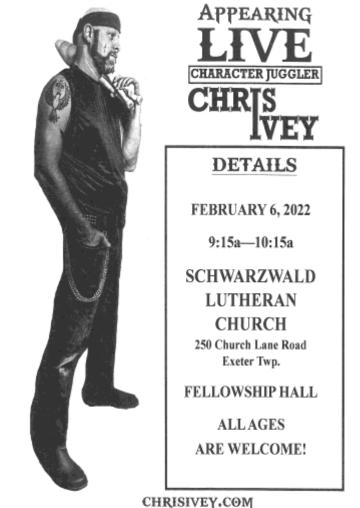
FOR CONFIRMATION YOUTH - 8TH & 9TH GRADERS:

Youth in grades 8 and 9, and also youth who are older but want to be involved in confirmation, are invited to attend confirmation classes. If you haven't signed up yet, please call Linda Strain 610-780-0033 or email her at LStrain@remax.net. Classes have started but it's not too late to enroll. Classes are held at 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. each Sunday during the Sunday School year. Families are encouraged to invite your youth's friends, who are without a church home, to be part of our program — it is a great way to get families reconnected with God and the church!

WE NEED YOUR HELP to get a Schwarzwald confirmand off to a great start! Each student needs a "Here We Are" journal, a resource meant especially for confirmation youth. If you would like to sponsor a journal at \$15.99, please contact Linda Strain at 610-780-0033.



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THIRD SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY JANUARY 23, 2022

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are captive 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 your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

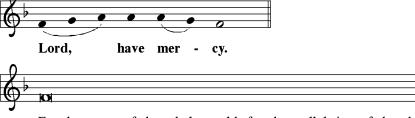
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GATHERING HYMN #553 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

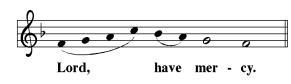
KYRIE In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



Upcoming worship services:

1/30 — The Rev. Richard Bardo 2/6 — The Rev. Donald Simmons 2/13, 2/20 and 2/27 — The Rev. Richard Bardo

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday March 2, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday evening Lenten services March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 7:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday April 10 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday April 14 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday April 15 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 17 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Souper Bowl of Caring

We will be collecting cans and packages of soup through Sunday, February 13th. This soup will be donated to the Exeter Area Food Pantry.

The Sunday School class that donates the most soup will win a pizza party.

Please start collecting now and bring your soup into Sunday School.



SERVING AT WORSHIP

Jim Kohler
Kelly Carr
Trevor Seidel
Tim / Nate Morgan
Sally Kennedy / Judy Ney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome The Rev. Richard Bardo as our supply pastor this morning.

We welcome Mrs. Patricia Weiser as our supply organist this morning.

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Marcia Holbrook in memory of her husband, Walt, and 2) by Nancy Jane Hoover in memory of Herb Hoover.

If you are a visitor, a special welcome to you, and if you are without a church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. If you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

Children's bulletins for readers and pre-readers are provided each week. They can be found on clipboards in the marked milk crates in the narthex and vestibule. Please return the clipboards. The crayons are yours to take home!

Your 2021 contribution statements are available for pick-up in the Narthex.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

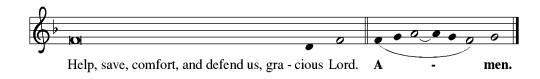
Next Sunday, January 30, 2022

Following the worship service, lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall.

The congregational meeting will begin immediately after lunch.

The 2021 Annual Report is available in the Narthex or vestibule. Please pick up a copy to review before next Sunday's meeting.

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HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE The Rev. Richard Bardo

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19 read responsively

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

THE 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 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

BLESSING

 P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
 + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN #576 We All Are One in Mission

DISMISSAL

- A Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE	The Heaven's Are Telling.		. Beethoven
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- P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

- P The peace of our Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Offer those with you in body or spirit a gesture of peace, saying: **Peace be with you.**

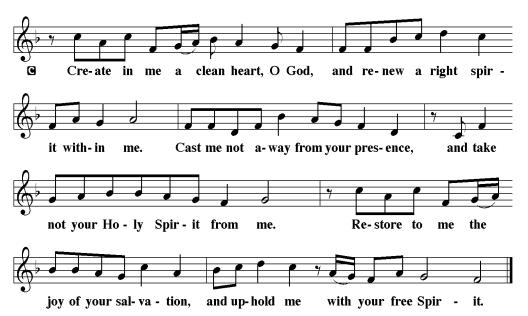
Please be seated.

OFFERING

A basket for your offering is available in the Narthex on entering.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear. enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable

members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The

eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY #311 Hail to the Lord's Anointed (sung to the tune of O Living Bread from Heaven)

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 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

After each petition of the prayers:

- A God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

Prayers for those with immediate concerns

Scot Griesemer	Darrell Phillips	Janice Smithson
Jan Zabodyn	Michael Dougherty	Amy Dougherty
Fionn Flanagan	Sylvie Moll-Peugh	Martin Tiderman