

07 January 2024

First Sunday after Epiphany

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

FOR AS OFTEN AS YOU
EAT THIS BREAD AND
DRINK THIS CUP,
YOU PROCLAIM
THE LORD'S DEATH
TILL HE COMES.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26



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January 7, 2024

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants – Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)

Prelude

A Peaceful Christmas

K. Kiel

based on GLORIA

***Hymn #115**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

***Call to Worship**

I Corinthians 1:2-3

L: To the church of God that is [gathered here], to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

C: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*** Hymn of Adoration # 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy

*** Call to Confession**

from Isaiah 6:3

Pastor

Standing in the presence of God, hearing the seraphim cry out, ““Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!””, realizing how far we fall short of the holiness to which God calls us, let us make our confession to the Lord Almighty as we cry out:

*** Prayer of Confession Isaiah 6:5 People**
“Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a person of unclean lips,
and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my
eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

*** Assurance of Pardon** **Isaiah 6:6-7** Pastor

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

***Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Carter Goodwin – Bedford Heights, OH

Mission of the Month: Pioneers- Jamie & Susan Ramge

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

Children's Message In Remembrance of Me

I Corinthians 11:23-25

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

*Doxology

Scripture **I Corinthians 11:23-34**

Matthew 26:26-29

Sermon Examine Yourself

Chancel Choir *At the Table of the Lord* Althouse

* Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

* Pastoral Response

It is truly meet and just that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God; Who, together with Thine only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, art one God, one Lord: not in the oneness of a single Person, but in the Trinity of one substance. For what we believe by Thy revelation of Thy glory, the same do we believe of Thy Son, the same of the Holy Ghost, without difference or separation. So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead, distinction in persons, unity in essence, and equality in majesty may be adored. Which the Angels and Archangels, the Cherubim also and Seraphim do praise: who cease not daily to cry out, with one voice saying:

* *Seraphic Hymn #522*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy
glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

Consecration

[The people are seated.]

Minister: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before He suffered, gave us this memorial of His sacrifice, until He comes again. At His last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it [here the minister breaks the bread] and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way, He took the cup after supper [here the minister pours the wine] and said, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this in remembrance of Me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (**I Corinthians 11:23-26**). Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Minister: Lord, our God, send Your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all Your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather Your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of Your kingdom.

The Invitation

Minister: Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love Him and trust in Him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to Him as Lord, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

The gifts of God for the people of God!

The Communion—the sharing of the elements

Communion Meditation

Isaiah 6:8

(to be read and reflected upon silently during the receiving of the elements)

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, we thank Thee for Thy great mercy given to us in this sacrament, whereby we are made partakers of Christ and all His benefits. So enrich us by the Holy Spirit that the life of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal bodies, and all our days may be spent in Thy love and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #116**

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

***Benediction**

Postlude

Joy to the World

Handel/Larson

*— Those who are able, please stand

Scripture Readings (ESV):

I Corinthians 11:23-34:

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵ In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— ³⁴ if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

Matthew 26:26-29:

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” ²⁷ And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

Sermon Notes
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Scripture: **I Corinthians 11:23-34; Matthew 26:26-29**

Sermon: **Examine Yourself**

1. “How Then Shall We Worship” is our theme for January. What drives you to worship God? What practices/aspects of worship serve you well as you seek to glorify God in worship and praise?
2. How have you experienced an epiphany (a manifestation) of God? How has that strengthened your faith and encouraged your spiritual journey?
3. How does Communion reveal God’s presence to you? How do you prepare yourself to receive Communion and participate in the service in a biblical way (see **I Corinthians 11:23-34**)?
4. How can you help St. John’s keep worship vibrant as we seek to glorify God and edify (build up) His people who gather here today and for generations to come?

Soli Deo Gloria (to the glory of God alone)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Carter Goodwin missing from Bedford Heights, OH.

Committee Budgets & Year End Reports: If you still have reports to turn in, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you

Un-decorate the church: January 7

Annual Congregational Meeting: January 28, 11 am, after worship service

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 8:30 AM.

Office Hours: 8:30-10:30 am & 12:30-2:30 pm, Monday – Friday unless there is a delay/cancellation. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Week at a Glance

Today, 1/7:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Un-decorate Church 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Monday, 1/8:	6-7:30 PM Girl Scouts - Chapel
Tuesday, 1/9:	1:00 PM First Tuesday – Blanchard Place 5:00 PM Missions/Evangelism 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 1/10:	5-7 PM Wednesday Night Kids 7:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, 1/11:	6:00 PM Church Council- Chapel
Friday, 1/12:	12:00 PM Prayer
Saturday, 1/13:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel 9-10:30 AM The Chosen Bible Study – FH

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (12/31): 34

Envelopes: 12/24: \$5770 12/31: \$10,227

Loose Ones: 12/24: \$1

Christmas Eve: \$800 Loose offering: \$115 Ones: \$2

Mission (Love Inc.): Total for Month: \$1075

Salvation Army Total Donations: \$835

Ushers: 1/7: Jane Baker & Hope Cauley; 1/14: Nancy Wilcox

