

The Order of Worship

February 22, 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 *Now Thank We All Our God* No. 102 (vs. 3)

* 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 Joshua 2:1-11 Rebecca Haywood

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Adams

The Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Today's Message "Born With A Rusty Spoon?"

Responding to God

*Hymn of Response *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 451 (1,2,4)

* Affirmation of Faith No. 889

Hymn of Preparation for Prayer *Spirit Song* No. 347

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 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

2:30 District U.M.W.

5:00 Youth, Hand-Bells

6:00 Chasing Daylight Class

Monday, February 23

6:00 Financial Peace University

Tuesday, February 24

6:00 Girl Scout Cluster Meeting

Wednesday, February 25

6:00 Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 26

10:00 Sewing Circle

Nursery Volunteer for Today, Feb. 22 – Susan Hamilton

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, March 1 – Susan Spurlock

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

Children's Church for Sunday, March 1 – Diane Turner

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

Ushers for March – Eddy Clark, Danny Hamilton, Tom Hereford, Steve Mink

Greeters for Today, Feb. 22 – The Greene Family

Greeters for Sunday, Mar. 1 – Keane Hale, Sharon Hobson

***Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Feb. 15 Morning Worship-123, Sunday School-43-
General Fund-\$3912.00, Building -FLC-\$730.00, Total Givings - \$5074.00; Needed weekly-
\$5260. Year to Date: Givings-\$37,644.76; Budget- \$34,701.00.***