

The Order of Worship

January 18, 2009

Minister: Rev. James Adams Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink
Lay Leader: Gary D. 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

Listen! God is calling you today!

Lord, help us hear your voice in our hearts.

Place your trust in God's eternal love.

Lord, let us trust you in all our ways.

Come, let us worship and celebrate!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to hear your voice and follow you. AMEN.

* Opening Hymn *Maker in Whom We Live* No. 88

* Opening Prayer Rev. Adams

* Chorus of Praise

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice;

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory great things he has done.

* 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 Ezekiel 37:1-4

Gospel Lesson John 2:1-11

(after the Scriptures are read, the following response)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *He's Always Been Faithful* Rebecca Haywood

Today's Message "And Are We Yet Alive?" Rev. Adams

Responding to God

*Hymn of Response *We're Marching to Zion* No. 733 (1,3,4)

* An Affirmation of Faith No. 883

Call to Prayer *Spirit Song* No. 347 (vs.1)

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 Debbie Mink

* Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Serving God in the World

* Benediction and Sending Forth

* Final Song

*God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide uphold you
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again*

* Postlude

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today:

10:55 Morning Worship

Tuesday, January 20

Mountain Mission Truck here

Wednesday, January 21

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

7:00 Choir

Thursday, January 22

10:00 Sewing Circle

Nursery Volunteer for Today, Jan 18 – Susan Greene

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Jan. 25 – Robin Clark

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

Children's Church for Sunday, Jan.25 – Kristin Garrett

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

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

Greeters for Sunday, Jan. 25–

Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Jan. 11 Morning Worship-100, Sunday School-36.General Fund-\$2558.00, Building -FLC-\$60.00, Apportionments- \$10.00, amount to date- \$8290.00; Total Givings - \$3103.00; Needed weekly- \$5260. Budget as of 01/31/09- \$23,324.

The U.M.W. will have containers in the Sanctuary (in the left corner). We will be accepting socks for High School Boys & Girls and Grade School Boys & Girls to be distributed to the Family Resource Centers.

***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.*

***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.*

***Next Sunday, Jan. 25,** Handbells will resume at 5:00 pm. On **Sunday, February 1,** the Finance Committee will meet at 5:00 pm and the Administrative Council at 6:00 pm.*