Epiphany 4 Communion Service

For this service, Christ Church is using BCP'2019, Anglican Standard Text

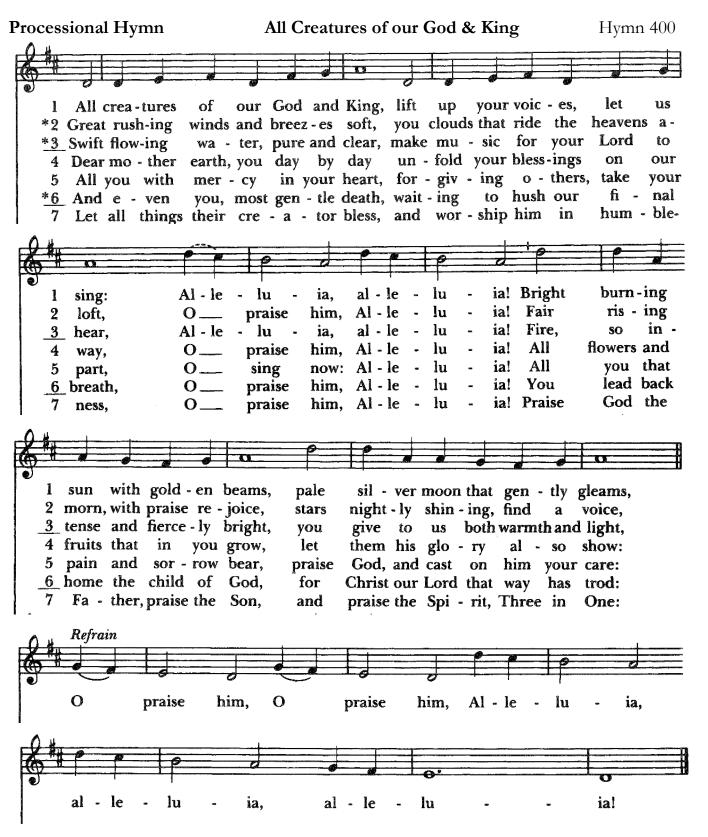
Vision Statement: "Our Culture"

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

"Know - Grow - Serve!"

Prayer Meeting Dates & Times

Morning Prayer – Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Mid-Day Prayer – 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. Corporate Prayer – Monday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m.



Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

WELCOME

I will make you as a light for the nations.

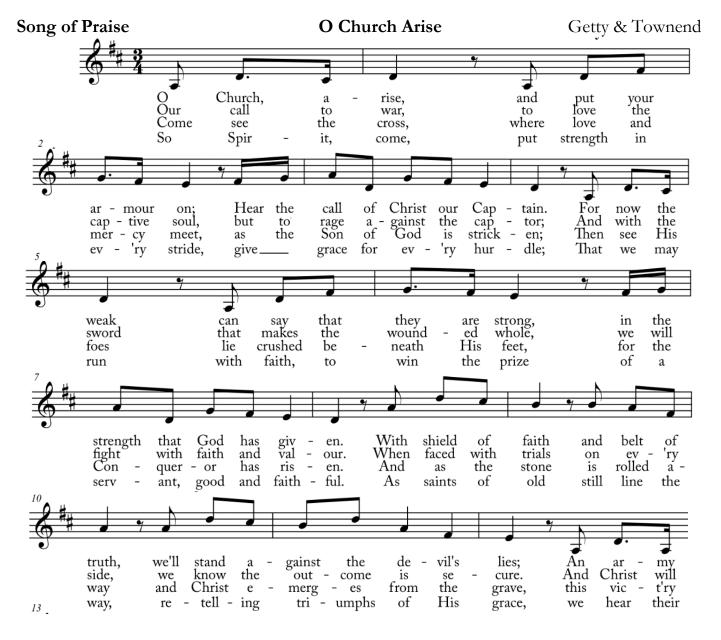
That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

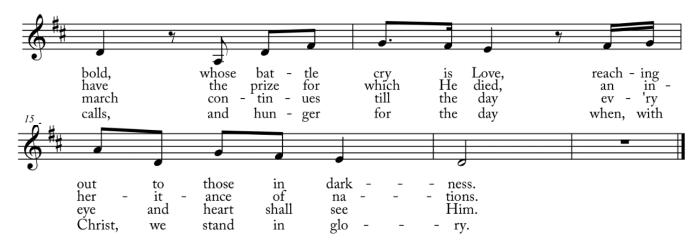
Isaiah 49:6

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40 ESV





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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:28 – 31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65 (Please pray responsively by whole verse)

- 1. You, O God, are to be praised in Zion, and unto you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2. You who hear our prayer, unto you shall all flesh come.
- 3. My misdeeds prevail against me; O be merciful and blot out our sins.
- 4. Blessed is the man whom you choose and receive unto yourself; he shall dwell in your courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of your house, even of your holy temple.
- 5. You shall show us wonderful things in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, for you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the isles that are far away,
- 6. You, in your strength set firm the mountains and are girded about with power,
- 7. You still the raging of the seas, the noise of their waves and the tumult of the peoples.
- 8. Those who dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be in fear of your wonders; you make the morning and evening, to shout with joy.

- 9. You visit the earth and bless it; you make it very plenteous.
- 10. The river of God is full of water; you prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
- 11. You water its furrows; you send rain into the little valleys; you make it soft with the drops of rain and bless the increase of it.
- 12. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13. The fields of the wilderness are rich in pasture, and the little hills rejoice on every side.
- 14. The folds shall be full of sheep; the valleys also shall stand so thick with grain that they shall laugh and sing.

The Epistle Romans 8:18 – 23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

Thy Strong Word

Hymn 381, v 1

Verse 1

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness, At thy speaking, it was done. For created light we thank thee, While thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee whose light doth send! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

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The people remain standing.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Matthew 6: 25 – 34

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sequence Hymn

Thy Strong Word

Hymn 381, v 3

Verse 3

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous, Bright with thine own holiness, Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee whose light doth send! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

We Believe: "What Else Did God Create?"

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The people sit.

The Prayers of the People

From the rising of the sun to its setting let us pray to the Lord:

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

February Prayer Focus

Heavenly Father, who revealed your glory through your Son Jesus Christ, reveal in our hearts by the light of that same glory, the ways in which you are calling us to glorify you in thought, word, and deed, that we may be intentional with every moment of our lives, through the power of your Holy Spirit, Amen.

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory:

Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, to the mercy and protection of God. *Amen.*

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28 ESV

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Anne Babson 2/4 Jim Harmer 2/5 Leslie Croyle 2/6

Anniversary:

Matt & Stacey Litzler 2/6 (32 yrs)

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Bunting & Kauflin

Verse 1

When the enemy surrounds
And my heart grows faint within,
When the darkness overwhelms
And my fears are pressing in,
I will trust in You, O Lord,
In the silence I will wait,
I will stand upon Your Word.

Chorus 1

You're my solid rock and my salvation, My steadfast hope that won't be shaken, My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

Verse 2

You're my stronghold and my shield, In the midst of every threat, Though the wicked never yield, They will vanish like a breath, Yes, I know the outcome's sure, Satan's evil plans will fail, In Your power I'm secure.

Chorus 2

You're my solid rock and my salvation, My steadfast hope that won't be shaken, My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You. You're my comfort when I feel forsaken, My refuge and my sure foundation, My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

Verse 3

This is love I can't explain,
This is mercy unreserved,
Through Your sacrifice so great
I have peace that's undeserved,
For the battle has been won,
And I fear no shame or loss,
Now the sting of death is gone.

Tag
Pouring out our hearts before You,
We will trust in You,
Perfect Savior, strong Defender,
We will trust in You.

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The people stand.

Doxology Hymn 380, v. 3

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

The people remain standing.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who took on our mortal flesh to reveal His glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people sit or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is **shed for you**, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

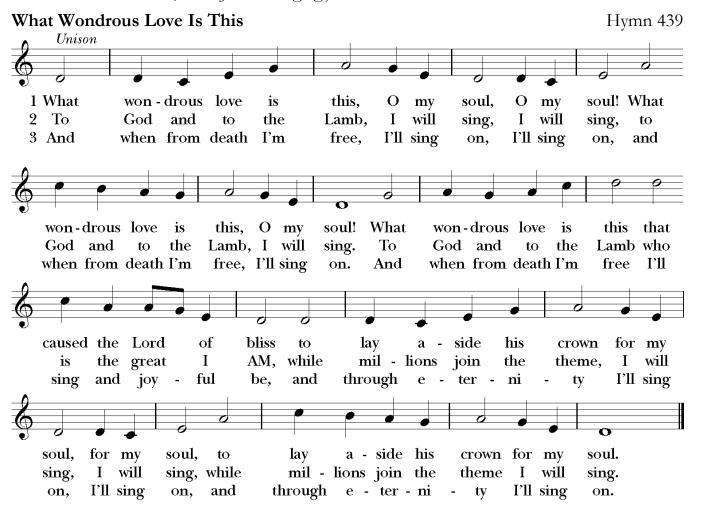
Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Giving of Communion - All who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; and have been haptized are welcome to receive Communion at Christ Church. If you have not been haptized, or do not desire to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for prayer with one of our ministers. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

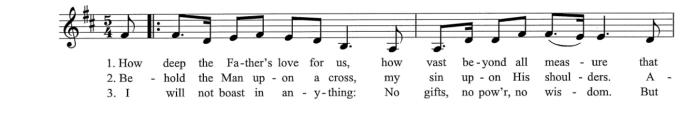
Communion Music (Please join in singing.)

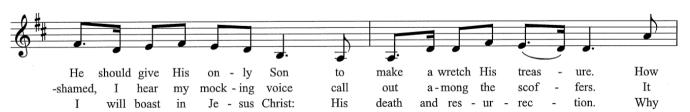


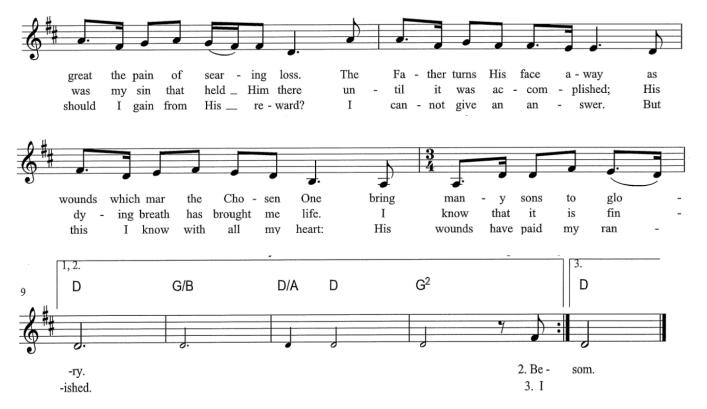
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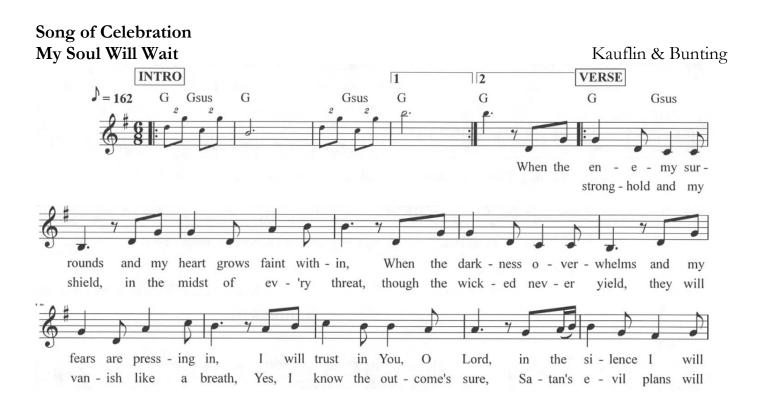
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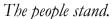


Let us pray.

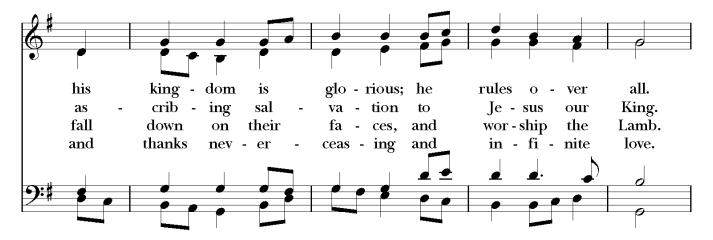
Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The people respond: **Amen**.







Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Paderborn, melody from Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday

Mere Discipleship

Weekly, Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Begins 2/2 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Gene – A 10-week study (formerly Membership Matters) of Anglican Christianity and its distinctives. Topics include our Statement of Faith (39 Articles), the Membership Covenant, Why Join a Church, Church History, Why Anglican, Nuts & Bolts of Christ Church (Church Structure, & Weekly Life together). Each session has a teaching component with room for Questions. This is a good class for both newcomers, as well as long-standing members. Participation is required for all interested in becoming a member of Christ Church Westshore. (Low prep, Medium Commitment)

Flower Calendar for 2025 – The 2025 flower calendar is available on the board in the narthex. Please sign up for any of the dates you would like to donate altar flowers for this year. The suggested offer is \$25. Note, we will not have any flowers during the season of Lent and those dates are not included in the calendar.

CRS Update – CRS is currently in need of cereal, jams or jellies, hearty soups, snack crackers, canned fruit, apple sauce, boxed macaroni & cheese, & canned meats. In addition, they are completely out of pasta! Donations can be brought to church and placed in the collection area outside the sanctuary.

February Prayer Focus

Heavenly Father, who revealed your glory through your Son Jesus Christ, reveal in our hearts by the light of that same glory, the ways in which you are calling us to glorify you in thought, word, and deed, that we may be intentional with every moment of our lives, through the power of your Holy Spirit, Amen.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – Come enjoy pancakes & sausage with your CCW family Tuesday, March 4th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join in the talent show, line dancing, and cheer the kids on as they race and flip pancakes to win the Golden Skillet. Please RSVP and include the number of people attending on the Realm post we will send out. In addition, we will also need volunteers to either cook, set up, or tear down. There will be sign-up sheets in the back of the church for volunteers. If you are available to help, please add your name(s) to the appropriate column. The deadline for your RSVP is Friday, February 28th. Contact Gene directly for the talent show. Make sure to invite a friend or two for the fun and games!

Ash Wednesday – Our Ash Wednesday Communion services are on March 5th at 7:30 am, 10:30 am, and 7:30 pm in our sanctuary. There is also a service at Knickerbocker Apartments (27100 Knickerbocker Road, Bay Village, OH) at 1:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE – Please join us for our annual CCW Women's Spring Luncheon on April 12th in the Fellowship Hall from noon until 2:30 pm. Amy Jackson will be our speaker for the event. Details to be announced as soon as they have been finalized. Please call Kristin Hewko at 440-823-4403 with any questions or concerns.

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Question for Week 5

The New City Catechism

What else did God create?

God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

(Genesis 1:31)

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.....

*Children's answer emboldened



Giving

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
By Will & Betsy Roegge
In loving memory of their parents,
William & Stella Roegge &
Andrew & Maude McDowell.

2025 Cash Requirements

Through Sunday	01/26/2025
<u>Offerings</u>	
Current Month Cash Needs	\$51,983
Current Month Actual Revenues	\$50,381
Current Month Additional Requirements	\$1,602
2025 Total Cash Requirements	\$623,798

Attendance for 01/26/2025

10:00 am - 124

Wednesday – 6

Online — 14