

Prayer requests will be sent to our Prayer Team and displayed on the notice board in Fellowship Hall throughout the week. Please pray for:

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May 12, 2024

**OUR VISION**

**We seek to be a Christ-centered church family that fosters deeper relationships with God and each other as we reach beyond the walls of the church.**

**STAFF**

- Reverend Brad Morgan**, Pastor
- James Tucker**, Church Organist/Vocal Music Coordinator (8:30)
- Myrlene Etienne, Sonia Montigny, Jackie O'Connor, Dawn Tuthill**, Praise Team Members
- Sonel Eugene**, IT Coordinator
- Sonia Montigny**, Coordinator of Children's Activities
- Joanne Maher**, Communications Coordinator
- Alice Cloherty**, Bookkeeper
- Candy Dein**, Sound Technician
- Susan Cunningham**, Food Pantry Coordinator
- Michael DeFabrizio**, Community Meal (SOS) Coordinator
- Rob Laing**, Community Life Chair
- Jeff Dein**, Custodian
- Derek Kudrle**, Custodian Assistant
- Andy Lagendyk**, Clerk of Session
- Jean Bazelais**, Church Treasurer
- Nancy O'Connor**, Moderator of the Board of Deacons
- Andy and Corrie Lagendyk**, Head Ushers



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# A Mother's Split Decision

## 1 Kings 3:16-28



*Since 1730*

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
*Mother's Day*  
**May 12, 2024**  
**8:30 A. M. WORSHIP**

# IN WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

**The Opening Word** “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.”  
~ Isaiah 66:13a

## GATHERING

**Opening Music** “Take My Life And Let It Be” (Bock)

### **Welcome/Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God.

**People: Like a mother, God knows us intimately.**

Leader: God loves us unconditionally.

**People: God instructs us on our path.**

Leader: God comforts us in times of need.

**People: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of all life!**

**\*Congregational Hymn #786 (v.1,2,4)** “Count Your Blessings”  
(Connect forms will be collected as we sing the second verse.)

### **Coming to Terms with Ourselves and God**

(Moment of silence for personal confession of sin.)

Leader: Lord through the Praise of King Solomon’s words,

**People: Enable us to speak your wisdom in all places.**

Leader: Lord through the selfless act of a mother,

**People: Heal us from the selfish acts that consume our hearts.**

Leader: Lord through Your reconciling act on the cross,

**People: Lead us to be reconciled with one another today.**

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God the Creator brings new life as He forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your new creation in the Spirit of Christ. Be at peace, for we are forgiven!

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **Greeting Each Other With The Peace of Christ**

**A Time of Prayer (concluding with 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 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.**

## THE WORD

**The Word of God (Old Testament)** 1 Kings 3:16-28

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn #793 (v.1,2,3)** “For The Beauty of The Earth”

**The Word of God (New Testament)** 2 Timothy 1:3-5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## Today’s Message

### **A Mother’s Split Decision**

“The woman whose son was alive was filled with compassion for her son and said to the king, ‘Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don’t kill him!’ But the other said, ‘Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!’”  
~ 1 Kings 3:26

Reverend Brad Morgan

### **\*What We Believe**

The Apostles’ Creed (Rome, 180 AD)  
**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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church; the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**  
\*the true church of Jesus everywhere

### **Presentation of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings**

Offertory

**\*Doxology # 815**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

**\*Closing Announcements and Blessing**

**\*Hymn #788**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

**\*Music as We Depart to Serve**

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer” (Traditional)

\*You are welcome to stand.

+ Elders are available at the front of the sanctuary for prayer as worship concludes.

+ Following worship you are invited to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

After 8:30AM service from 9:30-10:30AM.  
After 11:15AM service from 12:00-12:45PM.

## **CONNECT FORM**

Welcome! Use this form to connect with us. Register a prayer request, indicate your interest in some area of our church life, and/or tell us about yourself. Please place the form in the collection plate.

Mr./Mrs./Ms.

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Please Check One:

First Time Guest  Member

Regular attender  Returning guest (2-5x)

Age group: (circle) 13-18 19-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-up

Children’s ages (circle) <1 1 2 3 4 5 or Grades (circle):

K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

How can we serve you?

I would like to know how to become a Christian.

I would like to know more about this church.

I would like information regarding membership.

I would like to know more about:

My prayer request(s) are on the back of this form.