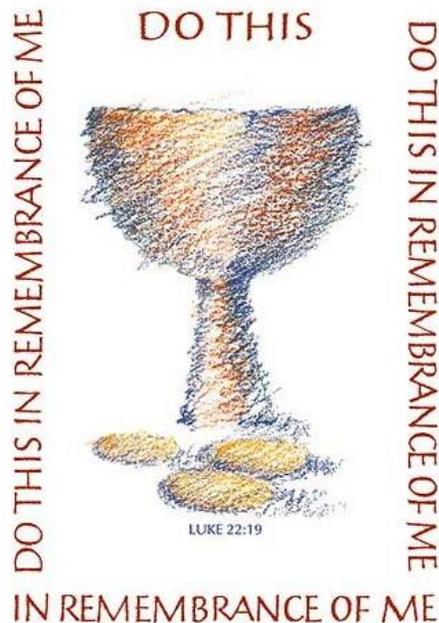


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!
In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
February 6, 2022

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and, for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

* OPENING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

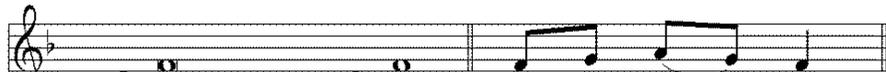
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***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE**



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



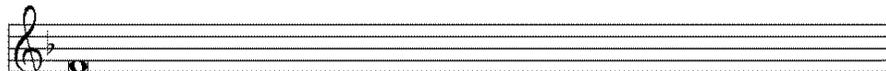
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



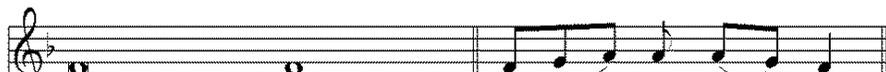
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **B** A - men

***SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**



A The Lord be with you. **B** And al - so with you.

Let us pray. Holy God,
you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26: 1-11 (ESV)

“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall

rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

PSALM 91: 1-13

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**² I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**

**³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.**

**⁴ He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

**⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,**

**⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

**⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.**

**⁸ You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.**

**⁹ Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—**

**¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

**¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.**

**¹² On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

**¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10: 8B- 13 (ESV)

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will

be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

***LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 4: 1-13 (ESV)**

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’” ⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’” ¹¹and “‘On their

hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us”

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*NICENE CREED

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**

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE OFFERTORY

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will
of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al- so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
 In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
 that all those who believe in him
 should not perish, but have eternal life.
 We give thanks to you
 for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
 Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
 as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE 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, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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***BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace; your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which
you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
A light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

*SENDING HYMN *"When Peace Like A River"*

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(WITH CHORUS)

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

(* *Please stand as you are able*)

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor Eaven and Jayci Allison's wedding anniversary by Pastor and Teresa Allison.

Church Council Meeting after Service today after service.

The **Love Offering** total collected for Jerry & Heather Reynolds and their son Jack was \$2,981.00. Thank you for generously giving.

Daylight Savings begins **NEXT** Saturday. Move clocks **FORWARD** one hour on Saturday March 12th.

PBNJ Youth meet **NEXT** Sunday at 3:30 PM.

BLOOD DRIVE: March 13, 2022 11AM till 3:30 PM with One Blood. All donations will be on the Big Red Bus. Covid protocols will be observed. Masks are required. Please eat lots of iron enriched foods. See Jodie Strube to schedule your appointment.

A-Meal-A-Month Parish Hall Fundraiser – March 19th

Our next monthly fund-raising meal is this Saturday, **March 19th - Country Breakfast from 7:00AM until 11:00AM.** Come enjoy breakfast and invite others to join you!

Amanda Faggart is raising money for **Special Olympics of NC.** Please consider supporting her, here is how: **"Plunge in Place"** – Please sign up to donate to team Cabarrus. We still need about \$5000 to meet our goal. Go to [2022 Polar Plunge NC](#) to join Team Cabarrus or see Amanda to donate to her!

TVR Camp is **June 13-18, 2022.** Any 3rd through 12th grader interested in attending please see Kristi for a form. **\$75** deposit for active church members and **\$400** for non church members. All deposits are due by **March 27th.**

Wednesday Worship during Lent – 2022

Worship will begin at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary with prayer, hymns, and informal teaching.

Week 1 (Wed. 3/9) James Chapter 1 “Learning Perfection”

Faithful Response to Trials
Doers of the Word (receive, listen, do)

Week 2 (Wed. 3/16) James Chapter 2 “Faith AND Works” (not an either/or)

No Partiality to the Wealthy/Powerful
The Royal Law: “Love of Neighbor”
Faith w/o Works is Empty

Week 3 (Wed. 3/23) James 3: 1-12 “Disciplined Speech vs. Evil Talk”

Not All Should Teach
“Loose Lips Sink”... Souls!

Week 4 (Wed. 3/30) James 3:13 – 4:12 “Seeking Heavenly Wisdom”

Heavenly Not Earthly Wisdom
Passions/Desires/Pleasures = Sin & Strife
Learn Humility – Practice Humility
Do Not Judge Others

Week 5 (Wed. 4/6) James 4:13 - 5:12 “The Lord Governs All Human Life”

Do Not Place Your Trust in Future Plans
God Condemns the Rich/Powerful for Injustice
Await the Lord’s Judgment with Patience
Do Not Swear Oaths

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – 2022

Wed.	Mar. 9	Week 1	Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM	Worship
Sunday	Mar. 13	Second Sunday in Lent		10:00AM	Worship
Wed.	Mar. 16	Week 2	Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM	Worship
Sunday	Mar. 20	Third Sunday in Lent		10:00AM	Worship
Wed.	Mar. 23	Week 3	Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM	Worship
Sunday	Mar. 27	Fourth Sunday in Lent		10:00AM	Worship
Wed.	Mar. 30	Week 4	Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM	Worship
Sunday	Apr. 3	Fifth Sunday in Lent		10:00AM	Worship
Wed.	Apr. 6	Week 5	Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM	Worship
Sunday	Apr. 10	Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion		10:00AM	Worship
Thurs.	Apr. 14	Maundy Thursday		7:00PM	Worship
Friday	Apr. 15	Good Friday		7:00PM	Worship
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Sunrise Service		<u>7:00AM</u>	Worship
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Morning Breakfast		7:30AM	Meal
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Holy Communion		10:00AM	Worship



March 6, 2022

A little reminder about our prayer list.

We ask that you always have an individual’s permission before requesting their name be added to our Prayer List. Contact Pastor Allison or Prayer List Coordinator Belinda Campbell to request additions or changes.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1Timothy 2:1

In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ

Kay Barbee; Marilyn Barringer; Kevin Blackburn; Robbie Drye
(Continued recovery from an issue with a tooth); John Faggart;
Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Klutz;
Heather & Jerry Reynolds and newborn son Jack;
John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Bonnie Albright; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd;
Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel; Brady
Krimminger; Doris McCarn; Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker;
Lettie Reid; Susan Starling; Connie Walters; Ben Weast

General Prayer Concerns

Those impacted by COVID
The People of Ukraine

Cross of Christ Shut-In

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

**** Please remember our shut-ins with a visit, phone call, cards, or email along with your prayers**

Today – March 6, 2022

Executive Board	8:30 AM
Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Holy Communion Service	10:00 AM
Council Meeting	11:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM	Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM	Family Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday In Lent

Jeremiah 26: 8-15

Psalm 4

Philippians 3: 17- 4:1

St. Luke 13: 31-55

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