

# Seeking, Sharing, Serving



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The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith Pastor **GREETING** 

### **CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Tell the world of the glory of the Lord:

P: The glory of God is a rejected glory. Yet, the stone the builders rejected has become our cornerstone.

L: Our cornerstone is Christ:

P: To know him and the power of his resurrection surpasses everything of value.

L: Know the rejected Son, and build your lives upon him:

P: For Christ has made us his own; therefore, let us press on undaunted toward our heavenly call in Christ Jesus.

L: Let us worship God!

HYMN "I Stand Amazed" Celtic Worship

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, your gift of the law is an act of grace, a penetrating light exposing the temptations of this world. In its light we see how we have violated your commandments and sought to conceal our sin beneath mounds of good deeds that can never measure up. Forgive our pretense to perfection, hear our confession of sin, and raise us to new life, freed from the law by the death of Christ, freed to walk with him in the abundant joy of your eternal realm. Amen.

### **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Let us live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

P: As we focus our minds on the goodness of God we will have the assurance that in Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **OFFERING**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM "Graves to Gardens" Brenden Praise

NT LESSON John 18:1-11

SERMON In the Garden The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

HYMN "In the Garden" The Church Sisters

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** 

# **PRAYERS**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Linda Kincheloe

Kay Mader

Martha Wilkerson

Nita Wimer

Earl Flower

**Amanda Harris** 

The Dull Family

### **SHUT-INS**

**Brannock Easley** 

**Tim Clemmer** 

Earl & Jean Flower - Legacy

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 6 Abigail Hippeard
- 6 Madeline Hippeard
- 6 Kelly Johnson
- 13 Ruth Grover

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

11 Melissa & Harry Dice

### IN THE MILITARY

Cole A Smiley, Army - Grandson of Nita & Woodie Wimer Scott Dice – Son of Melissa and Harry Dice Nick Dubyk – Grandson of Betty and the late Willis Clemmer Christopher Todd – Grandson of Ralph and the late Ruth Weller Matthew Witcofsky – Son of Janet and Joe Witcofsky

### **QUICK REMINDER**

Please call the Church Office (885-8159) if you or someone in your family goes into the hospital. This is the only sure way that we will know of your situation, so visits and other support can be given.

## **THIS WEEK**

TODAY OCTOBER 4

10:30 AM Worship

MONDAY OCTOBER 5

10 AM PW Coordinating Committee – Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

10:30 AM Worship



Dear Second Church Family,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the cards, phone calls, food and gift cards given to us during my illness and hospital stay. Your kindness and encouraging words have been a blessing to me and my family, and your prayers have given us the strength needed to get through the past few months and the months to come.

I am so blessed to have such a loving church family and look forward to the day when I can thank each of you in person.

Love and Blessings,

Hello Evan & All,

Thank you, everyone, for all the prayers, cards, and flowers – this definitely helped my spirits and healing in my fight against cancer. The outpouring of love (especially for someone so new to Staunton) warmed my heart. I most definitely chose the right church family!

Thank you

Love & Good Health to All

**Amanda Harris** 

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND WORSHIP

As a reminder to those that find the devotional "These Days" beneficial, this quarter's batch is set out on the small table in the cloak room just off the narthex. There are also a few devotionals left over from April and July that are available as well. Thanks!

And in the interest of adhering to the Covid -19 directives, our nursery will not be staffed during the month of October. We will be glad when this service can be restored. A further notice will be made at that time. Thanks again!

Jim Sargent