



Open Hearts ~ Open Minds ~ Open Doors

9:00 am

10:45 am

January 22, 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

*“God is willing to love anybody. The difficulty is not in telling ourselves this is true for us.
The difficulty is believing it's true for everybody else.”*

-- Rev. William Carter

Entrance

Prelude — Chorale and Variations on “Our Father, Which Art in Heaven”Felix Mendelssohn

Introit — “Sing Unto God”Paul Fetler

*Processional Hymn No. 428 — “For the Healing of the Nations” (verses 1-3)

*GreetingReverend Martha Wingfield

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you, O God, do I put my trust.

No one whose hope is in the Lord will ever be put to shame,

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Hymn of Praise No. 428 — “For the Healing of the Nations” (verse 4)

♪ **You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind.**

For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,

That by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find. ♪

(Latecomers may be seated)

Call to Prayer (*1 John 1:5-7*)

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:
God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.
If we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have purity of heart and fellowship with one another.
Therefore, let us stand before the Light of God in honest prayer.

Prayer of the People (*based on Psalm 51*)

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who turn to you,
and so we humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ.
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God, be assured:
in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn Response No. 400 — "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (verse 1)

**♪ Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace:
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. ♪**

Children's Moment 9:00

*At this time all children are invited to the front of the church to hear a brief message.
The children will be excused afterwards to attend their Sunday School classes.
Childcare is available for infants and toddlers during both services in the Nursery
located adjacent to the Sanctuary.*

10:45 Children ages Pre-K— 3rd grade may leave for Sunday School.

Greetings and Announcements

*Please register your attendance by **clearly** printing your **first and last** name in the attendance pad
found in each pew, passing the pad to the end of the pew, and then back to the center aisle.*

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer For Illumination — “Glorious Lord, Thyself Impart”.....Johann Ahle

The First Scripture Reading — Mark 1:14-20 (Pew Bible page 867).....(9:00) Anita Kartman
(10:45) Sharon Ackroyd

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem— “Let Thy Holy Presence”Paul Tschesnokoff
Let Thy holy presence come upon us, we pray.
Alleluia.

The Second Reading — Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (Pew Bible page 801).....Reverend Mark Feldmeir
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation No. 358 — “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” (verses 1-3)

The Sermon — “Half-time”Reverend Mark Feldmeir

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Choral Call to Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

*Greeting — Offering Signs of Peace & Reconciliation

The Offering

Offertory — Andante (Sonata V)Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology No. 94

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! ♪**

Offertory Prayer

**Gracious God,
we thank you for gifts that belong not to us alone,
but to all our sisters and brothers,
since they too are created in your image.
Let their need become our need;
let their hunger become our hunger;
so that in sharing ourselves,
we discover the Christ who walks
with our brothers and sisters. Amen.**

*Hymn of Consecration No. 2009 — “O God Beyond All Praising”

Sending Forth

*The Light of Christ Leads Us Out Into The World

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction — “Peace, I Leave With You”W. Hatcher

Postlude — Finale on “Our Father” (Sonata V).....Felix Mendelssohn

**Indicates that you are invited to stand.*

TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today’s flowers are donated by Sharon Ackroyd in memory of Russell Ackroyd.

GREETER: (10:45) Billie Taylor

USHERS: (9:00) Paul & Chryse Carter, Richard & Linda Sterrett
(10:45) Dean Hurd, Pandora Johnson, Nancy Meisenhelder, Willard Nixon

RECEPTIONIST: (9:00) Pandora Johnson (10:45) Paddy Askins

The Epiphany Paraments

Epiphany is the season of light and enlightenment. In worship, we celebrate the light of Christ being made manifest to the whole world as shown in the first story of the season with the visit of the Magi. The gospel stories tell of the growth of Jesus’ ministry and his call for people to follow him. The Epiphany paraments, in green and gold, symbolize the glory of God’s presence with us in Jesus Christ and the growth of the gospel.