

The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ  
in the Temple (Candlemas)  
“*Scout Sunday*”  
February 2, 2025



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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Rector*

*Epiphany calls us to the work of sharing the true Light-  
The Light of the World made known in the person of Jesus  
and revealed to a world in need of this Light.*

Welcome, and God's peace be to you all and especially to any guests worshipping with us at St. Matthew's today- **including our Scouts and their families!** We are so glad that you are here with us and that you are part of our community. Today, forty days after the Nativity of Jesus, is the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple, also known as Candlemas, which connects it with the Epiphany theme of light and our imagery of Jesus as the Light of the World. Traditionally, all the candles to be used during the year were brought into the church to be blessed and we will do this today as well.

Please know you are always completely welcome here for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our regular Sunday worship at 10am, and our occasional evening services. We hope and pray you will find this to be one of your spiritual homes. Please do not hesitate to let us know what your needs are, so that we may continue to welcome you into our community. All our contact information is listed in this bulletin.

Our Worship follows the Episcopal tradition using the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982, both of which you will find in the pew racks. We create a comprehensive bulletin for each service with the intention of making it easier to follow along and participate; if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask someone near you. You will need your Hymnal to sing the hymns and service music- **both are intended to be sung by everyone!**

**All** are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion, place your hands together to receive the bread and you may take a sip of wine directly from the chalice. We also have individual cups available that contain a small amount of wine and a wafer (the consecrated bread); please put your hands in front of you as if you were praying if you'd like this option. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms.

*Blessings and love to you on this holy day and always- Mother Dina*

**The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple  
(Candlemas)**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00 A.M.**

*(Directions to stand, kneel, etc., in our services should always be considered an invitation. If you find any of these to be challenging, please worship in whatever pose may work for you, knowing you are fully in God's presence.)*

*Before the service, you may place any candles you'd like to have blessed on the table by the chancel steps, along with the candles for use in the church this year. We will also hand out candles with your bulletin for use during the service.*

**The Ringing of the Bells**

*We ring the sacristy bells five minutes before each service to invite us into a respectful silence that settles our souls for this time of Spirit-filled worship.*

**The Prelude      "Be thou my vision"      Jason Tonioli**

**We begin today with our Scout Sunday Opening Ceremony.**

**The Candlemas Procession**

*(During the service, please join in saying all that is marked in bold type.)*

*The Celebrant greets the people with these words*

*Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*People **Thanks be to God.***

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by that same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray.

O eternal God, who has created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon: We humbly ask you to bless and

sanctify these candles for our use. Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the Light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The following canticle is then said, during which the candles are lighted.*

A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

**A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised.

**A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

**A Light to enlighten the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

*The Celebrant then says the following prayer* Let us pray.

O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. **Amen.**

### **The Procession**

Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Hymn 25 in our Hymnal 1982, "O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ" will be sung while we process. We will halt at the back of the Church while the following Collect is said, and then continue the procession up to the High Altar.*

*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness

to be the birth-giver of the Only-begotten One, may rejoice forever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*As the procession continues, the following antiphon and psalm are said. The antiphon (in bold type) is said by all.*

*Antiphon (Psalm 48:1-2, 10-13)*

**We have waited on your loving-kindness, O Lord,  
in the midst of your temple.**

Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; in the city of our God is his holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \*  
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments.

*Antiphon* **We have waited on your loving-kindness, O Lord,  
in the midst of your temple.**

Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; \*  
count the number of her towers.

Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; \*  
that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
he shall be our guide for evermore.

*Antiphon* **We have waited on your loving-kindness, O Lord,  
in the midst of your temple.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The Eucharist begins with the Collect of the Day.*

*After the Collect, all extinguish their candles.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

**A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi (Malachi 3:1-4)**

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #517 “How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts”**

*We will all sing together this version of Psalm 84 (today's psalm).*

**A Reading from the Book of Hebrews (Hebrews 2:14-18)**

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he

suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

#126, The Hymnal 1982

**“The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light”**

**The Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner

thoughts of many will be revealed- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**A Message from one of our Scouts**      Zachary Moore, Eagle Scout  
*A time of silence is held for reflection.*

**The Nicene Creed**    *all stand and say together*      **BCP 358**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped**



and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### A LITANY FOR CANDLEMAS

*The Celebrant says* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

By the mystery of the word made flesh- **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the birth in time of the eternal Son of God-

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the revelation of this child's birth in angels' songs and the brilliance of a star- **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan- **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the joy at Cana's wedding feast- **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the call, freely answered by disciples- **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By Christ's glory, revealed on the mount of transfiguration-

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

For thy holy, catholic, and apostolic Church-

**We pray to thee, O Lord.**

For the witness of thy faithful people, that we may be lights in the world- **We pray to thee, O Lord.**

For an end to all violence and strife, that all may live in peace and security- **We pray to thee, O Lord.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and those in any trouble-

**We pray to thee, O Lord.**

That with Simeon and Anna, we may trust thy promises, recognize thy presence, and proclaim the Gospel in word and action-

**We pray to thee, O Lord.**

*The Celebrant concludes* We have waited on your loving kindness, O Lord, in the midst of your temple. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant says* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is held*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the**

evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *People Amen.*

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Offertory Hymn**

#377, The Hymnal 1982

“All people that on earth do dwell”

**The Presentation of the Offerings**

#380, vs. 3, The Hymnal 1982

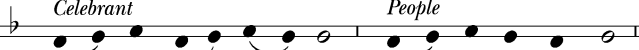
“Praise God from whom all blessings flow!”

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Eucharistic Prayer D**

**BCP 367 (S-120, The Hymnal 1982)**

*Celebrant* *People*




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*



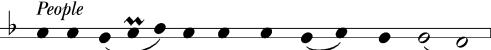
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

**The Sanctus**

S-125, The Hymnal 1982

**“Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might”**

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ.

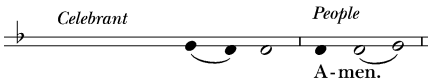
Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.  
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those  
whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of  
eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed  
Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
with **St. Matthew** and all the saints who have found favor with you  
in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and  
glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**



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### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:  
**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, and  
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

*People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

### Fraction Anthem

#333, The Hymnal 1982

**“Now the silence, now the peace”**

*The Celebrant says*

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

#324, The Hymnal 1982

“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Prayer for Spiritual Communion *All pray together*

Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*The Priest blesses the people with the Epiphany blessing.*

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. Amen.

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-Begotten One at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. Amen.

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** #544, The Hymnal 1982  
"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun"

**The Dismissal** *The Celebrant dismisses the People*  
Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Postlude Music** Hymn tune "Truro" Psalmody Evangelica, 1789

*Please remember in your prayers during this service and always:*  
Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, Frances, Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike, Richard, the Sterner family, Dawson, Erika, Stan, Nancy, Frank, Tammy, Becky, Marley, Tanner and family, Tyanne, Adam, Richard, Easton, Barry, Ariella, Ereda Garcia and Junior Jimenez, Bena, Marge, Gale, Dot, Janice, the McCarthy family, Lila and family, Linda, Arabelle, Ashley, Karen, Kim, and for those whose needs are known to God alone. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan, Kara, Melissa, Janice, and their co-workers. Also, please pray for all serving in our military, including Logan, and law enforcement.  
And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear.

Serving today's liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*  
Patrick Ishler, Music Minister, and St. Matthew's Choir  
Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer;*

Roy Casey, Dana Kelly, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Scouts from Pack 3309/Troop 309, *Lectors/Worship Assistants*  
Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*



**PARISH NOTES for February 2, 2025**

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Feb. 1st, 2025 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in

need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net). Monetary donations are very much welcomed, please give in an envelope labeled "Diaper Pantry." **Donations of diaper wipes, pull-ups, and sizes 5 and 6 are so appreciated and urgently needed- We covered 116 baby bottoms in January!**

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** The next Food Pantry will be Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **All donations are greatly appreciated, especially canned fruits and vegetables. We fed 36 families in January!** Contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415 (leave message) to volunteer.

**CHURCH SERVICE TIME is 10:00 AM.** Masks are now optional. Please follow any current COVID restrictions.

**CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.  
**MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE/PASTORAL CALLING HOURS:** **TUESDAYS, 11:30- 5:00pm** (or text/call (717) 481-0708 to plan a time to share together.) **I LOVE hearing from you!**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of **all ages** for the ministries of: **Eucharistic Minister, Crucifer, Torch Bearers, Lector, Thurifer, etc.** Please contact Mother Dina if interested in participating in these or **ANY** of our other ministries!

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Rehearsals will continue to be Thursday evenings at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us - **NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers are needed each month to sign up for a weekly coffee hour session. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Choir Room. Any questions, please contact Carol Hixson. This month's sign-ups are:

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Scouts (Scout Sunday)      Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>- Karen P.  
Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>- Lori and Carol              Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>- Carol B.

**YOGA CLASSES:** Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday at 7:00PM. \$5.00 per class.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Parish Administrator, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they may be added for next upcoming Sunday.



**FRIENDLY REMINDER:** If you are purging your closets/attics/garage or cellar to make space for your Christmas goodies, please remember that our March 1st Indoor Yard Sale/Soup and Bake Sale (a joint event with our Scouts), 9AM-2PM, will take those items! Items may be left in the Parish (Social) Hall. Any questions, please ask Cyn Reid.

**MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:** The monthly morning breakfast will be held on Feb. 2nd at 9:00AM.

**CANDLEMAS HOLY EUCHARIST:** Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of our Jesus Christ in the Temple, also known as Candlemas, a name which connects it with the Epiphany theme of light and the declaration of Jesus as “a light to lighten the Gentiles.”

It falls forty days after the Nativity of Jesus and is a significant day in the calendar of our church year. Bring your home candles to be blessed and we will bless the candles we'll use in the church as well!

**SCOUT SUNDAY:** Our Cub and Boy Scout Troops will be joining us for breakfast and worship on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We're so glad they're here!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Adult Bible Study starts at 9:00AM on Feb. 16th. Any questions, please contact Nathan Blanchard.

**UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:** Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more info:

Sun., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monthly morning breakfast, 9:00AM

Sun., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Scout Sunday

Sun., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Candlemas service, 10:00AM

Sun., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>: Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM

Tues., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>: Polish Pigeons Dinner, 4:00PM-6:30PM

Wed., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>: Vestry meeting, 6PM, Social Hall

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Fran Zartman, *Senior Warden and vestry member*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Martha Bohner; Ric Haines, Carter Ishler, Dana Kelly; Carol Lamparter; Tina McGee, Lynda Schlegel-Culver.

Charlie Schlegel, *Senior Warden Emeritus* Sharon Baney, *Sexton*

## CUB SCOUTS 3309 & BOY SCOUT TROOP 309 NAMES

### Cub Pack 3309

**Cubmaster:** Jeff Herrold

**Committee Chairperson:** Wanda Simpson

**Tigers-** vacant; **Wolves-** vacant

**Bears-** Leader Kristi Swigart & Rose Klinger

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**Webelos-** Leader Christina Herrold

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