

Order of Worship
January 26, 2020 – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – from John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things were made;
without him nothing was made that has been made.
In him was life, and that life was the light of humanity.
The light shines in the darkness,
but the darkness has not overcome it.

Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #103

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (#895)

Responsive Reading – from John 1:6-9, 3:19-21

There came a man who was sent from God;
his name was John.

*He came as a witness to testify concerning that light,
so that through him all people might believe.*

He himself was not the light;
he came only as a witness to the light.

*The true light that gives light to everyone
was coming into the world.*

This is the verdict:

Light has come into the world,
but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.
Everyone who does evil hates the light,
and will not come into the light
for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

*But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light,
so that it may be seen plainly that
what he has done has been done through God.*

Gloria Patri (#70) and Apostles' Creed (#881)

Children's Time

Hymn Favorites

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Doxology (#95) and Prayer

Scripture John 8:1-12

Sermon

Jesus the Light of the World: **Exposing Our Sin, Revealing the Truth**

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Hymn *Christ is the World's Light* #188

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. January 22, 1973 was the day the U.S Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states. Churches and Christians around the United States use this day (and the Sundays closest to it) to celebrate God's sacred gift of human life; to commemorate the many lives lost to abortion (nearly 62 million legal abortions have been performed since 1973, according to Planned Parenthood's Guttmacher Institute); and to commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage (not only the unborn, but also the handicapped, disabled, infirm, elderly, etc).

Sanctity of Human Life Prayer Witness

2:00 p.m. Today, January 26, 2020

Join Pastor Paul and others in front of the County Courthouse

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John 8:12

The Divine name for God revealed to Moses: _____
Jesus expands on this name _____ times; today is the _____

Exposing Our Sin

The first part of this sermon discusses how Jesus exposes our sin. How can you let Jesus shine his Light into your life? What are some of the sins in your life that he would expose?

Revealing the Truth

The second part of this sermon discusses how Jesus reveals truth. As you reflect on the perfect life of Jesus, what are some specific ways that he challenges and equips you to live in the light?

The one most important little word in Jesus's claim is _____
There are many lights, but only Jesus is the _____ light

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Bible Study & Prayer Groups

10:00 am Mondays at Jean Christman's
10:00 am Wednesdays at Poplar Valley Social Hall

Souper Bowl of Caring
Next Sunday, February 2

Souper Bowl of Caring is on Sunday, February 2nd. Let's "tackle" hunger by bringing in cans of soup and other food items for our local food pantry. During the past 18 years, we have collected a total of 3,204 food items that we have given to local food pantries! Last year, we collected 288 cans/food items and the two years before that, our totals were around 350! Our little church can help tackle hunger and make a difference in our community.

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