

**✚ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany ✚**  
**January 21, 2018 10:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING IN WORSHIP**

*Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.*

◆Prelude

◆**Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Pastor: My soul, wait in silence for God only

**People: For my hope is from Him**

Pastor: He only is my rock and my salvation

**People: My stronghold; I shall not be shaken**

Pastor: On God my salvation and my glory rest

**People: The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God**

Pastor: Trust in Him at all times, O people

**People: Pour out your heart before Him**

Unison: **God is a refuge for us**

◆**Hymn of Praise** (BH #608) *God of Grace and God of Glory*

◆**Invocation**

**The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)**

**WORD**

**Scripture Readings**

Jonah 3:1-5

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

◆*Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

**Pastoral Prayer**

◆**Hymn of Preparation** (BH #310) *He is Lord*

**Message**      **"Keeping the #1 Thing, Number One"**  
                    **Rev. Mark Westlind**

**RESPONSE**

◆**Hymn of Response** (BH #685) *Here I am Lord*

**Prayer of Confession (In Unison):**

**God our Father, we are sorry that we become so engrossed with ourselves and our worldly matters. We do not give time to consider why you made us who we are and placed us where we are. Sometimes we feel that our affairs are too trivial to bring before you. We believe we can manage life by ourselves. Yet we realize that we are part of your kingdom; that you created us and have a purpose for us. Forgive our self-centeredness, and give us a wider vision, so that in you we may find our true selves and the reason for our being. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Time for personal reflection and confession.*

**Words of Assurance (Pastor):**

Do not be afraid. God is with you! That is good news. You do not have to go through life alone, wondering if anyone cares about you or knows your heart. God knows and God loves you. Rejoice for thus it is, has always been, and will continue to be. God's love for you is eternal. AMEN.

**Passing of the Peace**

**Life Together**

**Offering**

Offertory

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING**

◆**Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #113) *Holy, Holy, Holy*

◆**Benediction**

**Postlude**

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

**NOTES OF INTEREST**

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Greg Goetz, Britta Johnson, Dorothy Karner, Carol Latimer, Joyce Olson, Bruce Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

Welcome to our guest counselors from Covenant Point this morning. Thank you for sharing with us about the many opportunities for adventure that awaits our youth at summer camps.

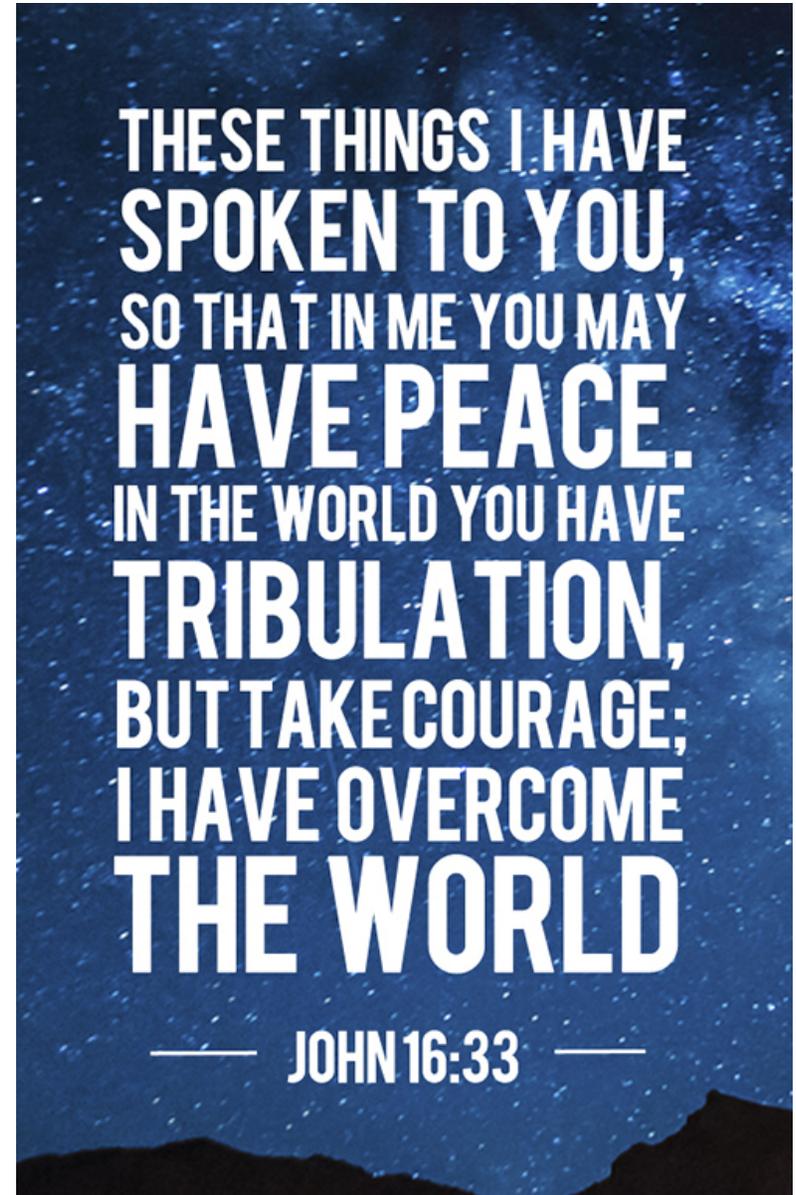
ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 11:15 A.M.  
PETERSON HALL

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Rev. Mark Westlind.....Interim Pastor  
Stuart Seale.....Director of Music and Worship  
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists  
Amanda Fulton.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool  
Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary  
Joe Michalowicz.....Custodian

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**ANNUAL REPORTS**

Please prepare and send your Annual Report to the church office by Sunday, February 11. Please send vial email to [office@trinitycovoaklawn.org](mailto:office@trinitycovoaklawn.org) or drop in the box on the table in the church office.

**Coming Soon**

Join Pastor Mark for his Lenten Journey class. Details and class schedule to come in upcoming bulletins.

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY**

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Calendar for the Week:**

**Today:**

10 A.M. Worship  
10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade  
11:15 A.M. Camp Rally Day-Let’s Do Brunch, Peterson Hall

**Note:** No Confirmation Class, High School Youth Group or Adult Sunday School.

Articles for February Messenger are due *today*.

**This Week:**

Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool  
Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women’s Bible Study  
Thurs. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers

**Next Sunday: Special Offering for “sister” church – Access Covenant Church, Houston, Texas**

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11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School

**Jan. 28 – Nursery Helpers:** Lorraine Weszely, Diane Eigenbauer  
**Greeters:** Marcia Lellos, Margie Morrissey

**Announcements:**

**Adult Sunday School**

In February, we welcome back Dr. Carol Noren who is teaching class and her topic is four familiar biblical narratives with a slightly different perspective: not exactly feminist, but taking a closer look at overlooked aspects of stories featuring women. February 4 class: (Genesis 2 & 3) All About Eve: Blaming the Woman; February 11: (Exodus 1) Subversive Women Save the Day; February 18: (Ruth) What’s A Woman Without a Man? and February 25: (Luke 10:38-42) Sister Acts: Cooperation or Competition?

Join us at 11:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room to explore these narratives, it’s guaranteed to be interesting.

**Camp Registration**

*Today* is Camp Rally Day. It’s time to get pumped up about summer camps! Guest counselors from Covenant Point are visiting Trinity with songs and games. After worship a delicious brunch in Peterson Hall will be served. Don’t forget - Early bird registration is due Sunday, February 25 (a \$35 discount!) See Kellie Lee for information.

## **Covenant Point Men's Retreat 2018**

**7pm Friday, March 2 - 10am Sunday, March 4**

Invite some friends out for a weekend of fun, fellowship, excellent food, meaningful conversations, and life-giving worship. Recreation opportunities include a broomball tournament, afternoon jam session (bring your own instrument), snowshoeing, cross country skiing on our groomed ski trails, sauna and polar bear dip, or just card games and conversations in the dining hall. We are excited to announce that this year's speaker will be Danny Martinez, new Superintendent of the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church! This retreat typically fills up, so if you plan on attending please register soon\*. We're excited for you to join us!

Full Retreat: \$140 (\$120 Earlybird)

Fri Night - Sat Dinner: \$120 (\$100 Earlybird)

Sat Only (No Lodging): \$80 (\$70 Earlybird)

Full Retreat, Commuter (No Lodging): \$100 (\$90 Earlybird)

Pastor Rate, Full Retreat: \$70

Pastor Rate, Saturday Evening Departure: \$60

\*Earlybird Discount applies if registered or postmarked by February 16, 2018.

Covenant Point Bible Camp, 358 W. Hagerman Lake Rd.,  
Iron River, MI 49935, [www.cpbc.com/retreats](http://www.cpbc.com/retreats),  
[registrar@cpbc.com](mailto:registrar@cpbc.com), 906-265-2117.

## **Today's Scripture:**

### **Jonah 3:1-5**

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>"Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." <sup>3</sup>Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." <sup>5</sup>The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

### **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; <sup>30</sup>those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; <sup>31</sup>those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

### **Mark 1:14-20**

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup>"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" <sup>16</sup>As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>18</sup>At once they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup>Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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