

Service of Divine Worship

Second Sunday After Christmas

January 2, 2011

Preparation for Worship

Prelude
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!**

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, our light has come!

All: The glory of God has risen upon us.

Leader: God delivers the needy when they call,

All: The poor and those who have no helper.

Leader: God has mercy on the weak,

All: And puts an end to violence and oppression.

Leader: Arise, shine, our light has come!

All: The glory of God has risen upon.

*Gloria Patri
Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin

We gather together in worship, in complete awe that you, Creator of the universe, are as close as a whisper, as playful as a baby's laugh, as loving as a parent's cuddle. Your light of love always calls us to respond, yet we confess how we let your light grow dim within us. Each day seems ordinary; each friend or family member seems the same as yesterday. Our days become so routine that we lack the expectation of anything new. Forgive us, God, and enlighten us with the joy of each new day. Enlighten us with the excitement of new opportunities to grow and learn. Enlighten us with the passion of serving you. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon --- Amen Sung

Witness of Faith

THE ORDER OF INSTALLATION OF LAY LEADERS

Reverend Banks Shepherd

- Elders: Doug Sink and Carolyn Spivey
- Deacons: Glenyce Fulton, Ron Hutcheson, Rita Lohr – Youth Representative, Laura Strenk
- Trustee: Tony Peele

Introduction

Leader: Affirmation of Ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

Leader: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

People: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

Leader: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

People: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

Leader: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it, if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

People: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

Presentation of Leadership and Covenant

*Congregational Response:

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Laying on of Hands

Prayer

Recognition of Elder Emeriti J.W. Bates, Peggy Bates, Merle Hodges and Pattie Sue Everhart

The Old Testament Reading Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (Page #522 of Pew Bible)

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *{we pray debts}*

Anthem

Proclamation of the Word

The Gospel Reading Matthew 1:1-12 (Page #877 of Pew Bible)

Epiphany Meditation Reverend June Grubb

Response Through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology

*The Offertory Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Communion Prayer

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: God of darkness and light, from the beginning of time when You created evening and morning...and so with your people everywhere we proclaim with joy:

People: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of newness and light. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion...Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

All: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Wine

Sharing the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

We thank you God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

*Hymn "A Parting Hymn We Sing" No. 343

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

People: Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*The Benediction

*Postlude

NOTE:

WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS are meeting immediately following today's worship service.

THE DECORATING AND HANGING OF THE GREENS COMMITTEES are taking down decorations following today's worship service. **ALL ASSISTANCE IS APPRECIATED!**

Thank you to all the members of First Reformed UCC who stepped up and assisted with fundraisers and alternative gifts. **ALL 2010 BENEVOLENCES WERE PAID IN FULL!!**

WOMEN'S LIFE FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS, with assistance of several men of the church will be serving breakfast and lunch at the estate sale of Theodore and Jacqueline Leonard **Saturday, January 8, 2011.**



Funds raised will benefit mission projects here at First Reformed United Church of Christ.



The Church Directory Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Evangelism is in the process of gathering pictures for a new church directory. During this season when everyone is snapping pictures, please pick out a family photo and email it to Nicole Smith at nicole_kathleen@hotmail.com. This picture doesn't have to be in a certain setting, it can be at home, the beach or the mountains. If you do not have a photo to submit, arrangements can be made to have a picture taken at church. If you have questions, please check with Committee Chairman, Clifton Murphy.

Also, if you have any candid shots of church functions, such as VBS, Blowing Rock, Christmas programs, etc. we would appreciate those as well.

You will continue to hear more about this project in the coming months. In the meantime... do your part and get your photos in! Also, if you have not already done so, please fill out the member information sheet found on the adjoining page. This sheet can be dropped in the offering plate or brought to the church office.

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

Address, Email Address, Birthdate, Anniversary

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTHDAY (MONTH AND DAY) _____

ANNIVERSARY (MONTH AND DAY) _____

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS NAMES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES:
