

January 26, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!

PRELUDE

OPENING WELCOME

Pastor Gerry Gardner

Our service begins on p. 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 355

WORSHIP SONGS

COLLECT PRAYER

BCP, p. 357

OLD TESTAMENT READING

NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Pew Bible p. 761

All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel. So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

BCP, p. 606

Recited Responsively



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A Pew Bible p. 1785

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

LUKE 4:14-21 Pew Bible p. 1596

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

This is Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev Dr. Sharon L. Lewis

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BCP, p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III, BCP, p. 387

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 359

SHARING PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY SONG

HOLY COMMUNION

BCP, p. 361

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP, p. 364

COMMUNION SONGS

CLOSING PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

COMMISSION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

FINAL BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING WORSHIP SONGS

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Reunion Group – Cursillo Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Zoom Call This group offers personal time for prayer and sharing of life's joys and sorrows, as well as accountability to Christ's call for study, piety and action. Contact Sally Allen at 413-822-1160 for details.



Garden Team Thursdays at 9:00 am



Join us as we tend to the landscaping needs of the church. No experience necessary! Contact Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 if you are available to help.

End-of-Life Directives

Church of the Holy Spirit can assist with your end-of-life decisions. There are some decisions you and God can make before God calls you home. This includes the Church service and the songs and many other things you may not have thought about. If you'd like to make these decisions, The Rev. Deacon Linda Morlock can help you. Then the information will be filed at the CHS office. It will be retrieved as necessary. We can set up an appointment and meet either at the Church or in your home. Please call: The Rev. L. Morlock at 941-306-7995 and we can make arrangements.



Want Healing Prayer?

A prayer team is available at the front of the sanctuary during communion.

Women's Breakfast Club
Monday, February 31 9:00 am

Share prayers, fellowship and discussion on women's issues. Meet at EGGS-Traordinary Breakfast & Lunch Cafe, 2282 Tamiami Tr. North, Nokomis. Contact Sandy Joseph at 941-544-5379 for details.

The Week Ahead | January 26 - February 1

- Sunday 26** Holy Eucharist | 10:00am | In Person & Online
- Tuesday 28** Reunion Group – Cursillo | 5:30pm | Zoom
- Wednesday 29** Morning Prayer | 10:00am | In Person & Online
- Thursday 30** Garden Team | 9:00am | Outside
Bible Study | 6:30pm | In Person

URGENTLY NEEDED

DONATIONS NEEDED

FOSTER THE FAMILY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- BABY BATH WASH
- 3 IN 1 KIDS SOAP (SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER & BODY WASH)
- HAIR BRUSHES
- BOYS AND GIRLS CLOTHES (SIZE 10-16)
- DIAPER BAGS
- BOYS AND GIRLS TODDLER CLOTHES (SIZE 4T)

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF DURING OFFICE HOURS (TUES. - THUR. 9:30AM - 4:00PM) OR AT SUNDAY SERVICE

The Church in Prayer – Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

If you have a prayer to be added to this list, visit the website under the Need Prayer tab, call the office, or email admin@chsosprey.com.

- Prayers for my friend facing illness while caregiving for their spouse.
- Salvation for my sister.
- Prayers for Rick and my daughter with her family as they travel to FL.
- Prayers for safe travels for my friend, Ginna.
- Prayers for my friend in TX as she tries to find a place to live after being evicted.
- Prayers for my neighbors granddaughter as she undergoes surgery for cancer.
- Prayers for a smooth transition of government.
- Prayers for Jay's sense of taste to return.
- Prayers for my Grandson as he struggles with depression.
- Prayers for balance in my life.
- Prayers for the safety of President Trump and his family.
- Prayers for my son who is struggling with work and finances.
- Prayers for Audrey's upcoming surgery.
- Healing for a dear friend who was just diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers for the growth of CHS.
- Prayers for families increased work due to storm recovery.
- Prayers for our nation.
- Prayers for financial provision for CHS.
- All the victims of the recent hurricanes and fires.
- Prayers for grandchildren who have drifted away from going to church.
- Prayers for Linda.
- Prayers for Isabel as she grieves the loss of her husband.
- Prayers for the nation of Israel.
- Prayers for Robin's mother in law, Judy.
- Prayers for my daughter's health.
- Prayers for a men's retreat.
- Prayers for Pam's brother, Rick.
- Prayers for Joanne.
- Prayers for healing for Tom.
- Peace and salvation for niece, Amy.
- Prayers for son, Danny.
- Reconciliation of family members.
- Continued Prayers for Peggy and her family.
- I can wait in hopeful trust because I belong to Jesus.
- A miracle for Julie and each member of her family.
- Healing for Deb, Audrey, Sue, Joni, Karen's brothers, Maureen, Tara, Bob, Betty, Erin, Daniel, Lisa, Jerry, Aaron, Matthew, Evelyn and Art.



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Pastor Gerry Gardner, Lay Pastor

Assisting Clergy: The Rev. Andy MacBeth and The Rev. Jonathan Percival

The Rev. Linda Morlock, Deacon

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