

The Order of Worship

February 15, 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

God's healing love is extended to us today!

God's mercy is graciously given to us.

Let us rejoice in all that God is doing for us.

Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's will.

Hallelujah!

AMEN.

* Opening Hymn *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 400

* 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)*

Scripture Lesson Genesis 45:1-8, 50:19-20 Doug Herman

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:21-28 Rev. Adams

(after the Scripture is read, the following response)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *How Firm A Foundation* No. 529 (vss. 1-3, 5)

Today's Message "He Turns Evil Into Good?" Rev. Adams

Responding to God

* An Affirmation of Faith No. 887

Call to Prayer *Leave It There* No. 522 (vs.1,3,4)

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 Rev. Adams. If you would like for Rev. Adams to pray with you, simply turn your palms up.

Offertory *Unclouded Day* Debbie Mink

* Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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
5:00 Youth
5:00 Bells
6:00 Chasing Daylight Class

Wednesday, February 18

6:00 Acolyte Training
6:00 Bible Study
7:00 Choir

Thursday, February 19

10:00 Sewing Circle
6:30 Girl Scout Leaders

Nursery Volunteer for Today, Feb. 15 – Kristin Garrett

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Feb. 22 – Susan Hamilton

Children's Church for Today, Feb. 15 – Erin Burchett

Children's Church for Sunday, Feb. 22 – Robin Smith

Ushers for February – David Allen, Danny Hamilton, Tom Hereford, Marty Osborne

Greeters for Today, Feb. 15 – The Walker Family

Greeters for Sunday, Feb. 22 – The Greene Family

Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Feb. 8 Morning Worship-104, Sunday School-42 General Fund-\$2407.00, Building -FLC-\$40.00, Total Givings - \$2767.00; Needed weekly-\$5260. Budget as of 02/08/09- \$30,637.80.

Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 6:00 pm we will have Acolyte training for all those Kindergarten thru 6th grade who are interested in being an Acolyte. Pizza will be provided for supper.

Our United Methodist Women's meeting on February 8th was a huge success with twenty five members in attendance. The Methodist women enjoyed a devotional about a personal experience, given by Nan Arnett. Refreshments were also provided by Nan and Dawn Brown, which were Valentine themed and delicious! Many thanks ladies for your hard work and effort. **We have** so many exciting events that it is hard to know where to start. Please put on your calendars to attend a luncheon/dessert auction on March 8th immediately after our morning worship service. We will accept contributions for the meal and will be auctioning dessert items to the highest bidders. We are praying for a great turn out to help us raise money for the FLC indebtedness and our local women's abuse center. Come and join in the fellowship! **The United Methodist Women** would like to extend a welcome to all women of the church. We are in need of fresh ideas and help with our new projects. If any lady would need transportation to a meeting, please contact Kathy Fitzpatrick or Debbie Walker.