

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 29, 2012

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Song of Dedication* Felix Mendelssohn

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Praise the Lord!

Your work is full of honor and majesty, and righteousness endures forever.

The works of Your hands are faithful and just; all Your precepts are trustworthy.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

all who practice it have a good understanding.

The Prayer of Praise

*The Hymn 467 *How Great Thou Art*

*The Prayer of Confession (from *Psalm 111*)

Infinite God, Your love extends beyond every boundary, Your mercy breaches every barrier. We do not love as You do; we are stingy with our affection and cautious in giving care. We guard the lines that separate us from others instead of seeking to overcome them. Forgive us. Teach us Your boundless love and infuse us with Your mercy, that we might live more faithfully and love more freely...(time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news!

Jesus has power to rid us of unclean spirits.

Jesus has power to cast out our sins.

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*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 stand to greet one another in the name of Christ and exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20* p. 218 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 111* p. 691 in the pew Bible

The Anthem *Praise Ye the Lord* Deen Entsminger

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 1:21-28* p. 42 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 462 (11:00 a.m.) *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

The Sacrament of Baptism (8:30 a.m.)

*The *Apostles' Creed* p. 14 in the Hymnal

The Baptism

The Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church

to share with us in His ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

*The Hymn 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

The New Testament Lesson: *I Corinthians 8:1-13* p. 208 in the pew Bible

The Sermon *"Building Blocks"*
Sarah Dennis

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed* (11:00 a.m.) p. 14 in the Hymnal

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 *Prayer* Richard Alan Martens

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

Most merciful and gracious God, the good that we do we owe to Your righteousness. Whatever honor we receive is due to Your redeeming love in Christ Jesus. All that we have is a gift of Your grace. You call us, You name us, You watch over us with care. We bring now our gifts in response to Your goodness. Use them and us to further the work of Your eternal benevolence, through Jesus Christ, Whom we seek to obey. Amen.

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

*The Hymn 358

Help Us Accept Each Other

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude

O God, Our Faithful God

arr. David Paxton

the
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



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 1/29-2/5

Today (1/29)	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30&11am
Church School	9:30am
Congregational Meeting, <i>S</i>	11am
Cantate, <i>CR</i>	12:05pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	4:30pm
Youth Choir, <i>CR</i>	5pm
Fusion (SH Youth Group)	5pm
Youth Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm
Velocity (MS Youth Group)	6:30pm
Tuesday (1/31)	
Men's Breakfast, <i>Bob Evans</i>	7:30am
Wednesday (2/1)	
Bible Study Group, <i>MH</i>	9:30am
Wednesday Fellowship	5:45pm
Thursday (2/2)	
Women's Bible Study, <i>MH</i>	9:30am
Handbells, <i>S</i>	6pm
Adult Choir, <i>CR</i>	7:30pm
Saturday (2/4)	
Youth Sunday Rehearsal, <i>S</i>	2pm
Community Dinner, <i>FH</i>	2pm
Next Sunday (2/5)	
Souper Bowl Sunday	
Worship Services, <i>S</i>	8:30 & 11am
Church School	9:30am
Cantate, <i>CR</i>	12:05pm
Stop Hunger Now, <i>FH</i>	12noon
Never Ending Circle, <i>Debe Garrison's</i>	2:30pm
Sacred Dance, <i>U</i>	4:30pm
Youth Choir, <i>CR</i>	5pm
Youth Dinner, <i>FH</i>	6pm
Youth Council Meeting, <i>MH</i>	6pm
Fusion (SH Youth Group) Super Bowl	
Party at <i>the Bohmke's</i>	6:15pm

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

- 29. Ellie Bell, Bruce Harvey, Brian Baker, Silas Lacey, Kim Liska, Courtney Stone, Paula Steven, April Stevens
- 30. Joan Eck, Kaileen Coffman, Don Doherty
- 31. Lynn Norfleet, Suzanne Broman, Robert King

February

- 1. Karen Chichester, Elizabeth Adams, David Scott
- 2. Winnie Vyverberg, Sandy Gillenwater
- 4. Marty Wilder, Judy Lowman, Paula Kallay, Madison Herndon, Candace Johnston
- 5. Polly Estes, Jennifer Hudson

Hospital Visitor –1/29-2/4

Lynda Baer—373-3450

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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 Debbie and Paul Leimer in memory of Helen Leimer, Ken Leimer, Peggy Brower, and in honor of Gene Brower, their parents.

The Sacrament of Baptism at our 8:30 a.m. service is celebrated for **Macee Mathwig Peterson**, born July 30, 2009. Macee is the daughter of **Melissa Mathwig Peterson** and **Jeffery Mark Peterson**; and sister of **Forrest, Brett and Merritt**.

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday, February 5, 2012

Isa. 40:21–31; Ps. 147:1–11, 20c;
 1 Cor. 9:16–23; Mark 1:29–39

Worship

Session has called a **meeting of the congregation** for today, beginning with the 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect members to the Congregational Nominating Committee for 2012, to hear an update from the Endowment Committee, and to consider proposed changes in pastors' terms of call for 2012.

Service Attendants

Liturgist
 Charlotte Horne

8:30 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Terrie Crawley

Greeters
 Lynda Baer, Chauncey & Shirley Kutz

Ushers
 Jerry Zekert, Tom & Sally Edwards

Chair Lift Operator
 Ian Norfleet

11:00 AM
Sanctuary Guild
 Gina Whitticar

Greeters
 George Cralle, Mike & Lisa Harrison and family

Ushers
 Dick & Donna Ridge, Judy Hansen, Shirley Eye

Chair Lift Operator
 Robert Fidler

Nursery Attendants
 Gay Sullivan, Thomas & Laura Digges, Rachel Ball, Emma Lewis, Pam & Jeff Eisensmith

Missions

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 packages, at the cost of 25-cents per meal. The dehydrated meals include vegetables, vitamins, soybeans and more. To help defray the cost we will need to raise \$3,750. Please consider making 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. At 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 5, we will need about 8 strong bodies to help unload the supplies for the **Stop Hunger Now** Project. Please let Bruce know if you can help.

Adults interested in the **2012 Adult Mission trip to Birmingham, Alabama**, April 8-15, are asked to be in touch with Bruce Harvey as soon as possible to get forms and other details.

February 5 is the Souper Bowl of Caring. During the Super Bowl of football, we will eat and drink yummy snacks, but around the world, millions of people do not have enough for a meal. After each worship service, the Velocity youth will collect donations toward the **Stop Hunger Now** project. Velocity Youth thank you in advance for your generosity!

The next **Presbyterian Women Mission Day** will be held on Monday, February 27. We will be trimming stamps, making comfort blankets, and sorting items for school dressing days. Please keep saving your stamps. We appreciate stamp donations from everyone in the church. Turn your stamps in to the church office before February 27, if possible, since our supply is currently a little low. Thank you.

Fellowship and Small Groups

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study - Join us beginning Thursday, February 2, for *Acts - Bursting the Boundaries*. Come take a deeper look at the story of the church's early years and how the Holy Spirit bursts boundaries to spread the good news of Jesus through all who call Him Lord. See what happens as the church spreads throughout a world of political, social, and spiritual turmoil - a setting much like the world we live in today. We meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Middle House, 1st floor. All women are welcome and babysitting in the church nursery is provided. Contact Chris Repp (abcrepp@yahoo.com) or Jen Rowe (jenrowe@cox.net) for more information.

On Wednesday, February 8, the **Prime Timers** will gather at Fujiya House (Japanese Restaurant). It is located next to National Tire & Battery in Central Park between Lowe's and Best Buy). You may order from the lunch menu for \$7.99, or from the grill beginning at \$10.99. Please call Harry or Gerry Smart at 786-6170, by February 5, for a reservation.

A deposit of \$50 is due on February 15 for the May overnight trip to Staunton, Virginia. See Bruce for more details.

Congregational Retreat is March 17-18 at Camp Hanover. *Be a Blessing* is the theme with activities and worship focused on the Beatitudes. Stay tuned for more details.

Christian Education

The **Wednesday Fellowship dinners and activities** will continue this Wednesday, February 1, in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. Menu: Pizza, Salad, and brownies. The cost for dinner is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children (age 4-11) with a family max of \$10. Activities for all ages begin at 6:45 p.m. Adult choices are: *Christian Meditation* with Diane Peterson; *A study of 1 & 2 Corinthians (A Church in Turmoil)* led by Pastor Fisher; and *Dancing Then & Now* (A peek at social dance in the past 200 years through video and dancing including the waltz, foxtrot, tango and swing dance) led by Vicky & Marty Wilder. Senior highs will participate in a book club, the 4-year-olds through 5th graders will have a Bible study, crafts & music, and there will be childcare for the youngest.

Church School Classes for all ages are underway with the 2-year-old through 3rd grade classes meeting in the Education building; 4th, 5th and Senior High classes in the Middle House and the 6th-8th grade class in the Church House. Adults classes are located in the following rooms: *Feasting on the Word* – Middle House, 1st floor back room; *Parenting 101 & Beyond* – Middle House, 1st floor, front room; *Searching for God* – Church House, 1st floor; and *Training of the Twelve* – Undercroft. A description of classes can be found on the table outside the sanctuary, on the bulletin boards on the first floors of the Middle House or Education building, or at fredericksburgpc.org.

Children who participated in last week's **Worship Workshop** were: Jack Schneider, Liam Conway, Ella Murray, Zach Horn, William Oplinger, Barbara Katrina Nance, Bailey Nance and George Nowacek. We thank workshop leaders: Tom Theado, Sharon Humes, Dave Peterson, Jane Kolakowski, Della Hall, Caroline Noxon, Mary Ann Casey and Pastor Fisher.

Youth

Fusion Youth: Be sure to get your **Mystery Trip** form in! Can't wait for the trip!

Today

Fusion (Sr. High) 5:00 p.m., Youth Sunday preparation...this is our last one before the big day!

Velocity (Middle School) 6:30 p.m., Preparation for Souper Bowl Sunday!

Next Week

Youth Sunday and Souper Bowl of Caring

Fusion (Sr. High) Super Bowl Party at the Bohmkes, 6:15pm. Boys, bring a drink to share, Girls bring a snack to share

Velocity (Middle School) Be prepared to help at the service in the morning with ushering and greeting, as well as serving snacks. There will be no youth group meeting at night