

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer"

*Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace.*

SERMON

Rev. David A. Jones

* PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all
creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN #724 (Green Hymnal) "Lead On, O King Eternal"

* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "Jesus Calls Us"

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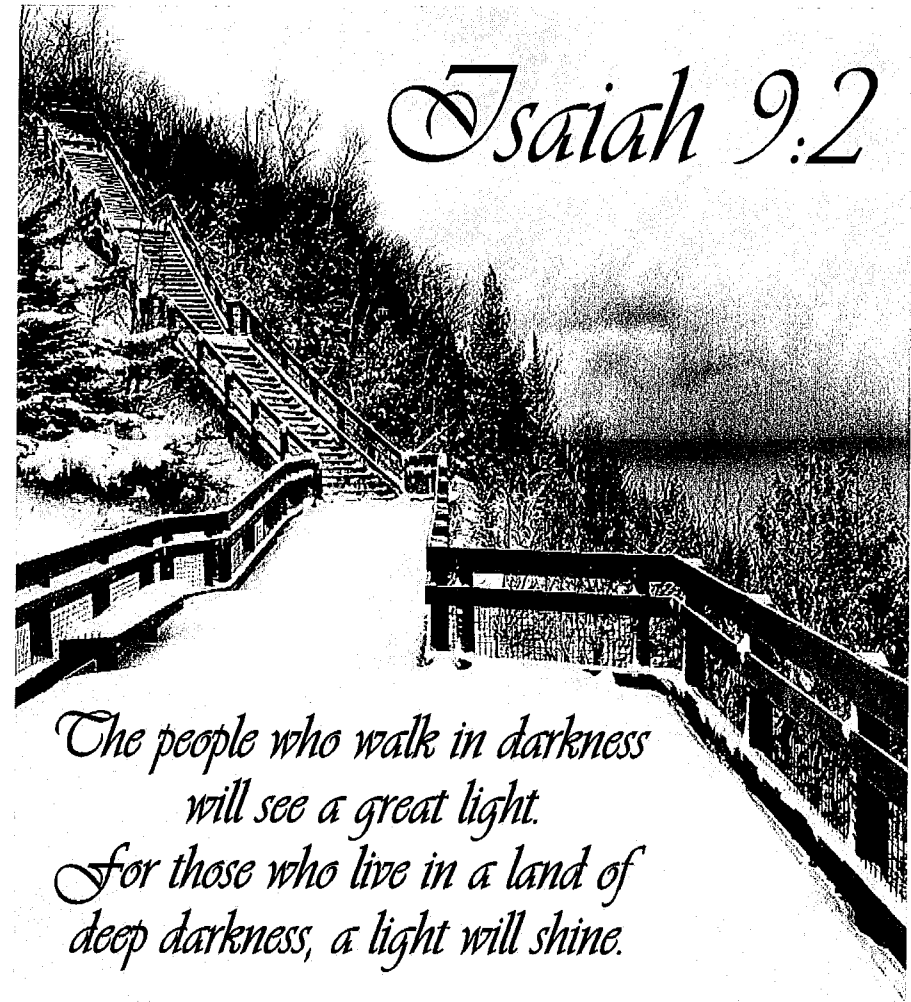
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Nine O'Clock
Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

Reader: Deborah Follett

God is Still Speaking ...

"I must not just live my life; I will not just spend my life. I will invest my life."
- Helen Keller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" G. Martin

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: To those who dwell in darkness, a new light has dawned.

People: To those who live in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence has appeared.

Pastor: Jesus of Nazareth is our light and our salvation.

People: We will follow, unafraid, where Jesus leads us.

Pastor: Let us worship the God of light and promise.

People: We will celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

* HYMN #433 (Green Hymnal) "Rise Up, O Church of God"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Turn our lives around, O God. Help us to identify in ourselves those parts of us that need to change if we are to experience your joy. For too long we have been living in the shadows, reluctant to express our faith. For too long we have shunned the light, afraid of what might be exposed. For too long we have avoided people with whom we have a quarrel, refusing to build bridges across our differences. Save us from ourselves that we may enjoy your kingdom...

Silent confession...

* KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, Have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

* WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

The Light has come and salvation is poured out on those who accept it. God's graciousness has reached into our lives and welcomed us. We are free to accept the invitation to follow Jesus. This is good news that needs to be shared.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MEDITATION IN SONG "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"

Bell Choir

Arr. by Jason W. Krug

THE SCRIPTURES (Insert)

Old Testament

Isaiah 9: 1 - 4

*Gospel

Matthew 4: 12 - 23

* THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH – THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten 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 Hades; 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.

Isaiah 9: 1 – 4

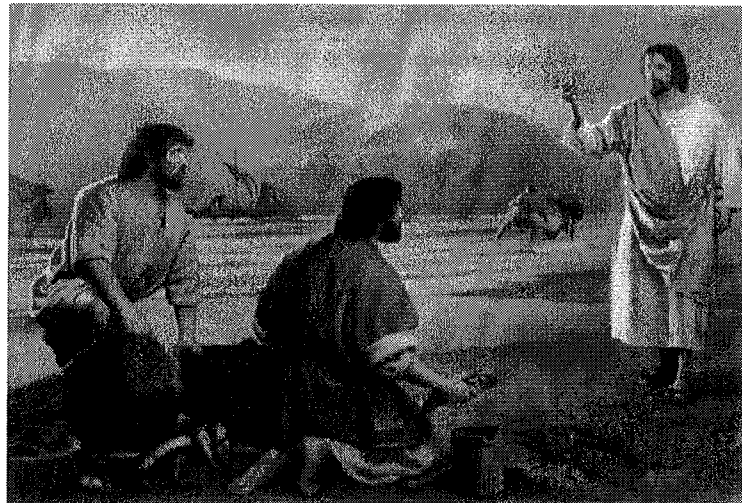
But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Matthew 4: 12 – 23

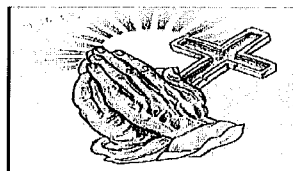
Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



Jesus said to them, "Follow me,
and I will make you
fish for people."

- Matthew 4: 19



ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Andy Shearer

Deb Weise

Ken and Charlotte Wengert

Eva Miller

Lynn Balmer

Adria Ortiz (Cindy Johnson's Granddaughter)

Isaiah Witters

Bud Kneasel (Candy Wentzel's brother)

Breyana Lehman

Zachary Oberholtzer

Regina Trokie

John Schieber

Gail Winters

Donna Brown

Shirley Shaak

Members from our church family who are shut-in or home bound

The People of Ukraine

ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS **Schedule for Week of January 22, 2023**

Sunday Koffee Klatsch – 8:30-9AM and 10-10:30 AM
Worship Service – 9:00 AM
Adult Sunday School – 10:15 AM
Monday Coaching Session – 7 PM – Fellowship Hall
Tuesday Women's Study Group – 6:30 PM – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM and 6:30 PM

Flowers and Bulletins – Check with the office for available dates for 2023. Dates available for flowers – January 29, February 5, 19 and 26. Dates available for bulletins – January 29, February 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Financial Statements – are completed. Please see Cindy to pick them up today.

Congregational Annual Meeting – will be held Sunday, January 29, after worship service. We will also be offering the meeting by Zoom. If you are interested in this please let Pastor Dave or Cindy know and we will send you the link.

Greeters Needed – there is a sign up sheet for greeters. Greeters will help members or visitors with bulletins, communion cups and bread, or any questions. If you are interested, please let us know and Todd Ryland will be reaching out to you.

Sunday Morning Worship Time – will be changing to 10 AM starting February 4th.

If anyone worshipping with us would like to become a member of St. Mark's, please reach out to Pastor Dave.

SAVE THE DATES:

Annual Congregational Meeting – January 29, 2023 – After worship service
Ash Wednesday Service – February 22, 2023 – 7:30 PM - Communion

Conference Call information:

Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284
Press* when asked for your attendee pin