

The Order of Worship

January 11, 2009

Minister: Rev. James Adams

Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink

Lay Leader: Dr. Gary Brown

Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd

Music/Worship Director: Rebecca Haywood

Secretary: Vickie Ellis

Bold Print indicates a congregational response * Indicates to stand, if able

Gathering Before God

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

(As you prepare for worship, please take this time to register your attendance with us today. If you are visiting today, please know that you are welcome and we would like to get to know you better. If you have any questions about our church, please speak to Rev. Adams after the service)

* Welcome and Call to Worship

Lord, call to us this day!

Open our ears and our hearts to hear your call!

Help us turn away from harmful things and turn toward you.

Lift us up and set us on a right path of peace and justice.

* Opening Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 127

* Opening Prayer Rev. Adams

* Chorus of Praise *How Great Thou Art Chorus*

* A Time of Personal Greetings

Hearing God's Word

Children's Sermon Debbie Walker

(Children will be dismissed for Children's Church at this time)

Chorus of Preparation *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet* (Chorus twice)

1st Scripture Lesson Philippians 3:7-16

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Special Music *Bless the Lord My Strength and Goodness* Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Mark 10:17-27

The Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Thanks be to God

Today's Message "What Goals Have You Set?"

Responding to God

*Hymn of Response *Be Thou My Vision* No. 451

* Affirmation of Faith No. 883

Silent Meditation - Pastoral Prayer – Lord's Prayer

At the beginning of the prayer time, as the accompanist plays, you are invited to come to the altar and pray—alone or with the pastor. If you would like for the pastor to pray with you, simply turn your palms up.

Offertory *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Debbie Mink

* Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

Serving God in the World

* Benediction and Sending Forth

* Final Song

My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the Glory now and forever, now and forever, Amen.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today:

10:55 Morning Worship

6:00 United Methodist Women

Wednesday, January 14

6:00 Bible Study - "Questions Jesus Asked – Looking for Answers." Books are \$8.00.

7:00 Choir

Thursday, January 15

10:00 Sewing Circle

Nursery Volunteer for Today, Jan 11 – Barbara Burchett

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Jan. 18 – Susan Greene

Children's Church for Today, Jan. 11 – Erin Burchett

Children's Church for Sunday, Jan. 18 – Robin Smith

Ushers for January – Joe Campbell, Eddy Clark, Cal Herrick, Paul Honeycutt

Greeters for Today, Jan. 11– David and Ann Brown

Greeters for Sunday, Jan. 18 – Brad and Jenny Burchett

Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Jan. 4 Morning Worship –103, Sunday

School-38. General Fund-\$5,704.05, FLC Loan repayment-\$120.00, Total Givings as of

01/04/09- \$6,529.05; Budget as of 01/31/09- \$23,324. Needed weekly- \$5260.

2007 Apportionments- \$510.00, amount to date- \$8280.00

The rose this morning is in honor of Isabella LaRue Holland 7lb, 8oz baby girl born on December 30, 2008. The proud parents are Wes & Justine and Big Sis Lily. Grandparents are Steve & Debbie Mink. Congratulations!

Methodist Mountain Mission Truck will be here on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. As always, we are first on the list for pick up that day. If you have items for the Mission, please bring them this week (Mon. – Fri. 8:30am –12:30pm) and put them in the Noah's Ark Room.

Please check your older pictures of the church looking for any photograph that might show the lights that hung in the sanctuary prior to 1971. If you should have such a photograph, please forward a copy of it to, or speak with Floyd Davis. The photograph is needed to document an historical essay he is writing.

The Sewing Circle has pecans for sale. \$8.00 lb bag. See Phyllis Herrick or any member of the Sewing Circle.

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your Christmas gift. Your constant support and love mean so much. God Bless you. Love, Debbie Mink.

Attention: Drivers over 55! If you are interested in a Driver's Safety Course with a 3 year discount on insurance, call KSP officer Mike Goble, 606-433-7711 or Debbie Mink, 886-0553.