

WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health, and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

Session Members

Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship	Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship	Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care
John Hehn - '21 - Facilities	Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration
Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship	Carol Shick - '22 - Worship
Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission	Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session

Our Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for people to
discover God's love,
seek God's purpose,
and do God's will.

Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with
mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts
of him who called you out of darkness into
his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

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**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2020, 9:30 A.M.**

"Holy is the Lord"

Welcome and Opening Prayer

"Come as You Are"

"Enough"

(At this time, children are invited to attend Sunday school across the courtyard.)

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Matthew 5:21-30

Sermon
"This or That."

Announcements and Offering
Prayers of the People

"Lord Reign in Me"

Benediction

"Forever Young"

"Whoever becomes simple and elemental again,
like this child, will rank high in God's kingdom"
Matthew 18:4 (MSG)

**Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
February 16, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING SONG # 2128 "Come and Find the Quiet Center" v. 1 S.F.

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are
freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119)

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**People: For they know that the law of the Lord is one of the
ways Gods' love is expressed.**

Leader: Happy are those who keep God's decrees,
who seek God with their whole heart,

**People: For our hearts know that in God's ways there is life
and truth and peace. Alleluia! Amen!**

*HYMN # 263 "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" P.H.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, though your word spoke the cosmos into being,
we try to limit its domain to church alone. All-knowing God,
though your commandments have been sure and true for gener-
ations, we find them relevant to guide only certain parts of our
lives today. Gracious God, though your Law is spelled out in
the life and love of Jesus, we twist it to justify our preferences.
Forgive our arrogance, Lord, as a People and as individuals.
Help us to do better next time.**

(silence)

Leader: We pray in Jesus' name,

People: Amen.

Congregational Response

85 "What Wondrous Love is This" v. 1 P.H.

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (After this time, children four years old through
second grade are invited to attend Junior Church in room 3)

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (O.T., p. 186)
Matthew 5:21-30 (N.T., pp. 4-5)

SERMON "This or That."

*HYMN # 2169 "God, How Can We Forgive" P.H.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And 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, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the
living and the dead.**

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

*Doxology # 592 *Presbyterian Hymnal*

**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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER NEEDS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

*HYMN # 335 "Though I May Speak" P.H.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (the congregation joins hands to sing)

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
be with you all, be with you all.
The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen**

POSTLUDE

*indicates congregation standing

P.H. - Presbyterian Hymnal S.F. - Sing the Faith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TODAY

Liturgist: Carina Brushwood
Greeter 9:30: Rob Bargo
Greeters 11:00: David and Patty MacEwen
Ushers: Jay and Anne Heidt
Acolyte: Finley Heidt
Gate Keeper: Ed Moseley
Closer: Bruce Derenthal
Temple Keeper: Ed Kelsey (on or before 2/22)
Sunday School: Kathryn and Matt Shick (Little Lambs)
Anna Doucette (Elementary)
Nursery Helper: Nancy Mason
Office Volunteer: Volunteer Needed (2/20)
Lemonade Time: Triebwassers (2/16); Hosts Needed (2/23)
Flowers: Cammie Williams

LEMONADE TIME - If you would like to host lemonade time, please sign up on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Interested, but don't know what's involved? Call the church office (689-4412).

IN THE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP please turn off or **silence all cell phones** so as not to disrupt the worship experience of others.

PARENTS - Children's packets (ages 3-6) and children's bulletins are available from the ushers. The nursery is available, but the "wiggly room" will be open for little ones who want to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

PLEASE RECYCLE your unwanted **BULLETINS**. You may drop them off in the baskets provided in the narthex by the doors leading outside.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - The Women's Bible Study meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 1 pm in the fellowship hall.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Meets at 10 am in the office with Pastor Lori, Come and join us!

BAGS FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE are available in the narthex and fellowship hall entry. Please take one to give to someone in need.

MISSION FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY - SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - We continue to **collect non-perishable items** for the local food bank, E.C.H.O. Collection containers are in both the fellowship hall and the narthex. Much needed items are usually breakfast foods, baby diapers, canned meats, and dried soups.

YOUTH meet on **Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm**. Join us for Bible study and fun.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT - Mark you calendar! The Youth are preparing for **Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 25th, 5:30-7pm; and Youth Extravaganza, Saturday, February 29th!**

ASH WEDNESDAY - Join us for imposition of ashes service on Wednesday **February 26th at 7 pm**.

YARD SALE - February 28th and 29th - Get an early start on Spring Cleaning! You may bring items for our upcoming yard sale and put in **room 8**. Be sure items are marked **Yard Sale**.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT CLASS - Please join us **Sunday, March 1st, after 11 am service** to learn about baptism and the Lord's Supper. We'll have pizza for lunch and will make the bread for our next communion open to children and their family from Kindergarten to 3rd grade.

PRAISES and CONCERNS

Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Tracy Messina	Joy Lavazza	Bill Worth
George Kosan	Susan Kriska	Tammy Wooster
Terry Cooney	Bob Stetler	Jim Barfield
Charles Brandt	Anne Wheeler	Bonnie & John Taylor

College: Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Joanna Tindall, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

Military: Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 16, 2020

9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Contemporary Worship
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

6:00 pm Brownies

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

8:30 am Meals on Wheels
10:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Loli
6:00 pm Youth
6:15 pm Bells
7:30 pm Choir

Thursday, February 20, 2020

6:00 pm Brandon Youth Theater Rehearsal

Sunday, February 23, 2020

9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Contemporary Worship with Communion
11:00 am Traditional Worship with Communion

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb.	20	Brandon Youth Theater
	23	Transfiguration of the Lord, Communion
	25	Fat Tuesday Youth Pancake Dinner
	26	Ash Wednesday Service
	27	Yard Sale Set-up
	28-29	Yard Sale
	29	Youth Extravaganza
Mar.	1	Kid's Sacraments Class, Brandon Youth Theater Set-up
	2	Committees Meet (room 3), Brandon Youth Theater Rehearsal
	3	Office Staff Meeting
	4	Confirmation Class
	5	Brandon Youth Theater Performance
	6	Brandon Youth Theater Performance
	7	Brandon Youth Theater Performance
	8	Communion, Fellowship Hall Items To Be Moved Out
	9	Revitalization of Fellowship Hall Begins
	10	Music Staff Meeting, Session
	11	Fellowship Luncheon, Confirmation Class
	12	Auditions for Brandon Youth Theater
	16-20	Spring Break
	25	Confirmation Class
	29	Blood Drive