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No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.



Welcome to our Combined 10:15am Worship Service In-Person & Streaming Online



Sunday, January 23, 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### Welcome

May God's loving presence be very real to you, and may you receive strength and guidance today That will enable you to handle life's challenges.

### **Children's Bulletins**

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.

The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

### Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul. (Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table).

### Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are very welcome to participate in the entire worship service. Due to the COVID pandemic, for the safety of children, we are currently not offering a nursery during worship. Normally, we have supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor.

### **Junior Worship**

For the safety of children, we are not offering Junior Worship during the pandemic. Normally, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, following the children's sermon, for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons.

### Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

### **Changing Tables**

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

### **Water Fountains**

For the safety of all, our water fountains are disabled during the pandemic.

### **Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes**

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

### **Sunday Worship**

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

### Praver and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

### **Looking for a Church to Call Home**

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's or Zion United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's, Zion, and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our churches.

### More Information....

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the *Blue Visitor Table* in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

{Symbols used in this bulletin: \*= if able please stand; \$\mathbb{I}\# = Red Hymnal Page; \$\mathcal{I}\# = Blue Hymnal Page}





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Phone Stream at 1-888-649-5770 - Live or Listen Later
Zoom: Meeting ID: 104 401 368; Passcode: 301301 (or call 1-301-715-8592) - Live Only

If you have any access problems, please let us know at 610-621-5770 or Office @sprucc.org

### ORDER FOR WORSHIP We Gather

We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God, and provide for one another our love, support, and care.

Please Do Not move the red ribbons or sit where they are placed.

They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

**PRELUDE** 

**GREETING AND WELCOME** 

{To center your hearts and minds, you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently during or before the Prelude}

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP (Silently Before Worship Begins)

On this holy day, we come together to make sense of our lives. We look to your Word, O God, as a source of understanding. Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in your presence. Cleanse and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from self-imposed limitations. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" all verses A Blue # 181
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\*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy

Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP ®

Leader: Let the ears of all people be attentive;

the heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork.

Let us bow down and worship our Creator.

Leader: Day and night, God is at work among us.

We are drawn together into one body, the church.

People: As we commune with God, we know we need one another.

Let us honor the good to be found in all people.

Leader: Hear once again the laws and commandments.

Find them sure and right and true for all.

People: We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness.

We seek true community in which all are honored.

### We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION (Leader)

Who can discern their own errors? Are we innocent of great transgression? Are there hidden faults of which we are unaware? Let us hold one another accountable to grow in faith. Let us examine ourselves that we may be open to the leading of the Spirit.

### \*Confession of Sin <sup>2</sup> (Unison)

Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess. We seek to keep your law, but the right course is not always clear. We want to follow your direction, but it is hard to discern what is true. Sometimes it is difficult to care about people whose values are different from ours. How can we be one with those who do not share our beliefs? At times, our own faith is shaken – our faith in ourselves and our faith in you. We need your help, God, so our sins will not have dominion over us. Amen.

### \*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

\*Prayer for Mercy "Kvrie" \$\int Red #518

Leader (spoken): Lord, have mercy upon us.

People (sung):
Leader (spoken):
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Leader (spoken):
Lord have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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### \*Assurance of Pardon © (Leader)

Do not weep or mourn before the law of God. Rather, let the law revive your soul and enlighten your eyes. The Spirit of God is eager to teach, inspire, and strengthen you. Desire to know the purpose of God. Pursue understanding more than riches. God is our Rock and our Redeemer. **Amen.** 

### \*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: The Lord has been made manifest to us.

People: Illumined by the Spirit, we sing to the Lord our praise.

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

### \*SUNG RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

{Please be seated}

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### We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.

We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God."

Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

### **PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE**

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-21

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

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HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" vs. 1 & 4

**∄**Blue #1

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### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### **SERMON**

### We Respond with Thanks

We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have
learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by
re-affirming our faith in God,
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, an

praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

{Those who are able, please rise}

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>†</sup>The word "catholic" means "the universal church" and was the word used in the original version of the Creed. It does not refer here to the particular denomination of the Roman Catholic Church, but rather the whole Christian church of all denominations, the body of Christ, as a universal fellowship.

### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

Leader: Let us pray...

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of grace, **People: hear our prayer.** 

### LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

### PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

And grant us Thy peace. Amen

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{please be seated}

### OPPORTUNITIES OF OFFERING TIME AND TALENT

Prayer Needs, Joys, Opportunities for Study and Service, and other Announcements

### **OFFERTORY INVITATION** <sup>2</sup>

Leader: We are part of the body of Christ which extends around the world.

Together, we form a caring community, united in spite of many differences.

People: If others are suffering, we, too, will suffer.

Leader: When we have the ability to help, it is a joy to do so.

People: May our offerings preach good news, proclaim liberty, and recover

among us all the ability to see and hear and respond.

### **RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS**



{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person. A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.

Whether worshiping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through St. Paul's UCC secure Online Giving option on our website at sprucc.org. St. Paul's UCC Click Here
or Zion UCC's online giving at www.1Zion.org - Zion UCC Click Here
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551
or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}.

### **OFFERTORY**

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

\*Offertory Response "Let's Worship and Adore Him"

月 Blue # 247

For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

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### \*Offertory Prayer <sup>②</sup> (Leader)

Our God, in the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. **Amen**.

### We Are Sent Out

In response to God's love and grace, we go out into the world to share God's Good News through our words and actions.

### \*Commission <sup>②</sup>

Leader: May the words of our mouths proclaim God's love.

May the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.

People: We go forward as praying, witnessing people.

What we do and say will change our world.

Leader: The Spirit of God accompanies us on our journey.

We are anointed for the sharing of good news.

People: In purity of heart, we seek to serve.

In quiet confidence, we dare to change and grow.

ALL: Amen.

\*BENEDICTION

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\*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

\$Red #558

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(Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us, as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}

**POSTLUDE** 

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

### ALL are invited

to share in a time of Refreshments and Fellowship in the downstairs Miller Fellowship Hall

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### The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

(1) God welcomes us and invites us

(2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him

(3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace

(4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace

(5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon

(6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer

(7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure

(8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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### **About Today**

**Church Season: Epiphany -** Season of the manifestation of God incarnate to the world.

In Greek "phan" is "shine" or "manifest," and "epi" is "upon." The season of Epiphany continues from January 6 until Ash Wednesday.

**Color of the Paraments** (cloths on the altar, pulpit, and lecturn):

**White** – symbolizing the purity of Christ as we are washed in the baptismal waters and the blood of Christ.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year C**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Luke.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church). The first four books of the NT are called the "Gospels," which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible.

### This Sunday, January 23 -- Lectionary Reading for Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-2

### **Nehemiah**

The OT book of Nehemiah is the second half to the book of Ezra. The book chronicles the memoirs of Nehemiah and was probably written in the 400s B.C. His name means "God comforts and encourages." After the Babylonians were defeated by the Persians, the Jewish people were able to return to Israel from exile beginning in 538 B.C. Nehemiah had a key role in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, expanding the population of Jerusalem, correcting societal abuses, supporting a communal worship life, and guarding against mixing with foreigners.

### Psalm 19

In this OT song, we sing proclaim that we and the heavens give praise and glory to God for creation and the perfect law of the Lord.

### The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

This NT Epistle (letter) was written by the Apostle Paul between 53-54 A.D. to a gentile congregation he had founded several years earlier in Corinth (the capital city of the Roman province of Achaia, a large and prospering urban center that was ethnically, culturally, and religiously diverse). This letter is in response to issues within the Corinthian church, in particular fractions caused by one-upmanship and privatization of faith. Paul encourages humility, unity within diversity, and witnessing to God's grace. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and church leader, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. Paul wrote more of the NT than any other person.

### The Gospel According to Luke

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles is attributed to Luke "the beloved physician," written around 59-90 A.D. (C.E.). Not having met Jesus personally, Luke undertook the task of "investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account" of Jesus Christ, "so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed."

### Next Sunday, January 30 -- Lectionary Reading for 4th Sunday after Epiphany

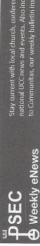
Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:14-30



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### Quiet Days

## 1st Tuesday of Every Month

Come away for a time of quiet and solitude, individual reflection, and fellowship and sharing. Quiet Days are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30 am-1 pm. Next Quiet Day is February 1st. Quiet Days are designed to open new avenues of communing with God, world. There is no formal registration, but a minimum donation of \$5 is journal, pen and a bag lunch. Come and see what God has in store for and to provide an opportunity for sharing faith journeys and stories. requested on Quiet Day. Each participant is asked to bring a Bible, They allow for Sabbath time and renewal in the midst of our busy

For more information go to psec.org, click on the Calendar and click on the first day of every month for location and more information!

# Trauma Training—Saturday, February 26th

descriptions below). One in the morning and one in the afternoon, both excellent trainings in one day, on how to deal with trauma (see detailed PSEC, in partnership with Lakeside Global Institute, offer two via zoom

The cost for both is \$30.00.

Registration is limited to 100 individuals.

Register at: https://psectrauma.eventbrite.com



### 9:00-11:00 am **TRAUMA 101**

## An Overview of Trauma—Informed Care

childhood adversities. In this multi-media, interactive workshop, professionals better informed and prepared to prevent and address the traumatic impact of throughout a person's lifetime. As a society and as individuals, we need to be Research shows that 67% of the population has experienced at least one Adpredictive of a multitude of toxic physical, mental and social outcomes verse Childhood Experience. These trauma based adversities are appreciate the complex nature of trauma and its aftermath. work together to build a powerful image that helps them

Topics: Self-Care Plans TedTalkwithDr.NadineBurke-Harris Whatis

Trauma? PrinciplesofTrauma BrainDevelopment KindsofTrauma

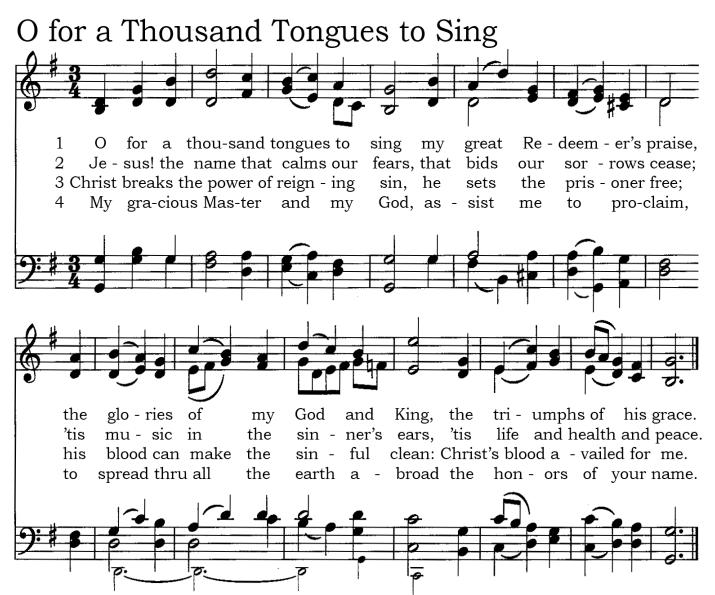
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### 12:00-2:00 pm **TRAUMA 102**

## Basic Skills of Trauma—Informed Care

understanding of trauma and are provided specific skills that enhance abilities to interact in emotionally and relationally healthy ways with people impacted by trauma. As professionals become trauma-aware, they have a responsibility workshop professionals are provided opportunities to implement and practice Building on information provided in Trauma 101, professionals expand their to prevent, avoid and respond to trauma. In this hands-on, interactive the skills presented.

Reason HUG (Hear-Understand-Give Back) RESSQ (Reassure-Explain-Share-Review of 101 • Personal Self-Care Plans Dr. Bruce Perry's Regulate-Relate-Solve-Question) Application of HUG and RESSQ • Intentional Breathing



Text: Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

Tune: Richmond C.M. Thomas Haweis, 1792; arr. S. Webbe

### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.

Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts'
Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

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### God of Change and Glory



Al Carmines, composer, playwright, performer, and teacher, has served as minister for two United Church of Christ congregations in New York City. This hymn, commissioned in 1973, was one of the first modern texts to claim diversity as a gift from God.

Tune: KATHERINE 6.5.6.5.7.7.
Al Carmines, 1973

