

Order of worship
First Sunday After the Epiphany
January 13, 2019 10:00am

MORNING MEDITATION*(Please be seated as you enter the Sanctuary in silent prayer)*

“There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.”
Soren Kierkegard (1813-1855)

WORDS OF WELCOME

Nancy Harding

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Nancy Harding

Leader: From restless sleep, anxious dreams, and the stresses of our days,

People: Let us come together and receive the Light of God into our hearts and minds.

Leader: From shadowy fears, gloomy thoughts and the tedium of life

People: Let us be aware of God's love and walk in the Light.

Leader: From deep depressions, worried futures and the trials of coping with others.

People: Give us your grace and help us to understand that are not alone.

ALL: For the Light has come into the world. So for this day, and in these moments, let the Light fill us with warmth and joy down deep in our souls.

*****OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful"**

UMH #89

INVOCATION

Nancy Harding

Leader: Lord as I enter the water to bathe, let me remember my baptism.

People: Wash me by your grace. Fill me with your Spirit.

Leader: Renew my soul! Make me confident that I am loved!

People: Teach me your ways! Open my heart to hear your Word.

Leader: Keep in me in our hands. Make aware of the life eternal.

ALL: I pray that I might live as your child today and honor you in all that I do and say.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in unison]

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: When Jesus was baptized by John in the River Jordan, the commitment to ministry and truth was born. We abide with God as Jesus does through our baptisms; based solely upon God's love without condition..

People: O Lord, forgive us our sins and transgressions. Help us to clear our minds and review each day to understand how we can best serve you. Open our hearts to clear away the denial of how we were wrong. Grant us the courage to make amends and learn from our mistakes. Spare us from the illusion of innocence and the false pride that comes from isolation and loneliness.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ God knows and receives us as we are. Listen! Give thanks Know that we are loved and forgiven through God's grace. **The People Said: "Thanks Be To God!"**

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S STORY

Eduardo and Children

PSALTER READING: Psalm 29 (Red Hymnal pg. 761)

Nancy Harding

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. David F. Hurst

*****Response: "Glory Be to the Father"**

"Glory is to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen"

SCRIPTURE READING/FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:17

(Chair Bible OT pg. 672)

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*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: "There's a Spirit in the Air"**

UMH # 192

(vs. 1,2,5 &6)

SCRIPTURE READING/SECOND LESSON: Luke 3: 15-22

(Chair Bible NT pg. 60)

Rev. David Hurst

SERMON

"The Coming of Jesus"

Rev. David F. Hurst

MINISTRY OF GIVING

*****Doxology**

"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!"

Prayer of Dedication

*****PARTING HYMN: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

UMH # 140

(Please be seated following singing of hymn)

BENEDICTION

Leader: As we journey, may we remain in God's grace and abide in God's love.

People: May the blessings of God keep us grounded. May God's promises give us the confidence to live together and go through our days spreading the good news without apology. May Christ's example live in our hearts.

Distinguishing of Altar Candles

POSTLUDE

Attendance for Sunday, January 6th: Adults 28 Children 2

Meetings for Week of January 13th

Sunday, January 13th - Morning Worship 10:00am

Wednesday, January 16th - Office Open 9am - 1pm

Meetings for Week of January 20th

Sunday, January 20th - Morning Worship 10:00am

Monday, January 21st - Cot Shelter Meal

REV. DAVID will be on vacation Monday, January 14th with Joe DeGrande at the Pulpit on Sunday, January 20th. Rev. David will return on Sunday, January 27th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Trustees have a piano looking for a home for the taking. It is in good condition, just needs tuning. We also have antique foot pump organ for the taking. If anyone is interested, please see Pam

**There a few 2019 Annual Giving envelopes boxes remaining on the Usher's Table
If you haven't taken yours, please do.

**A new Bible Study Class will begin on Sunday, February 3rd.

**Committee Chairperson, please be sure to set up your meeting schedule for January thru March and enter the info on the calendar in the hallway outside office door.

**Altar Flowers - Those of you who wish to sign for Sunday flowers, the flower chart is on the bulletin board as you enter the Library.

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"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM



Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor

Pam Kukucka, Music Director

*"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill God's will
for the transformation of the world through spiritual growth,
education, worship and fellowship.
We express our faith through others."*

We welcome you to join us in this our journey!