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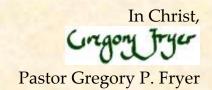
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

11 a.m., Sunday, January 30, 2022

We are singing the hymns and liturgy these days — grateful as we always are for the leadership of Music Director Gwendolyn Toth and this morning's cantor, Peter Becker. Because singing is a forceful way of breathing, the Task Force invites people who have not been vaccinated to sit in the balcony. It is an option that would help protect you.

Because of Omicron and the upsurge of COVID cases in our land, we ask that everyone wear a mask nowadays, even if you are vaccinated. Also, we worry about the elderly and people with weakened immune systems — we worry about them for Coffee Hour in the undercroft. It is the same as in restaurants: people take off their masks to eat. So, we are seeking to comply with NYC vaccination mandates: Please do not eat in the undercroft unless you are vaccinated.

Pastor Carol and I and our whole congregation extend warm greetings to you this festival day. If you are new in town or do not yet have a church home, please consider joining our congregation. We have included a contact information insert in this worship folder, and we hope we can meet with you at your convenience. Send Pastor Carol an email sometime: ceafryer@gmail.com.



Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

PRELUDE

Récit de Cromorne

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

THE BELLS

Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen
- P 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.
- **G** 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.

Kneel/Stand. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- 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

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our 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

- O Word of God incarnate,
 O Wisdom from on high,
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
 O Light of our dark sky:
 we praise you for the radiance
 that from the hallowed page,
 a lantern to our footsteps,
 shines on from age to age.
- 2 The church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine; and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.

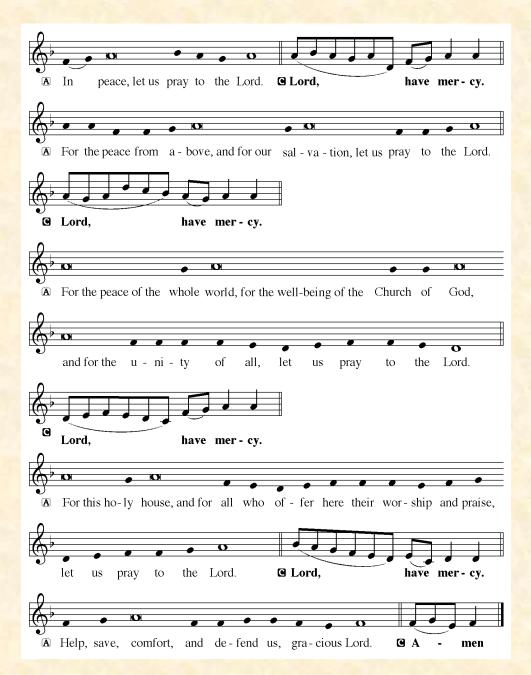
 It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through, mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.
- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold to bear before the nations your true light, as of old; oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P 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.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray. O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.
- **9** Amen

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you you shall go, and whatever I command you you shall speak.

Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Then the LORD put forth his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

A The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 71:1-6, LBW



Cantor ¹In you, O LORD, have I / taken refuge;* let me never / be ashamed.

All ²In your righteousness, deliver me and / set me free;* incline your ear to / me and save me.

Cantor ³Be my strong rock, a castle to / keep me safe;*
you are my crag / and my stronghold.

All ⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand / of the wicked,* from of the clutches of the evildoer and / the oppressor.

Cantor ⁵For you are my hope, / O Lord GOD,* my confidence since / I was young.

All 6I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have / been my strength;* my praise shall be al-/ways of you.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; ⁵it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. ¹³So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand for the Alleluia Verse and the Holy Gospel

ALLELUIA: Traditional Gregorian Chant



All: Alleluia.

Verse: You shall go to all to whom I send you.*

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

All: Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPELLuke 4:21-30, RSV

Before the Gospel:

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Fourth Chapter:



²¹And he [Jesus] began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth; and they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself; what we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here also in your own country." ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his own country. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha; and

none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and put him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong. ³⁰But passing through the midst of them he went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.





Sit

SERMON

Following the sermon, silence for reflection. Then stand for the Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

■ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And also with you.

 Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."

Sit

THE OFFERING You can give your tithes and offerings via our Q code. Just point the camera on your smart phone to this code on your screen:

Or you can donate via this link: <u>Donate</u> Here are some other options for giving: <u>Ways to Give</u>

The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar. The congregation remains in the pews until the Distribution of the Sacrament.

Anthem

Ich liege und schlafe Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

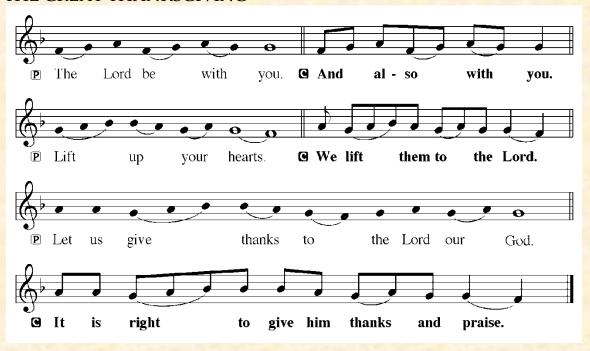
Ich liege und schlafe und erwache; denn der Herr hält mich. Ich fürchte mich nicht vor viel Hunderttausenden, die sich umher wider mich legen. Auf Herr, und hilf mir, mein Gott; denn du schlägst alle meine Feinde auf den Backen Strike all my enemies on the jaw; und zerschmettert der Gottlosen Zähne. Bei dem Herrn findet man Hilfe, und deinen Segen über dein Volk!

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side. Arise, Lord! Deliver me, my God! break the teeth of the wicked. From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people.

Offertory Prayer

- A Merciful Father,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -our selves, 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.

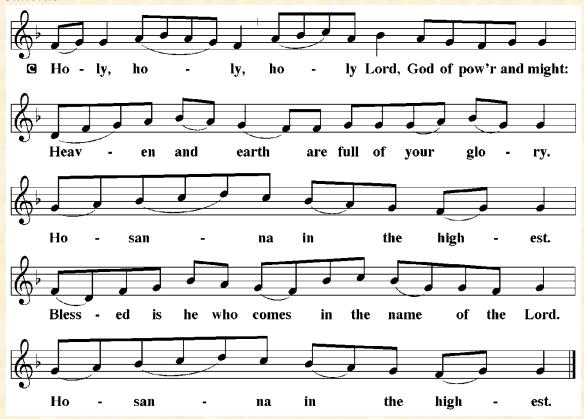
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Preface for Epiphany

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer I

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

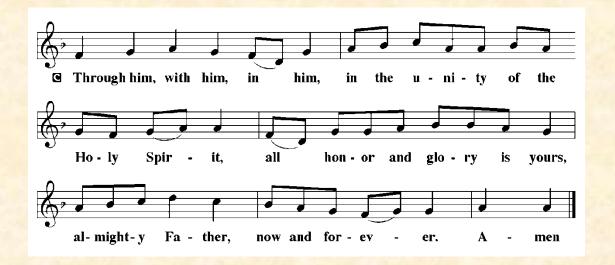
P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

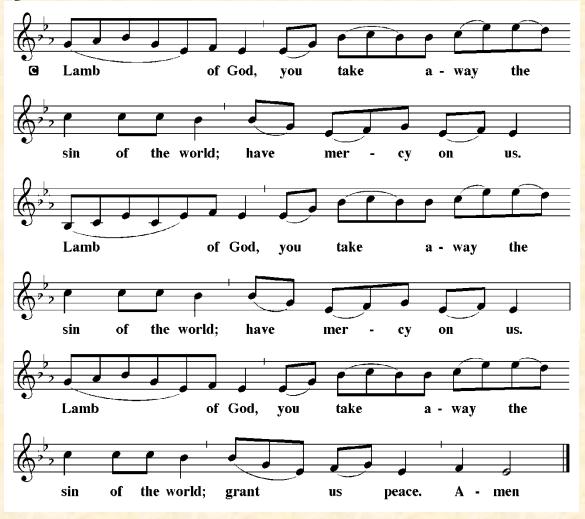


The Lord's Prayer

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.

THE FRACTION. The host is broken.

Agnus Dei



Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

+ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible "Prayer for Spiritual Communion" lifted up in Forum Letter

(May 2020). Forum Letter is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion meditation Air in C Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Paul Lee, recorder

HYMN LBW 200 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

OMNI DIE

- 1 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'nly board, may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt. Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.

When all have received the Blessed Sacrament, the people stand for the post-communion blessing:

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Dismissal

BLESSING

HYMN LBW 397

O Zion, Haste

ANGELIC SONGS

O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light; that he who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

- 2 Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is love; tell how he stooped to save his lost creation and died on earth that we might live above. *Refrain*
- 3 Give of your own to bear the message glorious, give of your wealth to speed them on their way, pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious, and haste the coming of the glorious day. *Refrain*
- 4 He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him, make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace; let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him, through your neglect, unfit to see his face. *Refrain*

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Dialogue sur les grands jeux

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

Parish Announcements

- + COFFEE HOUR IN THE UNDERCROFT. You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship following the Liturgy. To get to the undercroft for Coffee Hour, bear to the left in the narthex.
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- + FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Larry Oglesby (father of our former member Laurin Smith), Davida Goldman, Rev. David McGettigan, Ken Richardson (husband of former choir member Lisa Richardson), Tony Cull, (friend of Donald Kerr), Cynthia Uzzo, Charles Schramm (retired Music Director of this congregation).

Service Notes

Music Director	Dr. Gwendolyn Toth
Cantor	Peter Becker
Greeters/UshersToshitake "Jazo"	Ichikawa, Ed Indellicati, Luz Ortiz
Lector and Assisting Minister	Lara Bhasin
Preacher and Presiding Minister	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer

Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

- 4 You might be interested to hear about our reredos the wooden altarpiece at the front of our church. It was hand carved by artists in Germany's Black Forest. The left statue is Moses, with the Ten Commandments in his left arm and the two horn-like rays of light shining forth from his face after his encounter with the Lord on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:29-30). The right-hand statue is St. John the Evangelist, with a quill pen in his hand and an eagle at his feet. And the center statue is Jesus Christ, the personal unity and the most perfect meaning of the Law (Moses) and the Gospel (St. John).
- + Our painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, above the reredos, pays tribute to the founding liturgy of our congregation, Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 1863. Our painting shows Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the ground, so that at first glance you might think that it is a painting of the Ascension. But the saintly company with Jesus Moses and Elijah on either side, with Peter, James, and John fallen down in awe at the sight point to the Transfiguration. Heaven knows and gives credit to the anonymous painter of our painting, but we note that it is in the style of Raphael's painting of *The Transfiguration* (1517-1520). Raphael also placed Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the disciples.
- + Our church windows were installed in 1973 and constitute a visual meditation on an ancient hymn of the Church, the *Te Deum*. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church explaining the windows one by one.
- + Our church bells, named *Glaube*, *Hoffnung*, and *Liebe* for Faith, Hope, and Love, were a gift from German Empress Augusta Viktoria.

- + A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the choir and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.
- → Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me," and we view the presence of children in worship, even when they are wiggly and noisy, as a gift to the Church and an encouragement that our congregation is growing! Parents at their own preference are also welcome to take advantage of free childcare which we offer in the Undercroft every Sunday for children age 3-6. Our childcare worker will bring these children up to the Communion rail to receive a Blessing. We encourage older children to attend the entire service, either sitting with their parents or up in the balcony where the teens tend to congregate.
- + Our worship book is the green hymnal, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* ("LBW"). This book contains both liturgies and hymns, with liturgies in the first half and hymns in the second. Sometimes we include hymns from *With One Voice* ("WOV") or from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* ("ELW").
- + If you have a cell phone, please silence it for the liturgy. And please finish coffee or other drinks out in the narthex rather than in the main nave.
- + This congregation is a member of the NALC the "North American Lutheran Church." The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel W. Selbo.

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HOLY COMMUNION	11 a.m. Sundays
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
SUNDAY SCHOOLSt	undays at 10 a.m. in the undercroft
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY6:3	80 p.m. in th <mark>e Martin Lut</mark> her Room
PARISH SECRETARY	Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer
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PARISH BOOKKEEPER	
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Dr. Gwendolyn Toth
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We extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at

MEALS ON HEELSBarbara Chomko (bchomko@nyc.rr.com)

ceafryer@gmail.com.

+ HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the

Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.

- + HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gpfryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
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- + LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact either Pastor Fryer.
- + FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: There is a long line of Christians, both rich and poor, who have disciplined themselves to budget a portion of their income, put it into an offering envelope first thing, and give it to the church. Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer live by that tradition and commend it to you. Online giving is also available through our website, or by following this QR code with your phone camera:

