

*Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023*

Watchword: God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing” **No. 782**

Liturgy: Responsive Reading based on Psalm 139 (See Insert)

Congregational Concerns and Prayer (See Insert)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Hearing God’s Word

Isaiah 49:1-4 • Psalm 40:1, 5-8
1 Corinthians 1:4-9 • John 1:35-42

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Hymn “Come Now, O Lord” **No. 742**

Message “Our Most Valuable Asset &
Most Limited Commodity.”

Closing Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” **No. 751**

Benediction & Postlude

Calendar of Events

Today 11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Chicken Pie Group

Monday, Jan. 16 9:00 a.m. Make Chicken Pies
Church Office is Closed for M.L.K. Jr. Holiday

Sunday, Jan. 22 11:00 a.m. Worship

Today’s Board Members: Rob Lang and Patti Petree

Next Sunday’s Board Members: Monroe Bowles and Rob Lang

Attendance Sunday Worship (01/08/2023): 47

Staff

Worth Green, Interim Pastor; Dana Myers, Associate Pastor;
Michael Westmoreland, Music Director & Organist;
Ashton Scott, Administrative Assistant.

Directory Update: Please notify the Church Office if you have any changes to your contact info (email address, physical address or phone) by January 31. Thanks!

Needs at Sunnyside: With winter upon us, we remember our neighbors who are challenged by high heating and grocery bills. Sunnyside needs blankets of any size and peanut butter to supply the food pantry. Bring items to the Church and we will transport them to Sunnyside for distribution. And please don’t forget our Blessing Box! We need your items. Thank you all for your generosity!

Chicken Pie Group is back: Please place orders for small chicken pies at frieschickenpies@gmail.com.

Prayers for the Congregation and the World

God of every Land and Nation,

You have created all people
and you dwell among us in Jesus Christ.
Listen to the cries of those who pray to you,
and grant that, as we proclaim the greatness of your name,
all people will know the power of love at work in the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Submission of Pastoral Concerns and Prayer Requests

1. If you know of a pastoral concern within our congregation, please email frieschurch6@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.
2. If you want to add a name to the Confidential Prayer List contact Kathleen Brady at kabmhb@gmail.com.
3. If you wish to add a name to the Weekly Email and Sunday Bulletin contact Ashton Scott at frieschurch@gmail.com.

Services Online

Sunday Morning Worship is available live and on-demand with links to YouTube from www.frieschurch.org.

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*The Motto: In Essentials, Unity; in Non-Essentials,
Liberty; in All Things, Love.*

*The Good News: God Creates, Redeems, and Sustains,
That we might respond in Faith, Love, and Hope!*

A Responsive Reading Based on Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down and you are familiar with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, lo, O LORD, you know it altogether.

You come behind me and before me and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.

Whither shall I go from your Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

If I say, "Let only darkness cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you, the night is bright as the day; for darkness is as light with you.

You formed my inward parts, you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful.
Wonderful are your works!**

You know me in every detail; my frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

If I count them, they are more than the sand. As long as I live, I am still with you.

Isaiah 49:1-4

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

Psalm 40:1, 5-8

1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry... 5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. 6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. 7 Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. 8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1:35-42

35 The next day (the day after John baptized Jesus) John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).