

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Through It All"

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jan Taylor

Leader: Our salvation is from the Lord;

People: God is our refuge in times of trouble.

Leader: The Lord helps us and rescues us;

People: God saves us because we take refuge in our Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN #29** "Glorify Thy Name"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer "Remember Not, O God"

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other "gods" — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, power and reputation. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit so that we might learn to love as you love and live as people baptized as your own children. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE #623** "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 37:1–11,39–40

SECOND READING Luke 6:27–38

RESPONSE

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Love Your Enemies"
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #367 "Wherever He Leads I'll Go"

**please stand as you are able*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Hymn of Promise"

*RESPONSE #625

“Doxology”

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.

PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING

*HYMN #499

“Sunshine in My Soul”

***TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

***CHARGE**

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?
**People: Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim
Christ’s love and grace through serving and
nurturing body, mind, and soul.**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Pass It On”

Music is licensed through CCLI.



Please join us in the fellowship
hall for refreshments
immediately after worship!

THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, February 23

Sunday School, 9:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00am

Tuesday, February 18

Choir Rehearsal

4:30pm

Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 19

Prayer Group

9:00am

Chapel

Food Pantry

10:00am

Fellowship Hall

LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

Reverend Alexandra Hutson, Pastor

Jenni Cain, Pianist

Sena Cooper, Office Assistant

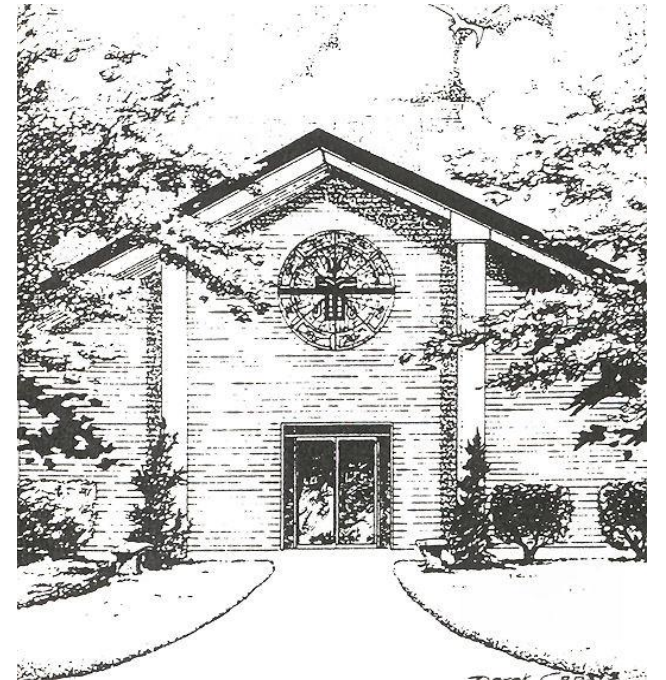
Stephanie Craft, Office Assistant

Jessica Hammtree, Preschool Director

Welcome to Swift Church

February 23, 2025

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