



## West Richmond Church of the Brethren

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*“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”*

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**      *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Larson

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Opening Words

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The prophet Isaiah proclaimed—and Jesus embodied—God’s call to reach out and care for those who are brokenhearted and those who mourn, people who are abused and oppressed, who are powerless to make changes for good in their lives. The Spirit of the Lord empowers and anoints us to proclaim and to live out that same message—to lift up those who are downtrodden, to comfort those who mourn, to be bearers of the gospel in word and deed.

### \* Opening Prayer

\* Opening Hymn      *Spirit, Spirit of gentleness* (vv. 1-2, 4)      #1110

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# CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

## Time with Our Children

## Congregational Prayer

### Song

*God of the Bible*

Sing the Journey #27

"God of the Bible (Fresh as the Morning)" by Shirley Erena Murray

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## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Invitation to Give

John Calvin

There cannot be a surer rule, nor a stronger exhortation to the observance of it, than when we are taught that all the endowments which we possess are divine deposits entrusted to us for the very purpose of being distributed for the good of our neighbor.

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

### Special Music

*Some Children See Him*

arr. Marlowe

Some Children by Alfred S. Burt

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### Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:14-30 (NRSV)

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**Sermon**

“Afflicting the Comfortable”

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\* Benediction**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and forever. Amen.

**\* Postlude**

*Marvelous grace of our loving Lord*

Johnston/Towner

*\* Please stand as able and led*



Pastor.....	David Whitten
Worship Leader .....	Ann Andrus
Song Leader.....	Bob Gangwer
Children's Story .....	Terrie Glass
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Guitarist .....	Dave Whitten
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