

The Order of Worship
December 27, 2009 –First Sunday of Christmas

Minister: Rev. James Adams
Lay Leader: Gary Brown
Music/Worship Director: Rebecca Haywood

Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink
Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd
Secretary: Vickie Ellis

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

Gathering Before God

Prelude Debbie Mink
* Call to Worship
* Opening Hymn *Angels We Have Heard On High* No. 238
* Opening Rev. Adams
* Songs of Praise *Angels from the Realms of Glory* No. 222
* A Time for Personal Greetings

Hearing God's Word

A Time for our Children
Chorus of Preparation *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet* (Chorus twice)
Scripture Lesson Colossians 3:12-17 Gary Brown
Gospel Lesson Luke 2:41-52

(after the Gospel is read, the following response)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *Birthday of a King* Rebecca Haywood
Today's Message Rev. Adams

Responding to God

* Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession

You set boundaries for us, Holy God, yet we continue to cross over them into sin. Believing we are wiser than you, we are amazed that you would question our actions and lives. Challenging us to carry one's another's burdens, we complain about how heavy and uncomfortable they are.

Forgive us, gracious and merciful God, and clothe us with your gifts of compassion, humility, patience, and hope. Then, dressed as your graceful people, may we go forth to live as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Offertory Debbie Mink

* Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Serving God in the World

* Benediction and Sending Forth
* Final Song *Joy to the World* No. 246

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today:

10:55 Worship

Wednesday, December 30

6:00 Leadership meeting

Friday, January 1 – Happy New Year!!!

New Year's Day – office closed

Nursery Volunteer for Dec. 27 – Julie Paxton

NO Children's Church for Dec. 27

Acolytes for Dec. 27 – Andrew & Ben Burchett

Greeters for Dec. 27 – Jim & Mary Carter

Ushers for December – Eddy Clark, Paul Honeycutt, Josh Turner, Neil Turner

Nursery Volunteer for Jan. 3 – Pam Herrick

Ushers for January 2010 – Frank Fitzpatrick, Cal Herrick, Rob Herrick, Tom Smith

Record of our Faithfulness: Sun., Dec.20 Morning Worship-84, Sunday School-15
General Fund-\$3846.00, Building -FLC-\$35.00, Total Giving- \$5391.00

The Sewing Circle has Schermer pecans for sale at \$8.00 for one- pound bag. See any member of the Sewing Circle.

On December 30th , 6:00 pm there will be a church-wide leadership meeting.

Remember the Wall of Honor? This project is up and running again! We have bricks that will be going up on the wall very soon and if you would like to purchase one in memory of, in honor of or for your family, contact the church office. The cost of each brick is \$500.00