



And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
John 6:35

East Valley Church Sunday Communion Service January 05, 2020

To Our Visitors

Thank you for joining us for this celebration of worship!
It is our hope that you find the service uplifting and that you will come again. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Our Mission Statement

“Helping each other follow Jesus Christ.”

Our Vision Statement

“To be people who delight in worshipping Jesus, seek to know him more and are being shaped by God to be a redemptive presence in our community through proclaiming the gospel, feeding the hungry and nurturing one another in love.”

Interim Pastor: Phil Assink

Elders/Committee

Butch Smedema: Vice President/Chair of Worship and Resource
Connie Faulkner: Worship Team
Mark Van Kommer: Chair of Education
Don Linder: Chair of Outreach
Frank Meneses: Life Church

Deacons/Committee

Claudia King: Education Team
Blair Bickel: Outreach Team
John Barnes: Chair of Fellowship Team
Lorrie Zeutenhorst: Fellowship Team

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Approach to God

Call to Worship Gwen Shipley

*Our worship begins each week with a call to worship.
We are gathered here today because God our Creator desires to have a relationship with us.
Whether we realize it or not, he is the one calling us to himself-today and every day.*

The Lord, God of Light, is with us.

Peace be to this house and to all who worship the Christ.

May the light of the star that once guided wise men to honor his birth, now guide us to recognize that Christ as he appears in our lives, daily.

May all who come and go here find peace, comfort, joy, hope, love, and salvation.

All: Together we worship Jesus the Light who has come to dwell in *these* hearts and in *this* house.

(Adapted from: umcdiscipleship.org)

Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn #117 “We Come, O Christ, to You”

Praise Songs

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance 1 John 5:11-13

The Word of God

Scripture John 1:29-34

Message by Pastor Assink

“Introduction: John the Baptist”

Response to the Word

Offering

Prayer for the Offering

Preparation for Communion

Communion

**All who desire to follow Jesus as Savior and Lord are invited to the communion table.*

We will participate by coming forward, if you are able.

You may partake of the elements when you are served or when you return to your seats.

Leaders are available at the communion table to receive your prayer requests or to pray with you.

Congregational Prayer

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

Closing Hymn #101 “His Name is Wonderful”

Benediction

Song of Departure #112 “Jesus Name Above All Names”

Next Sundays Message: January 12, 2020

Pastor Phil Assink: Series in John’s Gospel
“The Disciples: Jesus gives a compelling invitation”
Scripture: John 1:35-42

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Sunday Announcements

We will have a brief Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary following the Benediction for the election of Tamara Gregory as Deacon.

Tuesday, January 7th

*The Care Team will meet at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

*Grief Support Meeting: 1:30 pm at the home of John
Van Belle

*Consistory Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 8th

*Kids Club begins the new year at 6:00 pm.

Thursday, January 9th

*Search Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 12th

*Installation of our new Consistory Member during church service.

*Adult Education Class–Network

A six-week class designed to help Christians discover their spiritual gifts and ministry passion will be held in the Faith room at 11:00 am. Pastor Phil and Mark Van Kommer will team teach the class.

Introduction: John the Baptist

John 1:29-35

Our Vision

Helping Each Other Follow Jesus Christ

These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:31

John was the bishop of _____

Is Jesus _____?

Is it _____ following him?

We _____ others to Jesus

There was a man named John who was sent by God. He came to tell people the truth about the Light so that through him all people could hear about the Light and believe. John 1:6-7

The goal of life is for Jesus to _____

The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:29-30

Discipleship is a _____ - _____ journey

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. ... After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. John 2:11, 22

Reading Keys

Faith is _____

The Holy Spirit _____ us

We are invited to _____

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Things to watch for in John

Messages of assurance that Jesus is true and worth giving your life to follow (true, witness, testify...)

Messages that teach that believing is more than acquiring facts about Jesus, but entering into a relationship with him

The relationship Jesus has with the Father

Note how the Jewish religious system is broken

Notice how John uses contrasting ideas: Light/darkness or night; life/death; receive/reject; and slave/free

Mark the 'signs' Jesus did that John records

Highlight the times Jesus uses the words, "I am."

Notice the emphasis on what God 'gives'

What do we learn about the work of the Holy Spirit?

What do we learn about prayer?

Notice how John uses irony – we are surprised by who gets it and who doesn't get it

Notice the people who are invited to receive grace

Key words

- Grace
- Truth
- Believe
- Love
- Glory
- Receive
- Hunger/Thirst

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