

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 7, 2024

The First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of
glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of
peace.

The Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Announcements

Birthdays this month

- 1st: William Magee
- 2nd: Frank Supercinski
- 8th: Javier Glave
- 9th: Preston Martin
- 10th: Elena Randell
- 14th: Linsay Kirschke
- 16th: Lauren Cammack
- 16th: Janice Bynum
- 25th: Louie Lewis
- 27th: Esther Frier
- 27th: Ryan Randell
- 30th: Teresa Smith

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, January 14, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Church Annual Meeting

We will be having a potluck lunch after the service on **Sunday, January 21, 2023**. Please bring a side dish to share.

Bishop Fisher

The Bishop will be with us on **February 11th, 2024**. If you are interested being confirmed, please contact Mtr. Tracey.

NEXT Sunday's Servers (01/14)

Acolytes: Diane Buffington

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lynn Dawes

Greeter: Susan Kuhlman

Lector: Frank Supercinski

Nursery Helper: Ruby Hahne

Ushers: Joshua Martinez

Vestry People: Connie Fedrizzi, Roxanne Brink

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- The Akinson & Brown Families
- Lorraine, Pete and Margie Litterski

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering.

Or, send an email with your request to: prayer@smaalongview.org

**** Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. ****

Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
12/03/23	\$5,125	\$2,939	\$2,186
12/10/23	\$1,118	\$2,939	-\$1,821
12/17/23	\$1,336	\$2,939	-\$1,603
12/24/23	\$2,277	\$2,939	-\$662
12/31/23	\$1,400	\$2,939	-\$1,539
YTD TOTALS	\$170,215	\$155,760	\$14,455

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