



Welcome!

Because we believe that the risen Christ is in our midst, we also believe that we should never place a period where God has placed a comma.

Order of Worship

March 9th, 2025 | 10:30 am

First Sunday in Lent

We Gather

Welcome

Prelude

Mercy-"La Grace"

Telemann/Hopson

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us. **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

You are invited to use the time before service to prepare your heart and mind for worship through prayer and reflection. We kindly ask that all cell phones and media devices be silenced.

Worship Liturgy

Throughout the worship liturgy, you are invited to respond with all of the words in bold.

***Asterisk indicates please rise in body or spirit**

Hymns

are chosen from the "black" *New Century Hymnal* or "blue" *Chalice Hymnal* located in the back of your pew.

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Sermon: What We Need Is Here: A Good Life of Limits

We Respond

***Hymn #581 (Chalice) Near to the Heart of God**

***The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, we give back a small portion of the harvest we have received from You, and we ask that our offering would be acceptable in Your sight. In humility we pray that you would fill us with the True Bread that comes down from heaven. All praise be to You, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen

Communion

(see insert)

***Hymn: #489 (Chalice) Bless Now, O God, the Journey**

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am - Adult Sunday School
9:15 am - Children's Sunday School
10:30am - Hybrid In-Person and Online Worship

Church Staff

Sam Chamelin, *Pastor*
Mary Ann Driscoll, *Organist*
Jane Sharpe, *Choir Director*
Sabrina Hodge, *Financial Secretary*
Lisa Brown, *Treasurer*
Administrative Associate
Ashley Barber, *Youth Program Leader*

Offering

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Pastoral Emergencies

Please call the church office or call/text Pastor Sam at 717-309-7680.

Prayer Chain

Contacts:

Belinda Finn or the Church Office

Church Office Hours

Mondays 9 - 1
Wednesdays 9 - 1
Voicemail and email are monitored daily.
410-346-7977

We Are Sent

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

***Postlude**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane/arr. Hopson