

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

January 5th: Wednesday at 3 pm
Abigail Circle in the church library

Next Sunday, January 9; Adult Sunday School begins
(see below)

Next Sunday the 9th: Our worship service at 9:30 am

Starting January 9th, we will be offering a more informal adult Sunday School class, blending Bible Studies and discussions. On January 9th, we will wrap up the faithful story of Joseph. Then, on January 16th, conversations will be led by Judy Kennedy, Rev. Tom Yackley and Pastor Gregg as we explore the scripture lessons from that morning's worship, seeking to activate the Word of God in our lives as we head into our week's callings.

Please grab some refreshments and drop by for some interesting discussions on Sunday mornings as God continues to work on our hearts and our minds.

LIGHTS OUT

Too frequently we discover lights on in the church building when no one is there. If you are the last one to leave a room or leave the building, please remember to turn the lights out. Our electric bill could use the help. ☺

SO LONG, NORMAL

Abigail Circle will begin a new study in January. "So Long, Normal" is a 5 session study that guides us to leave behind the idols of comfort, caution, and routine so we can live strong and well, even when life takes an unwelcome turn. Abigail Circle meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 3 pm, but you can join us at 3:30 for the study. See Judy Kennedy if you need a study book. Cost of the book is \$16.

Park Forest Village United Methodist Church
Welcome to Worship!

January 2, 2022
Second Sunday after Christmas
Reverend Tom Yackley

Chosen by His Love
9:30 am

Laura Leslie, Guest Organist



***Our Mission is to provide a place for worship,
Fellowship and mission outreach.***

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Welcome/Announcements

** The Call to Worship

Sing aloud with gladness! Shout with great rejoicing!

Alleluia! All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Alleluia!!

Proclaim the Good News with all your hearts, and praise the heavens with all your souls:

For God has saved all the peoples!

** Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word become flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**** The Opening Hymn** Joy to the World #246
Children's Message (if children are present)

Prayer for Illumination

Lord Jesus, true light and inspiration for the world, in your ministry on earth you read from the scriptures in the synagogue and taught the people the meaning of what you read and they heard.

Therefore, so now enlighten us through the reading and interpretation of God's Word preserved for us, and give us grace to do your will by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31: 7-13 pg. 898 (OT)
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Epistle and Gospel Readings

Ephesians 1: 3-14 pg. 234 (NT)

**John 1: 1-5, 10-18 pg. 111 (NT)

Morning Message

Chosen by His Love

The Sacredness of Offering and Reflection

Offertory

** The Doxology

In the Bleak of Midwinter (verse 4) #221

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give him: give my heart.**

** Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn of Preparation Fill My Cup Lord #641 (2 times)

The Great Thanksgiving

Taking and Breaking of the Bread and Cup

Giving and Receiving

Prayer and Blessing After Receiving

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

****Benediction with Blessing**

****Choral Response**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain # 251 (vs 3)

****Postlude**

****Denotes Standing**

Please join us in the Prism for fellowship and refreshments after the service.