Announcements and Sermon Outline 1-16-2022

Upcoming Events

Tonight 6:30 pm, Verge meets at the Hunter's house.

January 19, 6:30. WBBBS Bible Study returns, *Ezekiel: Restoring Life to a Dead World.*
January 19, 7:30. Praise Team practice.

January 23, 9:00 am, Praise Team Warm-up
January 23, 9:30 am, Sunday School for all ages in person!
January 23 10:30 am, Join us online or in person for worship in Word, Music, and Prayer for the glory of God. Sermon series: *We Believe: The Apostle's Creed.* (Ephesians 2:20-22; Hebrews 10:23-25) *We Believe in the ekklesia.*

January 30, immediately following the worship service, Session has called a congregational meeting for the purposes of (1) receiving the 2022 annual budget and (2) suspending the rotation of church officers for 2022.
January 30, immediately following the congregational meeting, *Last Sunday of the month Covered Dish returns!*

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Prayer Requests: Please fill out a prayer request card located on the back table and give it to an elder before the service begins.

Offering procedures: Your offerings may be placed in the offering plates located on the tables in back of the sanctuary. Donations may also be mailed or sent through Pay Pal.

Living Our Faith

Faith Promise Update: Promises for 2021 total $19,582. Our current Faith Promise total collected in 2021 is $20,544.24. To God be the glory!

January 16, 2022

We Believe: The Apostles' Creed - We Believe in the Holy Spirit

Genesis 1:1-2; John 14:16-17; 25-26

The Eternal

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters" (Genesis 1:1-2).

The Life of the Church

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place…And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1, 4).

The Guide of the Believer

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you"
(John 14:16-18).

"Let us duly reflect upon the way in which the Spirit of the Lord acts upon the saints…When the Lord establishes his Kingdom in [his people], he restrains their will by his Spirit…That the will may be disposed to holiness and righteousness, He bends, shapes, forms, and directs it to the rule of his righteousness. That it may not totter and fall, he steadies and strengthens it by the power of his Spirit. In this vein Augustine says: 'You will say to me, 'Therefore we are acted upon and do not act ourselves.' Yes, you act and are acted upon. And if you are acted upon by one who is good, then you act well. The Spirit of God who acts upon you is the helper of those who act…indicates that you also do something.'…[A person's] action is not taken away by the movement of the Holy Spirit, because the will, which is directed to aspire to good, is of nature. But…must not so understand it as if something were to be attributed to each of us separately. But in order not to encourage indolence in us, he connects God's action with our own in these words: 'To will is of nature, but to will rightly is of grace'" (John Calvin, Institutes 2.5.14).