

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

## OUR FAITH FAMILY ... GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

The Opening of the Scriptures and Lighting of the Christ Candle

# The Welcome to Worship ..... Laura Edgar

## OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PRAISING

\* The Call to Praise ..... Cathy Summers

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life.**

Leader: As we behold the beauty of God's grace,  
we rejoice and give thanks.

**People: God is our shelter and strength!**

\* Hymn 640 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* ..... SHOWALTER

\* The Invocation ..... Cathy Summers

The Scripture Reading *Psalms 27:1, 4-9* ..... Morris Driggers  
(p. 437 of the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

# The Instrumental Interlude

## OUR FAITH FAMILY ... SHARING

Prayer Concerns of Our Church and World ..... Tripp Martin

The Preparation for Prayer 389 ..... Medema  
*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

**Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

The Ministry of Silence

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer ..... Tripp Martin

**Our Father, which 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. Amen.**

## OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PROCLAIMING

\* Hymn 476 *You Walk Along Our Shoreline* ..... AURELIA

The Children's Period ..... Tripp Martin

The Preparation for Scripture 280 *Speak, O Lord* . . . . . Getty & Townend

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in Your likeness;  
that the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
all Your purposes for Your glory.**

The Scripture Reading *Matthew 4:12-23* ..... Laura Edgar  
(p. 785 of the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Choral Worship *God Is My Strong Salvation* ..... arr. Lovelace  
Sanctuary Choir

God is my strong salvation: what foe have I to fear?  
In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near:  
Though foes encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand;  
What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance; my soul with courage wait;  
His truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate;  
His might thy heart shall strengthen, His love thy joy increase;  
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.

The Sermon ..... Tripp Martin  
*Adjusting to the Light*

## OUR FAITH FAMILY ... RESPONDING

\* Hymn of Commitment 71 ..... SLANE  
*Be Thou My Vision*

This hymn affords all of us a chance to consider our response to today's worship. The minister will welcome you at the front of the sanctuary if you would like to make a public commitment today.

The Receiving of New Members

The Offertory Prayer ..... Morris Driggers

The Offertory *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* ..... arr. Arison  
Scarlett Sheils, organist

The Introduction of New Members

\* The Spoken Benediction ..... Tripp Martin

\* The Sung Benediction *Always by Our Side* ..... Riley

**In worship, Lord, your name we raise  
and pray for your grace and peace for our lives.  
As followers of the Living God  
we long for your perfect wisdom and light.  
To grow, to serve as Godly children,  
we ask that each day on life's journey you will guide.  
As we depart to live for You, be ever, always by our side.**

\* standing as able

# ushers will seat worshippers

In order to preserve an atmosphere of worship, we respectfully ask that all electronic devices be silenced.

Children's worship activity kits are available for children in grades K-3 at each entrance to the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one for your child as you enter, then please return it as you exit the sanctuary. Children in kindergarten/first grade will return to their class after the Children's Period. If this is your child's first time to participate with this group, please accompany them to complete an emergency-information card.

The Lay Worship Leader for January is Cathy Summers. Cathy first became involved at AFBC as part of the College Ministry and has been a member since 2004. She is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and Sojourners Sunday School class, directs the Children's Choir, serves on the Music and CDC Committees, and has been a VBS director for several years. Cathy teaches US History and Microeconomics at Smiths Station High School and is also the Majorette Sponsor and instructor for the marching band. She and her husband Jason have two children, Elizabeth (14) and Jonathan (9).

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