

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. Fourth Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

January 9, 2011

First Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: "*Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.*"

- Thomas Edison

Prelude: Organ Prelude

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: "*God of Grace and God of Glory*" #464
...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Hear the voice of God, powerful and majestic;
know the presence of God in whirlwind and flames.

**People: God speaks to us in thunder and fire;
God is revealed in a quiet voice within us.**

Pastor: See the works of God in the life of Jesus;
feel the Spirit gently descending on our gathering.

**People: God calls us to ministries of healing.
God accepts and affirms us and fills us with light.**

Pastor: Remember your baptism and sense God's benediction;
recall God's covenant and dare to live by it.

**People: God takes us by the hand and keeps us.
God grants us a spirit of caring and service.**

The People of God Confess Their Sins

Act of Confession:

Pastor: In the midst of an unjust world, we have been chosen to bring light and comfort and healing to the oppressed. But we have turned away from this mandate and from those persons who seem unacceptable to us. Often we ourselves cry out as broken people to fulfill God's righteous intention for us. Let us confess all that separates us from God.

People: God of the poor, we confess that we have followed after false gods. We have become easily discouraged and have failed to live up to our baptism. We have trampled over the bruised on the earth, leaving devastation in our wake. We have blown out the light of others' candles so they cannot see your righteousness. Forgive us, God of Majesty and Power, blessing us with renewed strength and purpose. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie:

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Pastor: In Jesus' name, disciples are forgiven and receive new breath and spirit. God accepts all who come in reverence and awe, believing. God delights in those who bring forth justice. Today our covenant with God is renewed and strengthened. Praise God for new life, for renewed opportunities.

Sung Response: "Gloria Patri"

Glory be 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.
...Please Be Seated...

The People of God Share the Word of God

A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children (10:30)

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9 Page 584

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 Page 895

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17 Page 784

Sermon: "Water And Work" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

Installation of Deacons, Elders, Board of Christian Education, and Special Gifts Committees

Pastor: Grace, mercy, and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

People: **To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Pastor: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

People: **There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.**

Pastor: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

People: **The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.**

Pastor: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

People: **It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.**

Pastor: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

People: **All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.**

Pastor: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us as deacons, elders, members of the Board of Christian Education, and Special Gifts Committee. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for a particular service in the ministry of the church.

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God? If so, please answer, I am.

Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of God? If so, please answer, I do, relying on God's grace.

Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

People: **We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

(Those individuals requiring ordination by the laying on of hands, please kneel at the chancel rail.)

Hymn: "Jesu, Jesu"

#600

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory: Organ Offertory (8:00)

Senior Choir: "*Spirit of God*" (10:30)

...All May Stand...

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The Offertory Response: "*Doxology*"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication and Commitment

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Commission:

Leader: God gives strength to all who are called to serve.
God has appointed us as agents of good news.

People: **We are accepted by God, who shows no partiality.**
We are chosen as witnesses to our forgiveness in Christ.

Leader: God sends us forth to declare a new day,
when eyes are opened and prisoners are freed.

People: **We are ready to testify to the truth we find in Jesus.**
We are prepared to share the love we have known.

Leader: God is pleased with our faithful service,
and equips us anew to do what is right.

People: **May God give strength to the people!**
May God bless all people with peace!

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: "*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*" #453

Silent Moment

Postlude: "*Fugue*" Bach

Preparation for Worship

As we remember our Lord's baptism, let us recall our own baptism,
which began our journey of Christian discipleship.

Welcome

Welcome in the name of Christ. Your presence increases our joy as we
praise our loving Savior. May every blessing be yours.

Stewardship Moment

Only One Life...

"Only one life – 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will
last." [R.T. Kendall]

Children's Bulletins are available for age groups 3 to 6 and 7 to 12.

Large-print Bulletins are available for anyone who requests one.

Church Time Nursery is across the hall from the Family Room.

Please ask our ushers to assist you with any of these needs

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 AM

Acolytes: Olivia DeLong, Emily Hartranft
Lay Reader: Ron Hillegass
Greeters: Jennifer Hartranft, Bonnie Walsh
Ushers: Glenn Shingler, Matthew Beck, Curt Fehr, Steve Heck
Sound System: Brian Dillman

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Amber Koehler, Brian Lance
Lay Reader: Linda Hengeveld
Greeters: Jean Bednar, Les Schoenbrger, Gloria Steager
Ushers: Tom Capehart, Greg Herbine, John Hill, Scott Stenroos
Sound System: Don Keck
Tape Ministry: Harold Huber
Hospitality: Ben and Carolyn Powell

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 9 Installation Sunday

8:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service

Tuesday, January 11

9:00 am Quilts For Kids
6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130
7:00 pm Consistory (Confirmation Class attends)
7:30 pm Brain Tumor Support Group

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 am Cemetery Association
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, January 13

10:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Junior Choir
6:30 pm All Dens
6:30 pm Jr. GS Troop #6123

Saturday, January 15

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
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Church Announcements for Sunday, January 9, 2011

January Mission – Lehigh County Conference of Churches (LCCC) Linkage

Linkage is an outreach program designed to provide the homeless with the basic needs for survival. Although the goal is to encourage and provide shelter for the homeless, there are individuals whose problems prevent them from accepting the offer. Especially during the cold winter months, staying warm is a priority. The Mission Committee is asking for your help in donations of men's warm socks, thermal underwear, gloves, scarves, and hats. There is also a request for safety razors. "To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless..." (1 Corinthians 4:11)

Sign the Pew Register

To encourage fellowship at St. John's, please sign the pew register found at the center aisle of your pew. Pass the register on for others to sign it. As it is passed back, read the register and learn the names of those worshipping with you this morning!

Deadline for Annual Reports

If you are responsible for a report to be included in the Annual Report, please note that the deadline for information to be submitted to the church office is Friday, January 21, 2011. Early submissions are always greatly appreciated!

Confidentiality

It is important that we honor the rights to privacy of medical information for our St. John's members. If someone in the congregation shares a prayer concern, a medical issue, or hospitalization information with you, **please ask their permission** before sharing that information with the pastors, Undershepherd Ministry, Prayer Tree or church office, or for announcement in worship. If you are hospitalized or are sharing any prayer concerns, the pastors will ask your permission before disclosing information to anyone beyond the pastoral staff.

Church Hospital Code Number is 466!

The pastors visit our hospitalized members. If you, or a member of your family enters the hospital, please ask the hospital to place the patient's name on church code #466, St. John's UCC, Emmaus or call the church office to inform us at 610-965-9158.

Recently Hospitalized – Mae Carl, Mary Billman, Joseph Quinn

Blood Pressure Screening

Today, January 9th, representatives of the Health Ministry Task Force at St. John's will be doing blood pressure screening. You are invited to stop by the Health Room following the 8:00 AM service or before and after the 10:30 AM service to have your blood pressure checked.

Greeting Cards

The Undershepherd Ministries give us the opportunity to sign greeting cards for folks on our Home Visitation List, for members of the congregation who need a lift, or just to say “hello”. All cards are in the Narthex. Please take a minute to sign the cards and send these folks our Christian greetings. Today we are signing cards for:

James and Laurie Wilson, Terry Wieder, Dorothy Sweitzer

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Carl and Nancy Wieder in honor of their daughter, Kathy.

Church Attendance – Sunday, January 2, 2011: 8:30 – 91 10:30 AM -115

Income Report for Sunday, January 2, 2011:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$2,412.00

General Fund - \$7,031.29

Loud Offering - \$264.39