Epiphany 3 Communion Service

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

Vision Statement: "Our Culture"

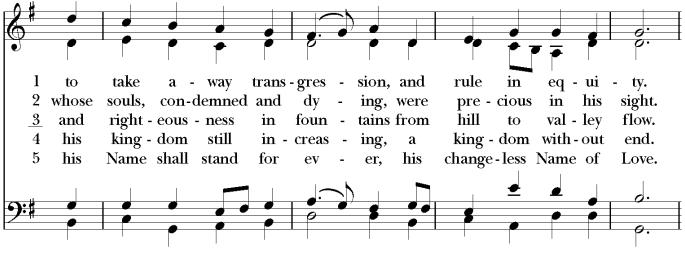
As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to 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, January 27th at 7:30 p.m.





Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

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*

Song of Praise

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Verse 1 What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 2

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side, the Savior, he will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, his power is displayed. To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead, Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 3

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price, it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And he was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever, is my plea. Oh, the chains are released, I can sing I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For he has said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will renew me, Until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Ending

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me. Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.* Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works, 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**

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 139:1 – 17 (*Please pray responsively by half verse*)

- O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thoughts from afar.
- 2. You examine my path and my places of rest * *and are acquainted with all my ways.*
- 3. Indeed, there is not a word on my tongue, * *but you, O Lord, know it altogether.*
- 4. You have enclosed me behind and before * *and have laid your hand upon me.*
- 5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, * *so excellent I cannot attain to it.*
- 6. Where shall I go then from your Spirit, * or where shall I flee from your presence?
- If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
 if I make my bed in the grave, you are there also.
- 8. If I take the wings of the morning * *and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*
- 9. Even there shall your hand lead me, * and your right hand shall hold me.
- 10. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me," * *Then, shall my night be turned to day.*
- 11. Even the darkness is not dark to you, and the night is as clear as the day; * *the darkness and the light to you are both alike.*
- 12. For you yourself made my inmost parts; * *you knit me together in my mother's womb.*
- 13. I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; * *marvelous are your works; and my soul knows it very well.*
- 14. My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret * *and fashioned in the depths of the earth.*

15. Your eyes beheld my substance, while I was yet unformed; * *and in your book were all my members written,*

- 16. Which day by day were fashioned, * *when as yet there was none of them.*
- 17. How dear to me are your thoughts, O God. **How great is the sum of them!*

The Epistle

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The people stand. **Sequence Hymn**

Thy Strong Word

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 John. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Sequence Hymn

Thy Strong Word

Hymn 381, v 2

Verse 2

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death, Broke the light of thy salvation, breathed thine own life-giving breath.

We Believe: "Why Did God Create Us?"

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

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

John 12: 27 – 36

1 Peter 4:7 – 11

Hymn 381, v 1

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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.*

January Prayer Focus

Heavenly Father, who revealed your glory through your Son Jesus Christ, in this season of *Epiphany*, bless each and every one of us and our families with a deepening awareness of your love, grace, and mercy, through the power of the 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:

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 2:1-2 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

Offertory

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, 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.

Communion Music

Here is Love

Verse 1

Here is love, vast as the ocean, Loving kindness as the flood, When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, Shed from us His precious blood. Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten, Throughout heav'ns eternal days. Verse 2

On the mount of crucifixion, Fountains opened deep and wide, Throughout the flood gates of God's mercy, Flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, Poured incessant from above, And heaven's peace and perfect justice, Kissed a guilty world in love.

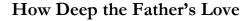
Verse 3

Let me, all Thy love accepting, Love thee, ever all my days, Let me seek Thy Kingdom only, And my life be to thy praise, Thou alone shalt be my glory, Nothing in the world I see, Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself has set me free.

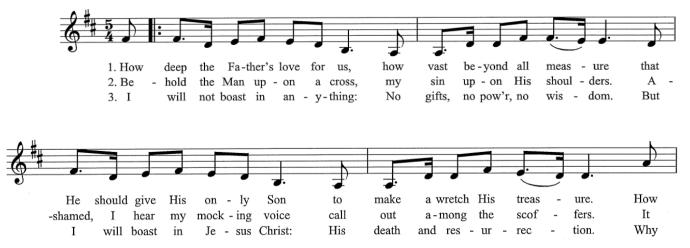
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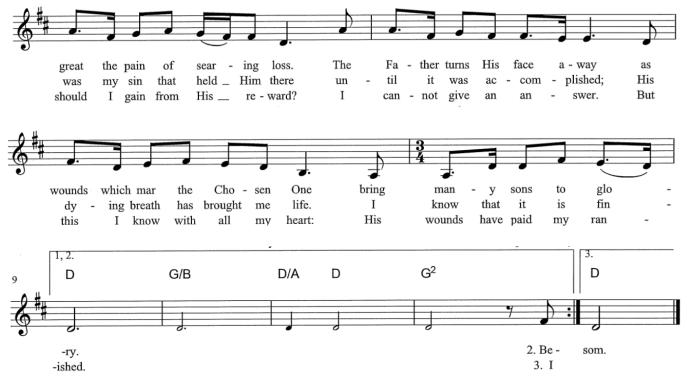
In Thy truth, Thou dost direct me, By Thy spirit, through Thy Word, And Thy grace, my need is meeting, As I trust in Thee, my Lord. Of Thy fullness Thou are pouring, Thy great love and pow'r on me, Without measure, full and boundless, Drawing out my heart to Thee.

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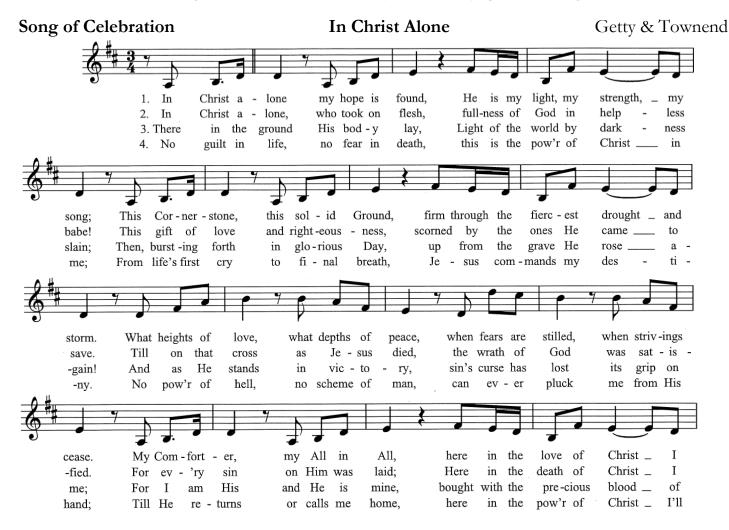


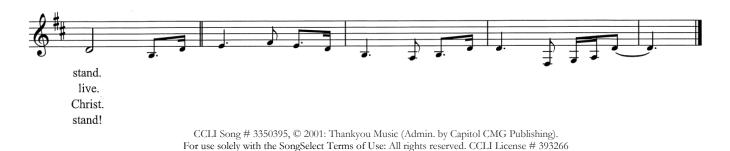
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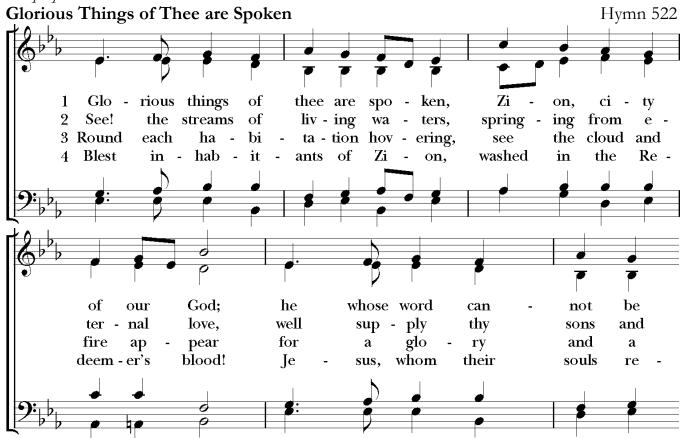
Let us pray.

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.

The people stand.





Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939) Copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission. The Dismissal Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *Thanks be to God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 26, CCW Annual Meeting Today after the 10:00 am service – Please join us for CCW's annual meeting in the Fellowship Hall directly after today's service.

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.

January Prayer Focus

Heavenly Father, who revealed your glory through your Son Jesus Christ, in this season of Epiphany, bless each and every one of us and our families with a deepening awareness of your love, grace, and mercy, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

WINTER/SPRING BIBLE STUDIES <u>"LITTLE CHURCHES"</u>

Sundays

Liberation Through the Gospel, Part II

Weekly, Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Begins 1/12 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Joe Grondin – Joe will guide you through a 12-week study of Liberation Through the Gospel. The first church council ever recorded, found in the 15th chapter of the book of Acts, discussed the question of the relation of the "Law" to the Christian believer who is saved by grace. This issue was true in the days of the Apostolic Church and has been discussed throughout centuries of church history. The council was also the occasion for the writing of the Apostel Paul's sharpest epistle, "The Letter to the Galatians" churches. Join us in a study of this letter and together we will explore the life of grace in relation to the law of God. (Low prep, medium commitment)

Student Ministry, "To Be a Chistian"

Weekly, Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Begins 1/12 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Cody Lang & John-Mason Shackelford – "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it," (*Proverbs 22:6*). Scripture has much to say about raising children. What takes center stage throughout the Old and New Testament is the responsibility of raising children in the Way, in the faith of God's people. Encouraging and teaching children to grow up rooted in faith is primarily accomplished in the home, but the Church is its greatest ally. If you have a child who has graduated from KidCat, or who is in the 6th grade or higher, we invite them to join us from 9-9:45 to continue to grow in faith and learn how to practically take their faith to a deeper level.

Mere Discipleship

Weekly, Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Begins 2/2 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Gene – A 10week 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)

<u>Tuesdays</u>

Men's Bible Study

Weekly, Tuesdays at 7 AM. Begins 1/14 in the Hearth Room, led by Gene Sherman – This Little Church is for men on the go and is easily accessible via You tube. This year, we will walk verse by verse through the 2nd & 3rd John. There is no advance reading, just bring your Bible. The format will be a time of teaching, and then open Q&A. Website participants will text their questions at the time for Q&A. The study will be 11 weeks this Winter/Spring. (No prep)

Weekly, Tuesdays, begins 1/14, from 9:00 am-10:30 am in the Hearth Room, led by Linda Jackson – Please consider joining the Women's Bible Study, starting January 14th at 9 am, for a 7-session study by Priscilla Shirer titled "Elijah-Faith and Fire." You can choose your level of commitment with a high level of commitment participating in the weekly video sessions and then doing the 5 short daily homework sessions or a lesser commitment by coming on Tuesdays to watch the 30–40-minute videos. The workbook is available at both Amazon and Lifeway.com. If you can join us, please contact me at either ljack2328@gmail.com or 216-406-3582.

Community Bible Study (CBS)

Weekly, Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Begins 1/14 in the Hearth Room, led by Stacey Litzler - Stacey will guide you through Revelation for 18 weeks. Register now online or mark your calendar to visit! The cost is \$35 for adults and \$10 per child for the year. Scholarships available! For more information and to register, visit clevelandwest.cbsclass.org. (High prep)

Wednesdays

Weekly, Wednesdays, begins 1/8 at 10:30 am in the Church, Led by Gene Sherman, Senior Saints Little Church – Join our Senior Saints as Gene leads you through a bible study with Communion. The 3rd Wednesday of every month is a Communion Service at the Knickerbocker Apartments, (27100 Knickerbocker Road, Bay Village) beginning at 10:30 am.

Read, Mark, Learn Bible Study

Weekly, Wednesdays at 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Begins 1/15 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Cody Lang – As we enter into the 'Spring' semester, the *Read, Mark, Learn Little Church* will be studying the second half of Paul's letter to the Church in Rome. If you were not with us to study the first part, NO WORRIES, come and join us anyway as we continue to trek through this pastorally powerful and theologically rich letter that has much to teach us about the meaning of the Gospel and how we are called to live the Christian life. The cost for the study materials is \$15. If you have any questions, reach out to me at clang@christchurchwestshore.com (High Prep)

CCW Annual Meeting Sunday, January 26, 2025 Following the 10:00 a.m. service.

We thank the following Vestry members' whose term ends in January 2025

Jeff Davis, Bob Drusendahl, Rich Kurak, Rachel Kurak

The following people are standing for election to the Vestry

Bob Drusendahl (1-year term), Rich Kurak, Rob Middlemiss

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be self-controlled and sober minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong, glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Question for Week 4

The New City Catechism

How and why did God create us?

God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

(Genesis 1:27)

So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

*Children's answer emboldened

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Giving

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God!

2025 Cash Requirements

Through Sunday	01/19/2025
<u>Offerings</u>	
Current Month Cash Needs	\$51,983
Current Month Actual Revenues	\$35,126
Current Month Additional Requirements	\$16,857
2025 Total Cash Requirements	\$623,798

<u>Attendance for 01/19/2025</u> 10:00 am — 106

Wednesday – 5

Online — 44