

# First Congregational Church of Tallmadge

United Church of Christ

## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

### Worship Service

*January 17, 2021*

*10:00 A.M.*

### **PRELUDE**

Come, Thou Fount — arr. Wyeth/Steffen

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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### **WELCOME & GREETING**

Liturgist

### **PASTORAL SHARING**

Pastor David

### **RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Liturgist and Congregation

Leader: Let us pray...

God of all times and seasons in life, we gather today to celebrate your presence, to find courage for the difficult decisions in life, to celebrate the joys of our faith, and to hear your Spirit.

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People: God of all times and seasons in life, sometimes things happen in our lives that need our attentive prayer: churches, families, communities, our country, and a mitigation of this pandemic are crucial concerns that we name today.

Leader: God's faithfulness to us will never change. God's mercy is heightened when we come with confession and repentance.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: The love of God is everlasting. His commandments encourage us to be a vibrant community of faith. Loving God and our neighbor as we love ourselves fulfill God's hopes, and bring God much joy.

People: Lord, help us to yield every day to your Spirit, and grant us your peace. Amen.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH TIME**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

"I See You" — Wendy Brown

### **YOUTH SONG**

"It is Well With My Soul" — Anthem Lights

## **CELEBRATING IN WORD AND PRAYER**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Liturgist

Gospel Lesson: John 1:43-51

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

## SCRIPTURE VERSES

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

## MESSAGE

*"The Lord is Calling" —Pastor David*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Love Divine, All Lives Excelling—Hymn

Solo: Carol Law

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747, Music: John Zundel, 1870

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*Pastor David*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

using "debts" and "debtors"

## PREPARING TO GO INTO THE WORLD

## OFFERING BLESSING & BENEDICTION

*Pastor David*

# CONGREGATION RESPONSE

(sung or said)

“Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you, each hour of every day.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.”

## POSTLUDE

Fanfare on Duke Street—Dixon/Hatton

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANK YOU

Thanks to our worship servants today—worship participants, parking lot helpers, staff, advertising, worship leaders, trustees, and production crew. Thanks to our technical team: Anne Perlick, Tim Burns, Diana Fiocca, and Vince Scovern. Thanks to our soloist Carol Law. Thanks to our liturgist Rebecca Moore.

### CONDOLENCES

We express our deep sympathy to the family and friends of Carol Myers, wife of Gary Myers, who passed away on January 8, 2021.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual Congregational Budget Meeting was scheduled for Sunday January 24, 2021. However, we will not be able to have this meeting in person. Voting will take place by email and regular mail. Please send your votes by the end of the week if possible.

### FOURTH GRADE COMMUNION

We are still working out how we will conduct our first Communion classes this year. If you have a fourth grader and you would like them to be a part of this class and take part in communion on Sunday, March 7, please contact Wendy, [wbrownfcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wbrownfcc@sbcglobal.net).

## LIVING STONES GOES VIRTUAL

Our Living Stones lesson will now be conducted virtually, instead of during the service. If you would like your child to be a part of these lessons, please contact Wendy, [wbrownfcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wbrownfcc@sbcglobal.net). We will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30pm on the 2nd and 4th week of each month. If we need supplies, Wendy will email you ahead of time to let you know.

### Age 4– 2nd grade @ 6:30 PM

January 11

January 25

February 8

February 22

### 3rd– 5th grade @ 6:30 PM

January 13 (bring a bible)

January 27

February 10

February 24



## 2021 BUDGET SHORTFALL

The budget committee has worked diligently since October to develop a balanced budget for our church in spite of the Covid-19 restrictions and other issues that have reduced the number of Pledging Units from 142 in 2020 to 114 in 2021. Significant cost reductions have been made and approved without making substantial cuts to our major ministries.

A final review of our budgetary plans has revealed a \$16,000 shortfall. We have therefore, suggested the Establishment of the "2021 Faithful Gift Fund". We have been given seed money of \$2,000 to begin the growth of this fund. We ask you, our church family, to pray that the "2021 Faithful Gift Fund" will be funded enthusiastically so that our budget can be balanced quickly. Our prayer chain is praying along with you. It is planned that if the fund is oversubscribed that all funds collected above the required \$16,000 will be deposited in the Restricted Funds Reserve account to replenish its balance.

Thank you!

Board of Stewardship Ministry & Executive Council

## 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Volunteers will be hand delivering all 2021 Offering Envelopes to our local church members and friends. All other envelopes will be sent by post. Thank you to all who generously give to FCC.

## ACME TAPES

The last date for collecting Acme Tapes was Dec. 26th. Thanks to all who saved their tapes to earn money for FCC.

## THE PRAYER CHAIN CONNECTION

Our Prayer Chain has grown to 11 members dedicated to service through praying. We pray for the names listed below and also for many other church members and their concerns, which remain confidential. You may call or text Diana Caldwell with your prayer concerns @ 330-265-5723.

*Bless be God who did not refuse me the kindness I sought in prayer. Psalm 66:20*

Noreen Ashley

Hannah McConihe

Tim Ashley

Ron Mitchell

Biff Baker

Katie Moore

Marilyn Berta  
(Coletta Spoler's daughter)

David & Jackie Parker

Bea Clarke

Ed Powell  
(Sharon Letzler's brother)

Betty Gullledge

Ronda Read

Marianne Hannum

Barbara Sherrick  
(Jim Harris's sister)

Bev Haught

James Hedden  
(friend of Bonnie Fordham)

C.J. Smith

Jan Hetzel

Alzheimer's Care Giver Support Group

Donnie Joyner

Zell Lambert

Confidential Names on our Prayer Lists

Maya Marquette (friend of the Ross Family)

Jim Mayfield