

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The First Sunday After Christmas

January 1, 2012

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Carol 37
Carol 31

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

The Call To Worship

Rejoice in God, who is our life and salvation.
Christ has come to make us heirs of God’s promises.

God commanded, and we were created.

We are children of the Most High.

Praise God from the heights of heaven.

Praise God, all people of the earth.

God opens our eyes to see the light.

We will be called by a new name.

Men and women, youth and aged,
Sing of God’s glory; shout Your praise.

God has made us heirs of promise.

We will praise God’s Holy Name.

The Prayer of Adoration

*The Hymn 28

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*The Call to Confession

*The Prayer of Confession

We bring our prayers to You, gracious God, sensing that there is more to life than the ways we have known. We are drawn to the Messiah, yet we shrink from following where faith leads. We are afraid of what we might lose if we are guided by the Spirit. Thoughts of sacrifice and servanthood are not appealing to us. We are reluctant to enter into a close relationship with You. We think we know, better than You, what is best for us. Forgive our arrogance. Help us to see and follow the Christ. . . (time for silent confession). . .

*The Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

p. 846 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 148*

p. 716 in the pew Bible

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Luke 2:22-40*

p. 71 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 49

“Once in Royal David’s City”

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Galatians 4:4-7*

p. 231 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

“The Jesus Gift”
Felicia Hibbeler, Jeanette Gibbons, Phyllis Muir, John LeFebre

Gilbert Martin

The Sermon

“Makeover”
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

*The *Affirmation of Faith*

(from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God:
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering
The Gathering of Our Gifts
The Offertory

"Christmas Joy"
Felicia Hibbeler, soprano

C.P.E. Bach

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
Eternal God of redemption, you bless your creation and it springs forth with beauty. You judge your people with righteousness and new life abounds. We bring you now the fruits of our labors. Bless the work of our hands, so that what we do reflects the radiance of your love. Fill our New Year with grace and truth reflecting your love. Infuse us with your Holy Spirit; so that what we say proclaims to all people the new hope in Jesus. Amen.

Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 40

"Joy to the World!"

*The Charge & Benediction

Servants of God, depart now in peace; prophets, go in power—

**For we have seen salvation prepared
by the merciful hand of God.**

With Mary and Joseph ponder these things;
with Anna and Simeon praise the Lord.

**Let us grow and be strong, that we may find wisdom.
May God's hand and ours hold the hands of all earth's children...**

*The Postlude



The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*

The Rev. Patrick Dennis, *Associate Pastor*

E. Bruce Harvey, Jr., *Coordinator of Christian Education*

Sarah Dennis, *Director of Youth Ministry*

Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*

Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*

The Rev. Terry N. Diebold, *Parish Associate*

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES 1/1-8

Today (1/1)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30 & 11am

Monday (1/2)

Office Closed
PW Circle of Joy, *CP* 10am
Mission Committee, *MH* 7pm

Tuesday (1/3)

Men's Breakfast, *Bob Evans* 7:30am

Wednesday (1/4)

Bible Study Group, *MH* 9:30am
Meditation Group, *CP* 6:30pm
Wednesday Fellowship Planning, *MH* 7pm

Next Sunday (1/8)

Worship Services, *S* 8:30&11am
Church School Brunch 9:30am
Sacred Dance, *U* 4:30pm
Fusion (SH Youth Group) 5pm
Youth Dinner, *FH* 6pm
Velocity (MS Youth Group) 6:30pm
Session, *MH* 7pm

Location Key:

FH: Fellowship Hall
CP: Church Parlor
S: Sanctuary
CH: Church House

U: Undercroft
MH: Middle House
CR: Choir Room
K: Kitchen

Birthdays this Week

January

2. Libby Humes, Scott Theado, Shelby Gleason, Tom Wimberly
3. Brent McGhee
4. Mollie Cass, Jeremy Stoddard
5. Linda Spangler
6. Mark Hughes, Joan Darby
8. Haley Dameron

Hospital Visitor -1/1-7

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8:30 and 11:00 am

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us!

To aid you in our liturgy, we want to acquaint you with our following custom: In the *Lord's Prayer*, we use the words, "*Forgive us our debts... our debtors.*" We encourage you to stand for singing, if you are able, as the organ sounds the first note of introduction. When appropriate to the hymn, the organist and choir will lead the congregation in singing, "*Amen.*"

Assistive listening devices (amplified earphones and telecoilneckloops), **large-print bulletins and hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Child Care is provided in the Education Building for infants through kindergarten.

All worshippers are encouraged to sign the Attendance/Friendship pad, greet your friends, and welcome visitors.

The flowers today are given by Sharon and Pete Humes in honor of Larry and Mary Ann Casey and Amy Shirk.

Capsule of Concern: Bob Furr, Stacey Orcutt

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday, January 8, 2012

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

2012 A Year with the Bible booklets are available after worship services and in the church office. The booklet contains daily Bible readings, and the Thursday through Sunday readings are the Lectionary readings for worship on Sunday. The booklet also has prayers for each day of the week as well as special days throughout the year. Booklets are free.

Service Attendants

Liturgist
Bruce Harvey

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Trudy McNatt

Greeters
Hugh & Phyllis Muir, Mike & Michelle Gibson

Ushers
Harry & Joanne Farley; Al & Jan Erkert

Chair Lift Operator
Jeff Kunkler

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
Gina Whitticar

Greeters
Bob & Helen Estell, Eleanor McCord

Ushers
Betty Ellett, Carter & Donna Hudgins, Debra Myers

Chair Lift Operator
Tim Duffy

Nursery Attendants
Tamie Pratt-Fartro, Michelle & Hannah Porter, Mary Jo Dennis, Sarah Dennis

Missions

Mission Committee will meet on Monday, January 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle House

The Stop Hunger Now project will return on Sunday, February 5, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Fellowship Hall. We will put together 15,000 of the dehydrated meals that include vegetables, vitamins, soybeans and more. Each meal costs 25-cents. We will need to raise \$3,750. You may make a donation toward the meals. The Souper Bowl offering for hunger on February 5, conducted by Velocity (Middle School Youth group), will help offset the costs. You may sign up to help with the project starting today. We will need 50 to 60 volunteers.

Each month with a 5th Sunday between now and August will be a special collection day for **School Dressing Days. January's 5th Sunday Collection** will be on the 29th. Items to be collected are deodorant, soap, toothpaste and/or toothbrush. You may bring your items before January 29, leaving them in bins provided outside the Sanctuary on Sunday morning, or outside the Fellowship Hall during the week.

Christian Education

Parents and children (1st-4th grade) are invited to the **Worship Workshop** on Sunday, January 22, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will meet for lunch in the Fellowship Hall followed by learning centers on finding hymns, singing the Doxology & Gloria Patri, Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, making a hymnbook marker, finding scripture and orientation to the sanctuary. Please make a reservation by Sunday, January 15.

Church School is on break today but will *resume next Sunday, January 8, with brunch beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.* The Christian Education committee will provide all the food and beverages. At 10:00 a.m., children and youth will go to their respective classes. Adults will be able to choose between four different classes:

Training of the Twelve Led by Bill Nix in the Undercroft

What lessons and teaching methods did Jesus use to train the Twelve Apostles and His other disciples? We know He invested about three years of time and effort to equip the Apostles to lead when He would no longer be with them. His use of word pictures, parables, questions, and answers, object lessons, and Scripture were all important in preparing the Apostles and other Disciples at that time, and they are just as important for instructing Disciples like us in this time and place. Come join us in studying Christ's training of the Twelve – together we can learn more about being Christ's Disciples today.

Feasting on the Word Led by Michelle Porter, Tom Lewis, Rick Brehm, Bruce Harvey in the Middle House, 1st floor, back room

How does my faith formation and my worship integrate with my knowledge and experience of the world? *Feasting on the Word* materials will engage adults in a deeper exploration of Biblical texts. Christian faith will be enhanced when the Scriptures, read and proclaimed in worship, are reinforced and expanded on what participants have been considering in their educational

time. Education and worship can be mutually supportive in helping God's word in Scripture come alive in the Sunday morning experience. Come join us for this exciting journey. **For parents of 1st-5th graders - you will go over the same scripture passages as your children each Sunday.**

Parenting 101 & Beyond Led by Carol Houchin, Roberta Karch, Donna Hudgins, John & Barbara Howe in the *Middle House*, 1st floor, front room.

How do parents raise children in the faith? *Sacred Parenting* series – book, DVD and participant's guide – will be the jumping off point for parents. "This is not a 'how to' book of discussing how parents can change their kids, rather *Sacred Parenting* turns the tables and demonstrates how God uses our kids to change us." Come join this exciting study. Through class discussions parents will be able to explore many issues, ask questions and seek answers with other parents who are not experts but who have raised children to adulthood

Searching for God Led by Amy Talmadge, Karen Johnson, Nancy Stubbs in the Church House, 1st floor

If you have ever found yourself exactly where you felt God wanted you to be, this is the class for you. If you've ever found yourself searching for where God wanted you to be, this is the class for you, too! We will use Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith*, as our text for our class during the Winter/Spring semester. We will need the help of class members to lead the discussions. This is not mandatory, but it's a great opportunity to share what God does in awesome and unexpected ways. Please join us!

Fellowship and Small Groups

The **Wednesday Fellowship Planning Committee** will meet in the Middle House on Wednesday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m.

The **Prime Timers** will go to the Bavarian Chef (200 Lafayette Blvd) on Wednesday, January 11, at 11:30 a.m. You will be able to order from the menu and pay by individual check. Please call Neil or Marcia Corry (548-4625) by January 4, for a reservation.

Our **Suppers for Seven groups** are ready to begin. We have room for four more people – couples and/or singles. If you are interested please talk with Bruce.

The **Wednesday Fellowship dinners and activities** will resume on Wednesday, January 25, in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth

Happy 2012! No Youth Group Meetings tonight.

Next Sunday:

Fusion (Sr. High) We are back to our regular Schedule. Games at 5:00 p.m., be ready to play.

Velocity (Middle School) We are back to our regular Schedule at 6:30 p.m. Games, Can you handle it?!