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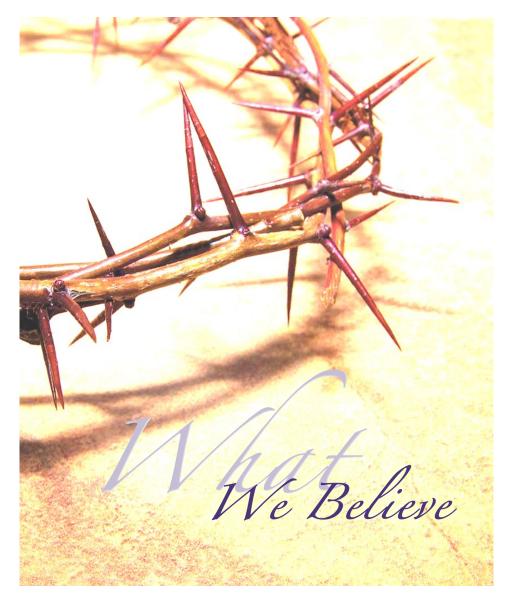
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Website: www.dewittchurch.org





"What We Believe... Jesus Christ"

Matthew 16:13-20

Saturday, February 24 & Sunday, February 25, 2018
5:30 PM & 9 AM

DeWitt Community Church | 3600 Erie Boulevard East, DeWitt, NY 13214

# Welcome to DeWitt Community Church Saturday, February 24 & Sunday, February 25, 2018 5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

#### Thought for Today

"Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee."

-Augustine of Hippo, Confessions

Prelude "Contemplation" by Felix Mendelssohn

Announcements

**VBS Video** 

Invitation to Worship

A Time for Greeting

\*Opening Hymn Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (#88)

\*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Friends, we are continuing our journey through this season of Lent.

People: Help us to draw closer to the one we call Savior and Lord.

Leader: Continue to reveal to us Your nature and Your love for each one of us.

People: Help us to follow You, who calls each of us by name.

Leader: As Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us, pulling our fears,

our doubts, our longings behind us.

People: As Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us, whose

promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

#### \*Unison Prayer

God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of Your love. Over and over again, You turn our expectations inside out and upside down. And still we don't understand the radical nature of Your grace. We often play by our own rules and demand our own ways. In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust. God, help us to continue to seek You, to trust You and to follow You as true disciples of Jesus Christ. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn of Prayer

His Name Is Wonderful (#102)

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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV) (p. 999)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say

Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

Special Music "I Believe" by Jule Styne

Message "What We Believe:...Jesus Christ" Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

\*Closing Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (#106)

\*Blessing

Postlude "Prelude in D Major" by J.S. Bach

Worship Assistant: Gloria Trode/Mary Chirello

Song Leader: Matt Green

\*Congregation stands

Offerings from today's service may be placed in the Offering Jars located on the Usher Stands. Your generosity makes a great difference in our ability to do God's work as a congregation.

Please feel free to give via credit card, debit card, or PayPal on our secure e-giving portal **www.dewittchurch.org/give** on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.

The Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Susan Zacholl From Evie and Linda Witschi

# **Lenten Study and Dinner**

"Angels, Demons, and Satan: Separating Myth from Fact" Dinner at 5:30 PM, Study at 6:15 PM Feb 27\*, March 7, 14, 21 - MC

There are a lot of ideas out there about angels, demons, and Satan but are those ideas grounded in scripture? In this 5 week study, Pastor Alan will cover the identity, power, and abilities of angels, and demons from the Bible. Exploration will include a study of Satan in the Old and New Testaments. Questions such as 'What are angels made of", "How do angels communicate with God", "How do angels communicate with us", "Do demons, or devils, or evil spirits really exist?" Wednesdays (except Feb. 27) during Lent. Each session is standalone.

## **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Christian Forgiveness: What it is, what it isn't, and how to do it Sundays @ 10AM in Room 10 with Pastor Alan

"Forgive and forget" - That's what our mothers taught us. Is this sage advice or does it actually lead to further hurt? Just about every Christian knows they have to forgive but most struggle to forgive or ask for forgiveness. In this study, we'll examine what the Bible teaches about redemptive forgiveness, unforgiveness, shocking realizations of what forgiveness isn't, and explore practical ways to embody this Christian practice. You will be surprised how freeing forgiveness can be when properly understood from a biblical and Christian perspective. Come learn, ask questions, and explore!