### United Church of Christ of California – California, MORev. Russell CobbPastorMrs. Beth DampfOrganistMrs. Stacy FriedrichSr. Choir Director

February 4, 2024 ~ The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

\* All those who are able, please stand.

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Jess Medlin & Grayden Gatlin

**Choral Opening** 

Welcome and Announcements

Installation of the Consistory

Jim Deeken, Holly Bieri, Jay Bestgen, Larry Schoeneberg, Alan Chambers, VanDee Miller, Ellen Ash, Carole Barbour

Greeting

Introduction

Presentation

Covenant by the Consistory

Covenant by the Congregation

Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our sisters and brothers in Christ, who have answered God's call to service. Do you promise to love them, honor their leadership, and assist them that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ?

#### We do, relying on God's grace.

Prayer of Installation

Declaration Greeting of Christian Love

\*Call to Worship

In the name of a God who has created us, redeems us, and sustains us. Amen.

Good people of the church, lift up your eyes to see and open your ears to hear.

#### Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God meets us here.

Good children of the light, open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

#### For we have seen, heard and known. From the beginning to the end, Our God is always with us.

\*Hymn No. 161 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

\*Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power Make us agents of your healing and to the faint. wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

\*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise! \*Act of Praise – "Gloria Patri"

Invitation to Children's Time

#### Hymn for Children "This Little Light of Mine"

p. 466-sing first verse once

Children's Time

Holly Bieri

Anthem	"We Live By Faith"	Sr. Choir
Prayer for Illumination		Carole Barbour
Wondrous Spirit, gather our minds that they may be one with you. Open our ears that they may hear your Word. Soften our hearts that they may receive your wisdom. Speak to us for we, your servants, are listening. Amen.		
Scripture Le <i>First Less</i> Second Le	<i>con:</i> Ecclesiastes 12:9-	▲ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Sermon The Doctor Will See You Now-The Gospel of Luke Finding the Right Doctor- Luke 1:1-4 p. 887		
Hymn No. 362 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"		
Christians, what do you believe? (Apostles' Creed) I believe in God the Father, Almighty		
Prayer of Intercession		
The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)		
Invitation to the Offering		
*Response "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"		
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn No. 65 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"		

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response – "Go in Love" Go in love, have no fear. God will guide you, He is always near. Go in love, take His hand. God will hear you, He will understand. May His light forever shine upon you; May His peace be always in your heart. Go in love, face each day. God will lead you, He will show the way. Go in love, and live in faith. Amen.

\*Postlude

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We rejoice with **Brooks Nichols**, as he is being Baptized at the First Christian Church, **Today, Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, immediately after worship. Everyone is invited to witness the Baptism of Brooks!

#### <u>Wednesday Evening Meal, February 7th</u> ~ 6pm Spaghetti, Salad, and Fruit

Don't forget to sign up!!

A **Nursery** is available just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Reagan Cain.** There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

**Need some help with hearing?** See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

**Notice the "Connection Cards" in the pews.** They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

#### Activities Calendar: February 4, 2024 ~ February 11, 2024

#### Sunday, February 4th

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship (Consistory Installation)

5:30 p.m. – High School Youth-Pizza and Pickle Ball at Church Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. – Sunday School Teachers and Officers Meeting

#### <u>Tuesday, February 6th</u>

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

#### Wednesday, February 7th

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, ROK/God's Singers, Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

#### Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead...... February 12 – Consistory Meeting February 14- Ash Wednesday February 18 – Sunday School Family Game Night-Chili/Soup Cookoff February 21 – Women's Guild February 26 – Men's Brotherhood

**High School Youth** Meeting **Tonight, February 4**<sup>th</sup> here at the Church from **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m**. We will be playing Pickle Ball and Pizza will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite snack.

**Please pray for these...** Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of Kathryn Hickman Family and Friends of George Shelley

#### **Confirmands:**

Kalyn Carlock, Aubrey Davis, Emma Kissick, Khloe Mortenson and Brooks Nichols

#### All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky ZuidervaartBill SchachtBeth RohrbachJo SuggsJudy Kilmer

#### All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Martin Knipker (son of Kenny Knipker)

Dwight Bowlin (grandson of Jack & the late Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, *KY*)

Dakota Meyer (grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO) Madelynn Perry (granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe) Dylan Ash (son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Oak Harbor, WA) Hayden Grant (grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Okinawa, Japan) Derek Meyer (grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey, CA) Brett Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Elmendorf, AK) Damion Street (grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany)



Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) Sunday, February 11, 2024

after children's time until the end of the worship service for **Grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade**. We will have a Bible story video with BibleForce Heroes, talk about our Bible story, sing songs and have a snack. All the kids in this age group are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall with Betty Cobb. Sunday ROK will take place the **second Sunday of each month**.

You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

#### Sunday School is sponsoring





#### When: Sunday, February 18, 2024

Doors open at 5:30 pm Sampling Soup or Chili starts at 6:00 pm









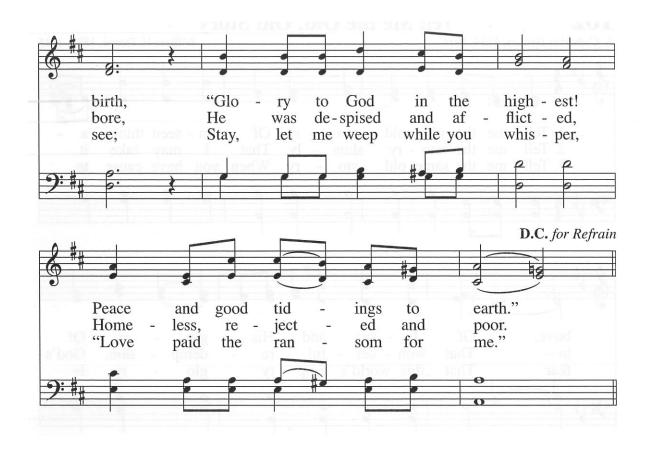
Dreaming of Summer?

Start thinking about Summer Camp!

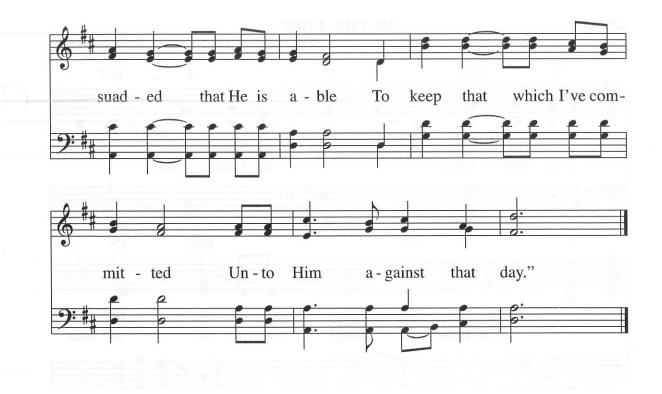
2024 Camp Aurora dates and information are available on their website at www.campaurora.org, see the flyers posted or contact Cinda Scheidt. Keep in mind, Sunday School will pay ½ of early registration fee for church member and one friend so mark your calendars !

#### Tell Me the Story of Jesus









#### My Jesus, I Love Thee



# THE APOSTLES' 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he arose 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 Spirit; the one Holy universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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## **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. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever. Amen.

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### 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.

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### KYRIE

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us. Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us. Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us. Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us. Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us. Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.