organist/Pianists: Randall S. Rogers, Teresa Broseke, Linda Zeigler

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (1/17): 52
Envelopes: YTD: \$13,247.00
Loose Offering:
Loose Ones: YTD; \$10 (Good Samaritan)
Mission: Ramge: YTD \$441.00

Ushers:

1/24: Gus & Angel Forester
1/31: Trish & Carol Wilcox