

Liturgy for Worship
February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Ceci Mazaitis

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

All: Keep our eyes on Jesus, our crucified Lord.

One: Put a new and a right spirit within me, O God.

All: Keep our hearts in Jesus, our crucified Lord.

One: My footsteps falter and I lose my way.

All: Restore us to the joy of your salvation.

One: Turn me toward you, O God.

All: Open our lips, that we may declare your praise.

Congregational Hymn “Come Down, O Love Divine ”

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.*

Special Music

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10 and 1 John 1:5-10

Ceci Mazaitis

Sermon Listen To Your Heart

Pastor Michael

Congregational Hymn “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Communion

All are welcome without any test of faith

Invitation

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn “In Remembrance of Me”

Pastor Michael

Ceci Mazaitis

Communion Distributed

Gluten free bread is available. Let the deacon know you would like it.

Words of Institution

Benediction

Postlude

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Michael

*If you would like to join Hilton Christian Church, you may speak to the pastor about
Membership, or come forward during the singing of the congregational hymn.*

Hilton Christian Church Services Are Livestreamed

HILTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



February 13th 2025



PASTOR'S P O S T S

I read over last week’s eNews as I prepared to write this. I started with a suggestion that each person reading this take time to check on at least one person each week. I think that is still a very good idea and I will continue to suggest it. We are in this for a long haul. Our goal is to care for one another to the best of our abilities and to minimize damage in as many places as possible. We will stand with the marginalized as Jesus would do. May we all offer our love to everyone we meet.

March 3 Silent Sanctuary: a Time for Grief, Healing, and Hope

In conversation with members of the congregation individually and in groups, I have become aware of how many of you need a time and place to process the overwhelming feelings of the past weeks. On Sunday, March 3 Michael and I will set the sanctuary for a special time of processing the spiritual and emotional hurts. We will begin with an opportunity to learn to use breath prayer as we pray the Lord’s Prayer. After that we will use several stations to identify places of grief and pain and to claim healing and hope.

This time will have some of the same components as the Longest Night service. This time will include breath prayer, the lighting of candles, communion, and the opportunity for anointing and prayer by one of the pastors. This service is designed to be participatory, but you decide how you participate; if you want to simply come and sit in the sacred space that is fine.

Pastor’s Schedules

Michael and I continue to work on how we can best serve our congregation. We have made a slight adjustment to the preaching calendar. Michael will preach for the rest of February. I will preach March 2, 9, and 16. Michael will preach March 23 and 30. I will preach April 6. Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13 will be a special service and we will both have a part in leading it. Easter Sunday, April 20 will have 2 services and Michael and I will both have part of those services. I will preach on the 27th.

A reminder that my normal work days are Saturday, Sunday and Monday while Michael’s are Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday and Sunday. If you need to reach one of the pastor's, please call or text on one of our days. We will be happy to respond. We will make appointments if you would like to see us in person.

Secure Apps

I would like to suggest that as many of the congregation who would choose, but especially church leaders, install the texting app called “Signal.” This texting option offers encrypted texting which could become important if our members and friends in marginalized communities become targets. This site is, at this time, not easy for anyone to monitor. Bluesky is a social networking app not owned by Meta, if you are interested.

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Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5. There will be Drive Thru Ashes from 12-1. This year, instead of an Ash Wednesday service in the evening, Michael will preside over an open time of meditation, ashes, and communion. The Sanctuary will be open from 6-8 pm and everyone is welcome to come by for ashes and communion. You are welcome to stay for a few minutes or for the entire 2 hours.

We will be offering a Facebook live devotion once each week on Wednesday. The first will be Ash Wednesday and then there will be one each Wednesday at through Lent. The plan is to air them at noon.

Disaster Preparedness

One of the things that I would like to do is start a cupboard for disaster needs. If you would like to donate 1pound packages of dried beans or rice, please, bring them to the church. I am specifically asking for only the small packages. I would also like to get a stockpile of gallon bottles of water. There are a number of disaster preparedness things that we will be doing. Please, bring things to church and leave them by my office. If you have questions, please email or call me.

Week of Compassion

February is traditionally the month that Disciples congregations take offerings for Week of Compassion (WOC) which is the benevolence organization for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Our offerings are even more important this year. WOC works globally and locally by partnering with local organizations that have people on the ground in the affected areas. These local partnerships mean that those administering our offerings have up to the minute reports of conditions on the ground. It also means that those at WOC are being traumatized by the overwhelming size of the need they are currently facing. Offerings will be taken February 16 and 23.

Blessings,
Pastor Natalie



Out and About Gatherings

Sunday March 23

5:00pm-7:00pm

Craft / Game night

We will be collecting items to place in care baskets for shut-ins who cannot make it to church. Some examples of items:

- Puzzle books
- Seek & Find word books
- Coffee mugs
- Tumblers
- Fake or real flowers
- Etc..



Sunday April 23

5:00pm-7:00pm

Care Baskets / Game Night

We will be filling the Care Baskets with items collected.

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YOU'RE INVITED AND
BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!

FEBRUARY 22, 2025

1 PM – 4 PM

CATHEDRAL WORD MINISTRY

100 JAMES RIVER DRIVE

NEWPORT NEWS VA 23601

JOIN US FOR A TAILGATE AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE PROGRAM.

Elders On Call

Feb 14 Ceci Mazaitis
Feb 21 Marcus King
Feb 28 Susie Mowry

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Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:30-12:30



February 23rd there will be a reception following Michael's Installation service.

There is a need for help in the kitchen and with food. If you can share your time and cooking talents please let Jean Putnam know.

Hosts for Coffee Hour

Feb. 16 - Deb Whitley & Susie Mowry

Feb. 23 - No coffee hour due to Michael's Installation

If you would like to volunteer to host a coffee hour please contact Jean Putnam

February Birthdays

- * Eric Rhodes - 12th
- * Maya Marie Snowden Mercer - 12th
- * Henry Dean Burnett - 13th
- * Melissa Fischer - 14th
- * Mark Jenssen - 16th
- * Larry Dringenberg - 19th
- * Melanie Grande - 20th
- * Elizabeth Hodges - 22nd

Looking for a way to help?

Consider providing a meal kit for
THRIVE!

Jean still has bags and recipes and will be glad to supply you with these items. You may take as long as you like to fill it and you will make a THRIVE client very happy.



You are cordially invited to attend the Installation of Michael Burnett

as associate pastor at
Hilton Christian Church

Sunday

February 23rd

2025 at 2pm

There will be a reception
following the service



Clergy invited to wear red or
rainbow stoles, robes, albs,
or business attire

Smart casual attire requested for
all other attendees

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