

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. Fourth Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

January 30, 2011

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“Make the most of yourself for that is all there is to you.”*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Prelude

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”* #91

...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Be still before God, and wait patiently;
delight in God, who fulfills the desires of your heart.

People: **With what shall we come before God?**
Who is worthy to stand in God’s presence?

Pastor: Come, not in your wisdom, but in humility;
come, not to boast, but to learn.

People: **We come without power of pretension;**
we bring our weaknesses more than strength.

Pastor: Consider your call, and commit your way to God;
trust in God to grant you light and new life.

People: **God’s blessing pours out on the crowds;**
yet God’s attention is focused on each one of us.

The People of God Confess Their Sins

Act of Confession:

Pastor: Let us confess our sins.

People: **God of hills and valleys, of Jews and Greeks, of faithful ones and sinners, we bring our anger, our envy, our foolishness to your feet. We do not understand your ways, yet often we have not sought to understand. We do not believe that love works, that patience, meekness, and humility mark the way to fullness of life. So we have sought our own way of power and wisdom, wrath and warfare, impatience and evil devices. They have carried us to places where we do not wish to be. We turn to the folly of the cross, seeking the mystery of your grace. Will you forgive us once more? 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: God has redeemed many from their bondage. Shall we not trust that God will save us too? God vindicates us and offers us prosperity that is not based on worldly standards. God calls us to a new life of justice, kindness, and humility, of meekness, spiritual hunger, and mercy, of pure hearts and peacemaking. You are blessed; rejoice and be glad!

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.

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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: Micah 6:1-8 Page 757
Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Page 926
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 Page 785

Sermon: "Blessed" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

...All May Stand...

UCC Statement of Faith Front of Hymnal

Hymn: "Blessed Are the Persecuted" #187
...Please Be Seated...

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.**

Prayer Response: "*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*" #265
**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.**

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation
The Offering
The Offertory (8:00)
Senior Choir Anthem (10:30)
...All May Stand...

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: Trust in God, and do good.
Dwell with God, and enjoy security.
People: **We have heard God's call and want to follow;
we have turned from our foolish ways to Christ's
way.**
Leader: God has shown you what is good;
God had laid before you all that is required.
People: **We commit ourselves anew to do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.**
Leader: God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus;
rejoice and be glad, for heaven awaits you.
People: **We have known the blessing of God in this place;
we go back to our daily rounds to share the blessing.**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #431

Silent Moment

Postlude

Preparation for Worship

As we gather to worship, let us remember that God wants us to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly" with him (Micah 6:8, NRSV).

Welcome

Welcome, children of God! Together, let us make melody to the Lord and join in joyful fellowship with one another.

Stewardship Moment

Balancing the Spiritual and the Physical

John Wesley's often-quoted advice says, "Make all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can." Wesley, like Jesus, did not deny the importance of caring for self and family. Like Jesus, Wesley kept that in balance by caring for spiritual needs with good giving.

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: Joshua Dillman, Shania Koehler
Lay Reader: Tom Capehart
Greeters: Jake and Jo Kleppinger
Ushers: Mike Ackerman, Curt Fehr, Steve Heck, Glenn Shingler
Sound System: Brian Dillman, Jr.

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Olivia DeLong, Emily Hartranft
Lay Reader: Harold Huber
Greeters: Marilyn Decker, Jennifer Hartranft, Betty Kemmerer
Ushers: Larry Delhagen, Jim Gardner, Linda Gardner, Greg Herbine
Sound System: Russ Drabick
Tape Ministry: Harold Huber
Nursery: Joan Keiser, Angie Karol
Hospitality: Carl and Nancy Wieder

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 30

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

Monday, January 31

6:15 pm Cadettes #6056
7:00 pm Parish Life

Tuesday, February 1

9:00 am Quilts For Kids
6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130
7:00 pm Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, February 2

5:30 pm Executive Committee
6:30 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, February 3

10:15 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

Friday, February 4

5:30 pm Basket Raffle Social

Saturday, February 5

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, February 6

8:00 am Worship Service
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Church Announcements for Sunday, January 30, 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!

Daffodil Sunday

Sunday, March 20th, is Daffodil Sunday at St. John's! Celebrating Daffodil Days is much more than enjoying beautiful flowers; it's about sharing hope for a world free of cancer. Your contributions to Daffodil Days will allow the American Cancer Society to save more lives and create more birthdays by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures and fighting back. Order forms are included in the Sunday bulletins. Please return to the church office no later than Thursday, February 17th.

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 – Pauline Fretz

Monthly Food Collection

Please remember that next week is the first Sunday in the new month – time to bring in food donations for the monthly food collection for the local food bank located at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church. Items most needed include cereal, peanut butter & jelly, tuna, pasta, rice, canned meats and stews, canned vegetables & fruit, soup, canned milk, and spaghetti sauce.

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:

Richard Gair, II, Ruth Zellner, Ardella Guth, Evangeline Coeyman

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Bob and Shirley Slusaw in memory of Shirley’s parents, Harry and Blanche Undercoffler.

The Organ Flowers are sponsored by Mary Jane Mahler in memory of her mother, Katie Lutey.

Church Attendance – Sunday, January 23, 2011: 8:30 – 60 10:30 AM -130

Income Report for Sunday, January 23, 2011:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$651.00
General Fund - \$3,829.90