



Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly, Interim Pastor

ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

The Last Sunday Before the Season of Lent

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION — “How much easier it is to be critical than to be correct.” — Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881)

“There are no whole truths; all truths are half-truths. It is trying to treat them as whole truths that plays the devil.” — Alfred North Whitehead (1861-1947)

“Any mundane reality could yield a theophany, if approached with reverent imagination: a place, a rock, a tree, a man or a woman.” — Karen Armstrong (1944-), Author, Theologian

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace...

* Call to Worship

ONE: Let us come together as a community of faith.

MANY: God has invited us to this moment of meeting.

ONE: Let us share in a new covenant of promise.

MANY: Let us come here with boldness to encounter the creator. Let us be open to experience change under the guidance of God.

* **HYMN** — *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* INSERT

A Time for All Ages —

Lord’s Prayer (debts and debtors)

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.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

*OFFERING RESPONSE (DOXOLOGY)

Old One-hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES — 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 [ILV]

[1] ...since it is by the mercy of God that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. [2] We have renounced the shameful things one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or falsify the Word of God; but by an open statement of truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

[3] If our gospel can be called veiled in any sense, it is veiled only to those who are headed toward destruction. [4] In their case, their unbelieving minds have been kept from seeing by the god of this world, the god of the present age, so that they do not see the light, the splendor of the Gospel showing forth from the glory of Christ, Who is the image of God. [5] For we do not proclaim ourselves; it is not ourselves we preach; we proclaim Jesus, the Christ, as Sovereign, and ourselves as workers for the sake of Jesus. [6] For God, Who has said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts, so that we, in turn, might make known the glory of God shining on the face of Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC —

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS — Mark 9:2-9 [ILV]

[2] Six days later, Jesus took Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves, where they could be alone.

And there Jesus was transfigured before their eyes. [3] The clothes Jesus wore became dazzling, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

[4] Elijah appeared to them, as did Moses, and the two were talking with Jesus. [5] Then Peter spoke to Jesus, "Rabbi," he said, "how wonderful it is for us to be here! Let us make three dwellings, shelters— one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." [6] Peter did not know what he was saying, so overcome were they all with awe.

[7] Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them; and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Beloved, my Own. Listen to this One!" [8] Suddenly when the disciples looked around, they saw only Jesus with them.

[9] As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Promised One had risen from the dead.

*** HYMN — *Hear the Voice of God so Tender* INSERT**

SERMON — *My Name Is Peter*

Piano Meditation —

Prayers of the People -

SILENCE

* **HYMN —** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* INSERT, v. 1, 2, 3

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE —

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding INSERT, v. 4

Postlude

Harpwell Community Radio – WHPW 97.3 FM

Harpwell Community Television – Channel 14

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7960701>

Serving you this morning:	
Interim Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Eric Wohltjen
Ushers	Bill & Kay Hunter
Coffee Hour	Annual Meeting Luncheon

Pastor Joe's office hours for the week of February 12th

Monday, February 12th, 9am – 11am

The Bible Study passage for Monday, February 12th at 11:00 a.m. is:

Mark 1:1-15

Meetings scheduled for the week of February 12th:

Christian Education Monday, February 12th @ 5:15pm

Council Tuesday, February 13th @ 7pm

Annual Meeting Sunday, February 18th @ 11:15am in Fellowship Hall



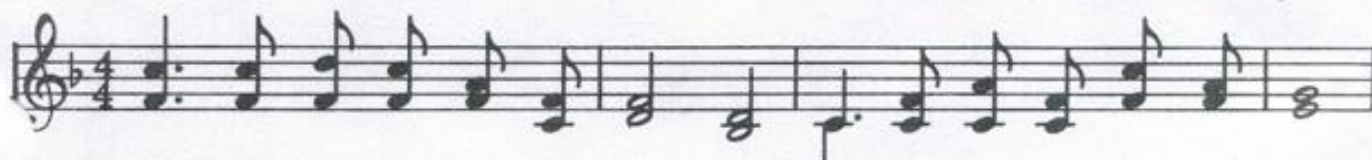
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and are dedicated to the Kellogg Church Choir

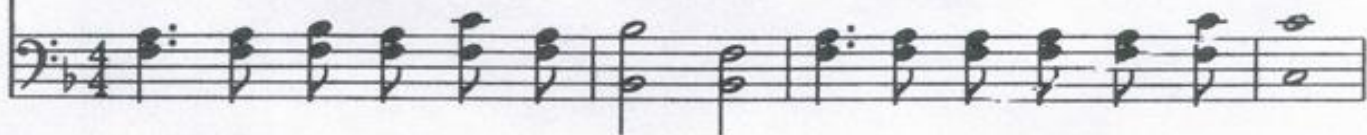
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph Scriven, 1819-1886

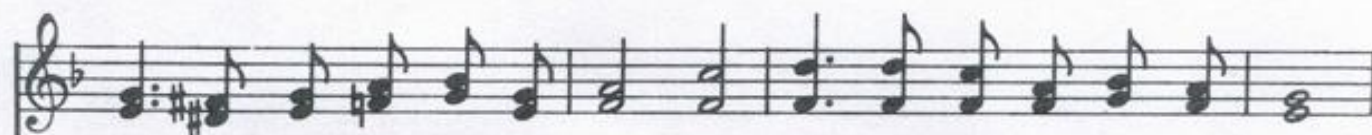
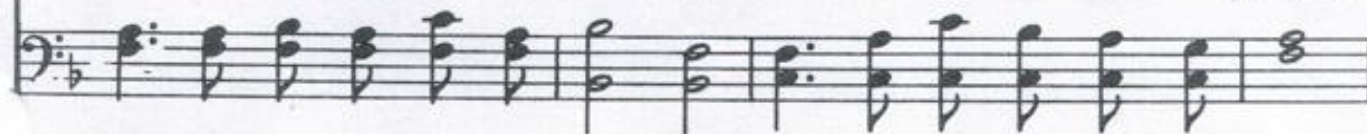
ERIE 8.7.8.7.D.
Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



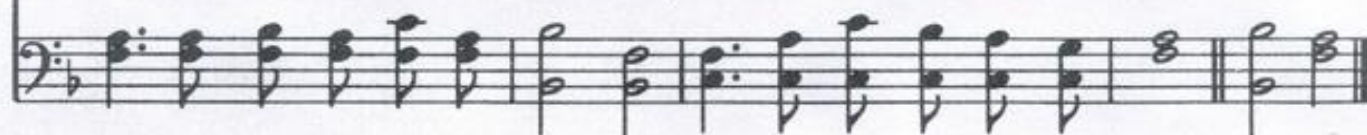
What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

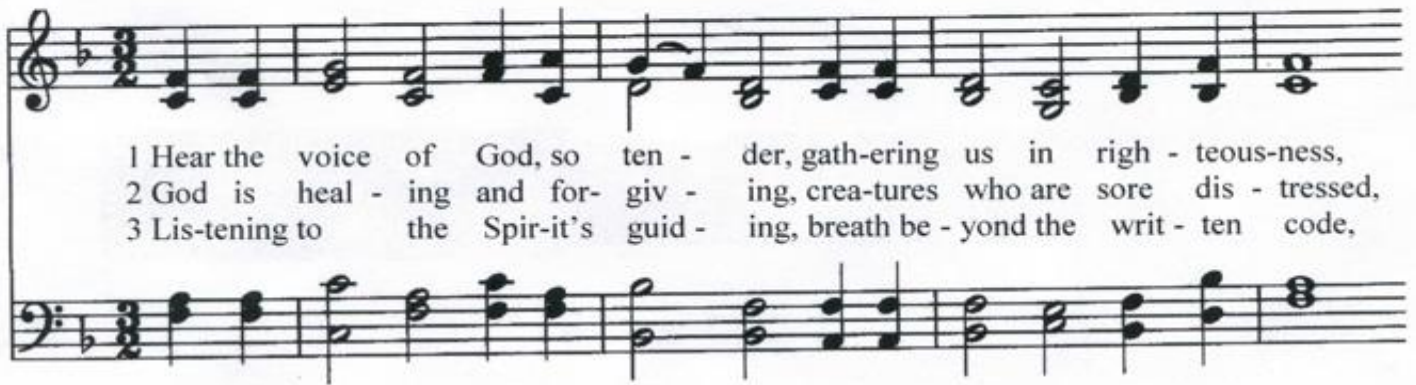


All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there. A - men.

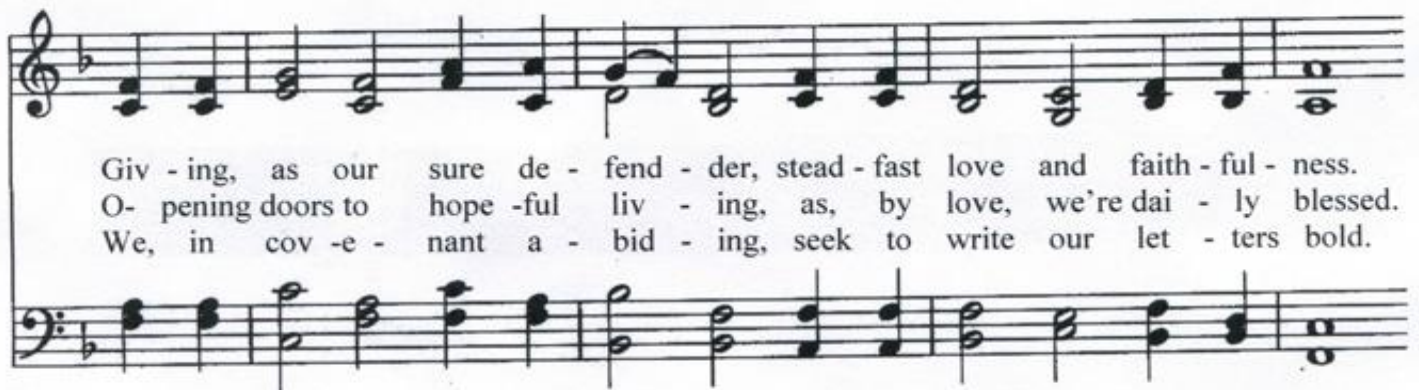


Hear the Voice of God, So Tender

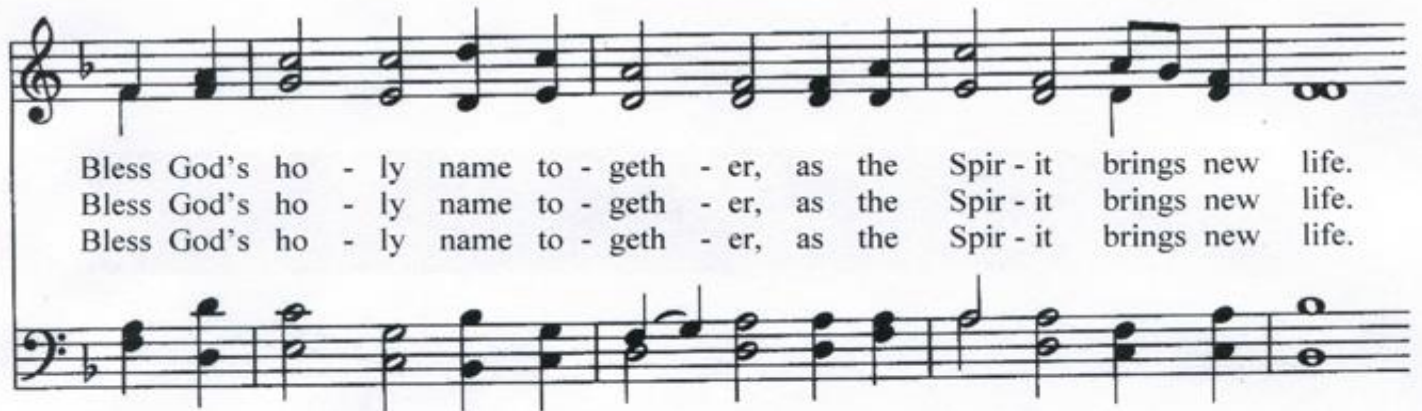
Tune: Beachspring



1 Hear the voice of God, so ten - der, gath - ering us in righ - teous - ness,
2 God is heal - ing and for - giv - ing, crea - tures who are sore dis - tressed,
3 Lis - tening to the Spir - it's guid - ing, breath be - yond the writ - ten code,



Giv - ing, as our sure de - fend - er, stead - fast love and faith - ful - ness.
O - pening doors to hope - ful liv - ing, as, by love, we're dai - ly blessed.
We, in cov - e - nant a - bid - ing, seek to write our let - ters bold.

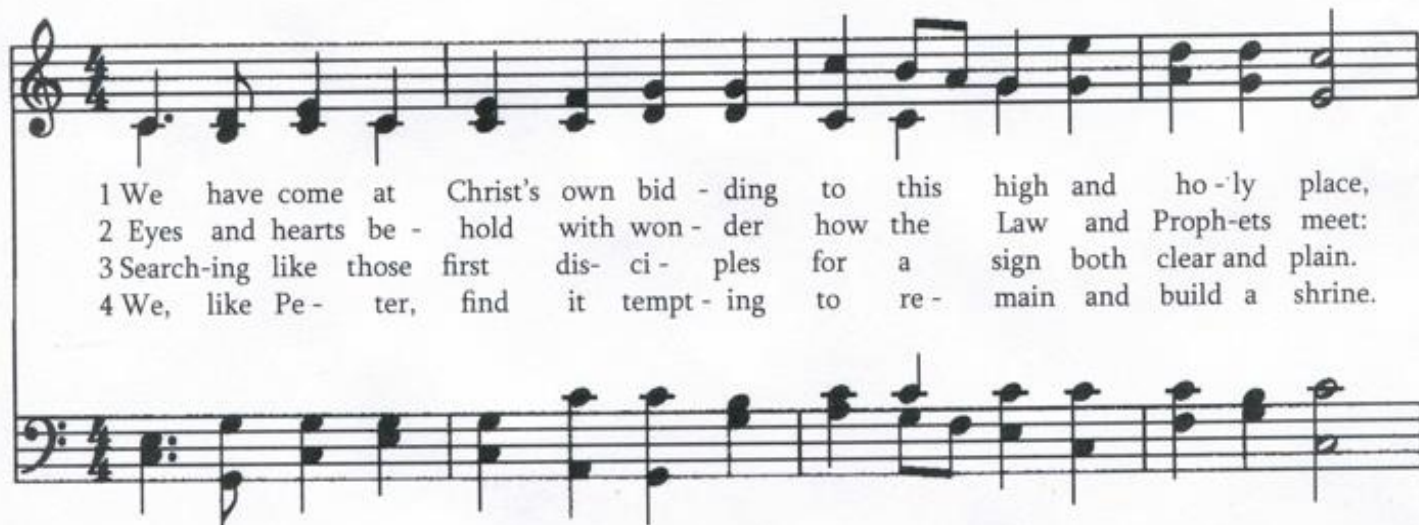


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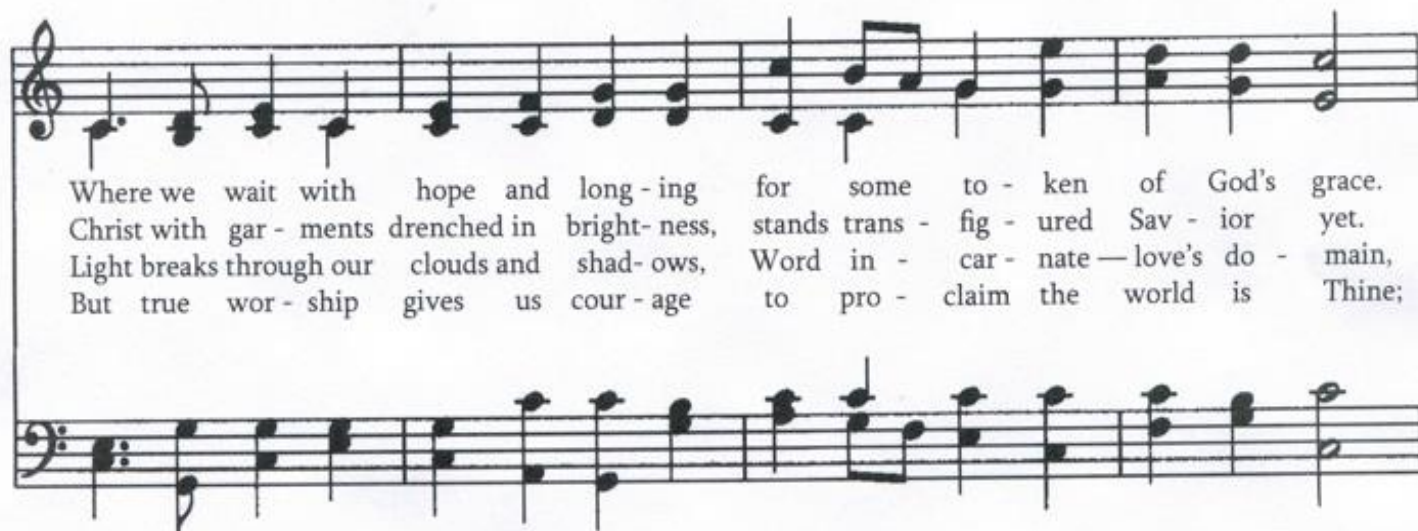


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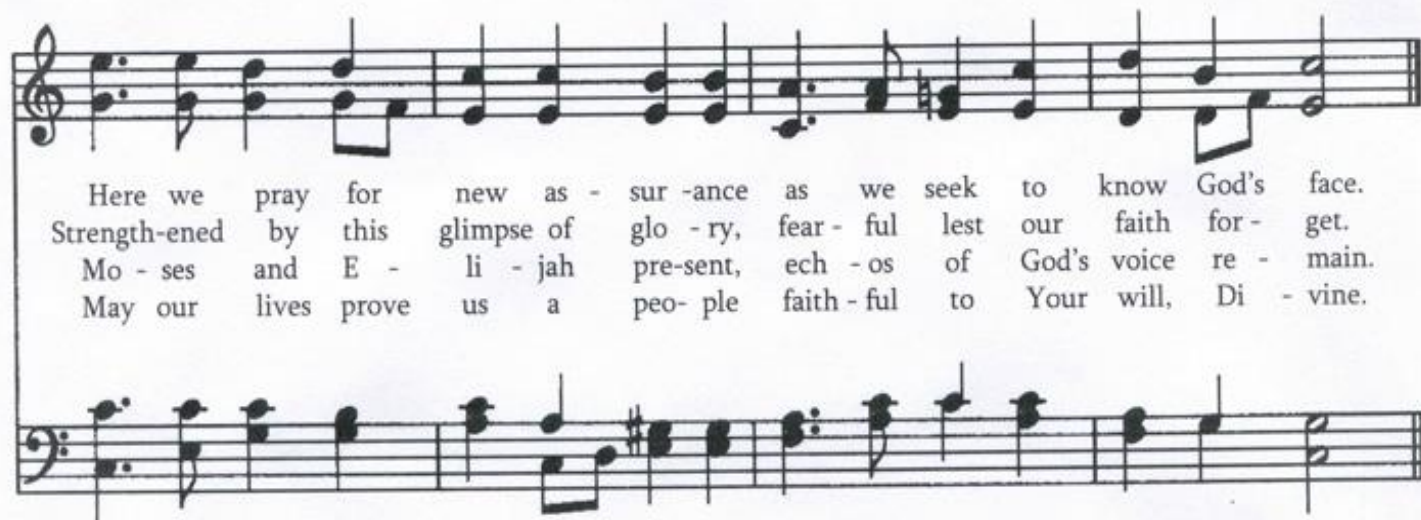
We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding



1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and ho - ly place,
2 Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet:
3 Search - ing like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
4 We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt - ing to re - main and build a shrine.



Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace.
Christ with gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured Sav - ior yet.
Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, Word in - car - nate — love's do - main,
But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim the world is Thine;



Here we pray for new as - sur - ance as we seek to know God's face.
Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our faith for - get.
Mo - ses and E - li - jah pre - sent, ech - os of God's voice re - main.
May our lives prove us a peo - ple faith - ful to Your will, Di - vine.

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7.
Joachim Neander, 1680

Prayer Requests for February 11, 2024

At home...

Hope Tanguay
Mark Wilson

Pat Moody
Connie Henry

Bill Menz

In nursing homes...

Sam Wright
David Ferris

In assisted living...

Gary Anderson
Ernestine Machesney

Tom Jones
Joan Phillips

Away...

Richard Haley

C V Noyes

Sick, in the hospital or rehabilitation...

Recovering from illness or surgery...

Dana Porter Carson

George Perkins

Grieving...

Family of Paul Standridge

Family of George Patterson

Family of Wendell Davidson

Thanksgivings...

The Pastoral Search Committee

Special concerns...

The School House 1913 fire victims Joseph Arena & Caroline Daniel

For the people in the paths of storms and fires

Emergency responders / Health care workers / Essential workers...

Praise God for our partnership with WHPW and Channel 14!

Please keep those named above in your prayers. If you have any questions, or would like others to be prayed for, please contact Susan Ferris, Chairperson of our Prayer Circle.

Susan can be reached at 666-3247 or sueherb@myfairpoint.net.

2023

ANNUAL REPORT

Printed copies of the 2023 EKC Annual Report and Annual Meeting Agenda are available in the office. If you prefer a digital copy, please email Stephanie and she will send you a copy.
adminassist@elijahkelloggchurch.org

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

You are hereby notified that the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Elijah Kellogg Church Congregational will be held on **Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 11:15 a.m.**

This year's meeting will be held in person in Fellowship Hall and via Zoom, should you choose not to attend in person. The Zoom link will be included in next week's Weekly News & Notes email. All church members are urged to attend.

We will need a quorum of 21 church members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Wohltjen, Clerk

Annual Meeting Luncheon

The luncheon for the annual meeting will be during the annual meeting. Attendees with the last name starting with A - M are asked to bring a salad and last names starting with N - Z are asked to bring sandwiches.

Hospitality will provide desserts and drinks. Thank you all.

NOTICE ** OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED

As part of the mold clean-up, TC Hafford will be working in the basement on **Thursday, February 22nd**. They will be spraying the area therefore no one will be permitted to enter the building at any point on the 22nd, which also means Stephanie will not have office hours that day.