

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Sunday, January 14, 2024 — 11:00 AM

Thought for the Day
“No book is a chapter, and no chapter tells the whole story. The same is true in our lives: no mistake defines who we are. God sees our mistakes in light of the grace that will turn them into stories of redemption. We’re not in the first chapter, and most of us aren’t in the last one. We’re somewhere in the middle... Don’t worry about it. God is writing more chapters. He has the power to turn the story around with us. Don’t let one bad chapter (or five) convince you that you know your whole story... There are more to come.”

— Bob Goff, *Live in Grace, Walk in Love: A 365-Day Journey*

Prelude "Christ, der du bist der helle Tag" BWV 766
by J.S. Bach

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn Be Thou My Vision (#502)

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship the One who calls us - Christ our Lord!
All: Here we are, ready or not, called by the One who lived and died and rose again among us.
Leader: Today, we come as we are. No more and no less. Let us not be ashamed.
All: God is in the beginning, middle, end, and redemption of our lives.
Leader: Come, let us worship God and be thankful for our Lord's never-ending love for us and our lives.
All: Let us receive more of God and more of God's grace as we worship.

*Prayer of the Day

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray:
All: Heavenly Father, Lord, we come to you, and we thank you that you are a Redeemer, that Your love endures forever. Forgive us when we lose hope. May your grace be shown in our lives, even when we think we have given up. Remind us, O Lord, you have not given up on us. Fill us with hope that your presence is always with us. Amen.

Greeting & Announcements

Baptism Cooper Clayton Caudana

Prayers of the People & 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. Amen.

Invitation to Give
You can give via credit card, debit card, or PayPal at give.dewittchurch.org

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving (#34)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem The Best of Rooms
by Randall Thompson

Scripture John 1:43-51 NIV
⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” ⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.” ⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

Leader: The Word of The Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Message Can Anything Good Come From...? Rev. Dr. Alan Rudnick

Communion

*Closing Hymn He Leadeth Me (#499)

*Benediction

Postlude "Christ, der du bist der helle Tag" BWV 766
by J.S. Bach

Worship Assistant: Elizabeth Chapman / **Livestream Tech:** Andrew Magee

**Please stand as you are able.*



Help us improve how we communicate with you!

I/we hear about what’s happening at DCC from:

- ☐ Weekly bulletin & announcements at church
- ☐ Weekly email newsletter
- ☐ Children’s Ministry emails
- ☐ Monthly print newsletter
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Other

I/we are interested in the following programs in 2024:

- ☐ Studies and small groups
- ☐ Parents’ nights out
- ☐ Family recreation / outings
- ☐ Breakfasts/potlucks/picnics
- ☐ Skill building (Tech Talk, Paint n’ sip)
- ☐ Your ideas _____

The best way to get my attention is with:

- ☐ Verbal announcements at Church
- ☐ DCC website
- ☐ Direct mail
- ☐ Email newsletters
- ☐ Email messages
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Text message reminders

PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE

PLEASE
UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT INFORMATION
FOR 2024

Today's date

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone / email

Phone / email

Select all that apply:

- ☐ I am new to DCC.
- ☐ I am a returning visitor / occasional attendee.
- ☐ I am a member.
- ☐ I would like to receive the monthly newsletter.
- ☐ I would like to receive the weekly e-mail announcements.
- ☐ I would like to receive care from a Stephen Minister.

I would like to share my gifts/talents with:

- ☐ Children's / Youth Ministry
- ☐ Altar Guild
- ☐ Christian Caring Committee
- ☐ Compassion Cooks
- ☐ Women's Association
- ☐ Choir / Bell Choir
- ☐ Ushers
- ☐ Facilities & Grounds
- ☐ DCC Office

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Hearing assistance devices are available from an usher in the Narthex. They are wireless and permit users to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary.
Large print bulletins are available each Sunday at the Usher's Desk.*



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