

The Order of Worship

January 4, 2009 - The Second Sunday of Christmas

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

Let us praise God this morning with all our hearts.

Let us sing and pray to our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

Rejoice and be glad today!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

* Opening Hymn *Angels from the Realms of Glory* No. 220

* Opening Prayer Rev. Adams

* 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)

Scripture Lesson Joshua 3:1-6; 4:1-7

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music *While You Were Sleeping* Kathleen Smith

Today's Message "...We've Never Passed This Way Before"
Rev. Charles Douglas, Prestonsburg District Superintendent

Responding to God

*Hymn of Response *I Am Thine, O Lord* No. 419

* A Covenant Prayer for the New Year No. 607

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

* 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

Wednesday, January 7

10:00 D.L.T.

6:00 Un-Decorate Church

7:00 Choir

Thursday, January 8

10:00 Sewing Circle

Nursery Volunteer for Today, Jan 4 – Pam Herrick

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Jan. 11 – Barbara Burchett

Children's Church for Today, Jan. 4 – Robin Smith

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

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

Greeters for Today, Jan. 4 – Gypsie Jones, Roslyn Burchett

Greeters for Sunday, Jan. 11–

Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Dec. 28 Morning Worship –99, Sunday School-28. General Fund-\$3,404.00, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, General Fund Receipts as of 12/31/08-\$187,213.15; Budget as of 12/31/08- \$239,478.00. FLC Loan repayment-\$70.00, needed weekly-\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments- \$0.00, amount to date- \$7769.00

The rose on the altar this morning is in honor of Ian Scott Cooper, 5lb, 11oz, 17 in baby boy born on Dec. 15, 2008. The proud parents are Scott & Mary Hereford Cooper. Grandparents are Tom & Mary Jo Hereford and Great-grandparents are Bill & Shirley Callihan.

We welcome Rev. Charles Douglas, District Superintendent, and his wife Linda. Rev. Douglas will be bringing the message this morning.

Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume on January 14, 2009 at 6 pm. Rebecca Derosssett, teacher. The subject is “Questions Jesus Asked – Looking for Answers.” Books are \$8.00.

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.

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY - The Christmas Blessing/Angel Tree project of the Outreach Ministry was a huge success, thanks, loving church family! We ended up with approximately 30 children that you all furnished with wonderful Christmas presents! Some of the children would not have Santa were it not for your loving hearts. The newly rejuvenated United Methodist Women, Pastor Jim and so many others really hit the ground running this year steering the Thanksgiving Baskets, the Shoe Box Christmas and the Christmas Blessing/Angel Tree. WOW! And, the Breakfast with Santa on the 20th was a huge success also! We had so many wonderful children from our church family and so many others outside our church in attendance! God has so richly blessed us at First Church and you in turn bless those in need as God would have us to do.