


28 January 2024

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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



THEREFORE CONFESS YOUR
SINS TO EACH OTHER AND
PRAY FOR EACH OTHER SO
THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED.
THE PRAYER OF A
RIGHTEOUS PERSON IS
POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

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JAMES 5:16

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Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants – Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)

Silent Prelude

The Lord is in His Holy temple...

Let all the earth keep silence before Him...

Keep silence before Him. *(moment of silence)*

Hear our prayer, O Lord...

Hear our prayer, O Lord...

Incline Thine ear to us,

And grant us Thy peace.

***Call to Worship**

II Corinthians 13.14; Luke 10.9

L: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Jesus said: Heal the sick...and tell them, “The kingdom of
God is near you.”

Special Music- Favorite Hymn

Children's Message

Pray for One Another

James 5:16

Offering...Offertory Prayer...Doxology

Scripture

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

New Testament Lesson

James 5:13-16

Gospel Lesson

Luke 5:17-26

Sermon

Call for the Elders

Call to Confession

To bear one another's burdens in prayer is a holy privilege. It also demands a willingness to be a channel for God's power. Therefore, in silence, let us offer our confessions to God that we may be cleansed of anything that might hinder our efforts as intercessors. In confessing, let us name those sins which separate and distort: sins of pride, self-love, and resentment; sins of hatred, bitterness, and jealousy. Let us name also our connection with humanity's sins: sins of poverty, war, hunger, injustice, neglect, and discrimination.

Time of Silent Reflection

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12 [adapted]

Let us confess our sins together:

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a pure heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and grant us a willing spirit to sustain us.

Assurance of Pardon

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Brothers and sisters, I announce with joy that we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

* Gloria Patri

* The Sharing of the Peace

Extend the hand of peace to your brothers and sisters who gather now seeking healing. Greet one another in the name of Christ who makes us one.

Grace and peace to you through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: And also to you.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray, responding to the phrase “Jesus Christ, lover of all” with the words

C: “bring healing, bring peace.”

Christ, long ago in Galilee many who were sick and suffering needed friends to bring them to Your side. Confident of Your goodness, we now bring to You those who need Your healing touch. We name before You those who are ill in body: whose illness is long, or painful, or difficult to cure; who suffer restless days and sleepless nights.

(names of particular individuals may be said aloud)

Jesus Christ, lover of all,

C: bring healing, bring peace.

We name before You those who are troubled in mind, distressed by the past, or dreading the future; those who are trapped and cast down in fear.

(names of particular individuals may be said aloud)

Jesus Christ, lover of all,

C: bring healing, bring peace.

We name before You those who for whom light has been turned to darkness: by the death of a loved one; the breaking of a friendship; the fading of hope.

(names of particular individuals may be said aloud)

Jesus Christ, lover of all,

C: bring healing, bring peace.

In silence we name before you those whose names we may not say aloud.

(silence)

Jesus Christ, lover of all,

C: bring healing, bring peace.

We ask Your blessing on doctors and nurses; on all who look after those who are ill, who give friendship to those who are distressed, or sit with those who are near to death.

Jesus Christ, lover of all,

C: bring healing, bring peace.

We ask Your guidance for those who are engaged in medical research, that they may persevere with vision and energy; and for those who administer the agencies of health and welfare, that they may have wisdom and compassion.

Jesus Christ, lover of all,

C: bring healing, bring peace.

Loving God, the care of every soul is in Your hands, the cure of every sickness comes from You. We do not know Your will for us. We trust, O Lord, that by our lives Your grace may be known, so we pray that in us, through us, and even in spite of us, Your kingdom come, Your will be done. Amen.

Blessing of the Oil

And now, O Lord, Holy Father, Loving God, giver of health and salvation: send Your Holy Spirit to sanctify and bless this oil; that, as Your holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so may those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction be made whole and know the fullness of Your joy. Amen

Act of Anointing and Laying on of Hands

Hymn# 260

Just as I am

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us pray.

We give praise and thanks to You, O God! In Jesus Christ, you have given us life; brought ministry, forgiveness, healing, and peace; commanded the disciples to heal the sick; and continued the healing ministry among us to this day.

Keep us mindful of Your love and mercy that we may be faithful throughout all our days and attuned to the healing work of the Holy Spirit in Your people, amongst Your people, and in the world. In the powerful name of Jesus Christ, we pray as He taught us by saying:

*** The Lord's Prayer**

*** Hymn #421**

God Will Take Care of You

*** Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

May The LORD bless you and keep you;

May the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen

Postlude

*— Those who are able, please stand

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Isaiah 43:1-7:

- ¹But now thus says the LORD,
He who created you, O Jacob,
He who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are Mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in My eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring My sons from afar
and My daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷everyone who is called by My name,
whom I created for My glory,
whom I formed and made.”

James 5:13-16:

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Luke 5:17-26:

¹⁷ On one of those days, as He was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Him to heal. ¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ And when He saw their faith, He said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”



Sermon Notes
28 January 2024

Scripture: **Isaiah 43:1-7; James 5:13-16; Luke 5:17-26**

Sermon: **Call for the Elders**

1. How do you see and sense God with you as you go through difficult circumstances (**Isaiah 43:2**)? How do you live out the hope that is within you?
2. How do you carry others to Jesus when they are in need of healing? What does the scripture say about how forgiveness of sins and healing are entwined (**Luke 5:20; James 5:15-16**)?
3. Besides being a biblical command, what gives prayer and anointing power in regards to those who are sick (**James 5:14**)?
4. How do you offer prayer for others in their time of need? How do you express your need for prayer? Do you call for the elders of the church? Do you confess to others and pray with them? Why or why not?

Soli Fide (by faith alone)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Hannah Calhoun missing from Wilmington, OH.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Today after the worship service. The following people are running for Elder: Hal Elsasser, Jerry Pfister & Janie Risner.

Christianity in China: The Underground Church: On February 11, we will have guest speakers during the worship service. After worship, we will have a luncheon in the fellowship hall and a more detailed presentation on the Underground Church will be at Noon. The presentation at noon will not be live streamed to protect those involved and their families. All are welcome to attend to learn more.

Ash Wednesday Service: February 14 at 7 pm led by Payne Chapel

Community Movie Night - Do You Believe?: February 24 at 6 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm) in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Missions and Evangelism Committee. Snacks & Drinks available, donations appreciated. A dozen different souls all moving in different directions, all longing for something more. As their lives unexpectedly intersect, they each are about to discover there is power in the Cross of Christ even if they don't believe it. Yet. When a local pastor is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street-corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate. This stirring new film from the creators of God's Not Dead. More than a movie, it's a question we all must answer in our lifetimes: DO YOU BELIEVE?

Entering Church using South or East Entrance: During the wintry and potentially icy months, entrance will be available through the east and south doors. Thank you!

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.

Christianity in China

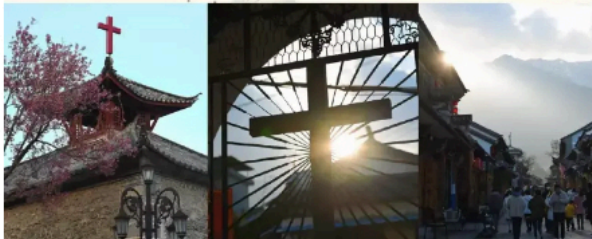
The Underground Church

What does normal life look like for Chinese Christians?

How does the Chinese underground church operate under persecution?

How do missionaries reach out to the Chinese people and bring the good news to them?

How do Chinese Christians cope with strict policies in their Christian daily life?



FEBRUARY 11

10 am - Join us for Worship

11 am - Luncheon

12 pm - Learn more about The Underground Church in China

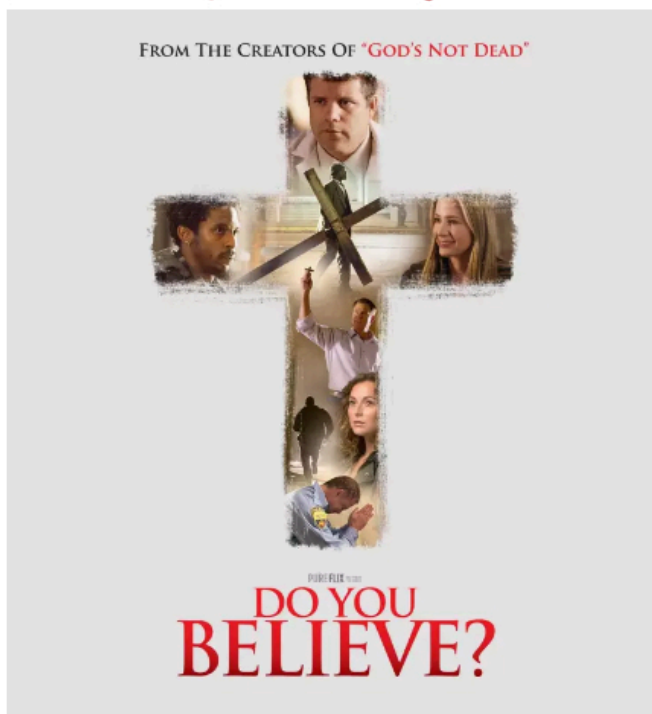
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YOU'RE INVITED TO A
FREE MOVIE NIGHT

FEBRUARY **24** AT 6:00PM

Do You Believe?



It's the most important question of your life.

Snacks: popcorn & beverages (by donation)

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Week at a Glance

Today, 1/28:

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting
7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel

Tuesday, 1/30:

6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel

Wednesday, 1/31:

5-7 PM Wednesday Night Kids
7:00 PM Bible Study

Thursday, 2/1:

7:00 PM Chancel Choir practice
6:30 Cub Scouts - Chapel

Friday, 2/2:

11:30 AM Friday w/Friends – 101 Tavern (Ada)

Saturday, 2/3:

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel
9-10:30 AM The Chosen Bible Study – FH

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (1/21): not recorded

Envelopes: 1/14: \$4522

Loose Ones: 1/14: \$150

Mission (Pioneers): \$75

Ushers:

1/28: Janie Risner & Jane Donnelly

2/4: Shane Harkenrider & Jim Bidwell

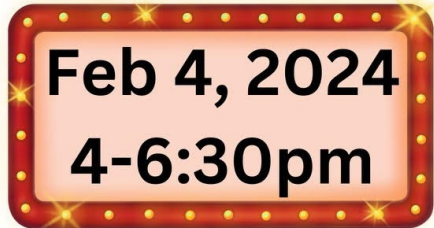


HCC Youth Group



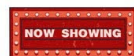
MOVIE
NIGHT

Free
Popcorn
Tacos, pop



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