

First United Methodist Church
Order of Worship
~Epiphany~

10:55 am

January 3, 2010

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(*) Stand as you are able

Gathering Time and Announcements

Let Us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

arr. Bender

*Call to Worship (In Unison)

“He who sat upon the throne said; Behold, I make all things new.” Rev. 21:5

*Hymn of Praise No. 249

There’s a Song in the Air

Harrington

*Collect for Purity of Heart (In Unison)

Rev. Allison Coltrane

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JOHN WESLEY COVENANT SERVICE

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Rev. Mike Sykes

Dearly beloved the Christian life, to which we are called, is a life in Christ, redeemed from sin by Him, and through Him consecrated to God. Upon this life we have entered, having admitted into that new covenant of which our Lord Jesus Christ is mediator and which He sealed with His own blood, that it might stand forever.

On one side the covenant is God’s promise that He will fulfill in and through us all that he declared in Jesus Christ, who is the author and perfecter of our faith. That His promise still stands we are sure, for we have known His goodness and proved his grace in our lives day by day. On the other side we stand pledged to live no more unto ourselves, but to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us and called us to serve Him that the purpose of His coming be fulfilled.

From time to time, we renew our vows of consecration, especially when we gather at the table of the Lord; but on this day we meet expressly, as generations of our fathers have met, that we may joyfully and solemnly renew the covenant which bound them and us to God.

Adoration

Let us adore the Father, the God of love who created us; who every moment preserves and sustains us; who has loved us with an everlasting love, and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD; WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEE TO BE THE LORD.

Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom; who was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin; who became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; who was dead, and liveth forevermore; who opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; who sitteth at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

THOU ART THE KING OF GLORY, O CHRIST.

Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us; whose wisdom teaches us; whose power enables us; who waits to do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

ALL PRAISE TO THEE, O HOLY SPIRIT, AMEN

A Moment of Silent Prayer

The Morning Prayer

Rev. Allison Coltrane

Homily

Reception of New Members

Worship God with God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Another Year Is Dawning

Wesley

*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.

*Hymn No. 254

We Three Kings

Hopkins

*Thanksgiving

Rev. Allison Coltrane

*Let us remain standing and give thanks to God for His manifold of mercies.

O God our Father, the fountain of all goodness, who hast been gracious to us through all the years of our life: We give thee thanks for thy loving kindness which hath filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

WE PRAISE THY HOLY NAME, O LORD.

Thou hast given us life and reason, and set us in a world which is full of thy glory. Thou hast comforted us with kindred and friends, and ministered to us through the hands and minds of our fellows.

WE PRAISE THY HOLY NAME, O LORD.

Thou hast set in our hearts a hunger for thee, and given us thy peace. Thou hast redeemed us and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. Thou hast given us a place in the fellowship of thy Spirit and the witness of thy Church.

WE PRAISE THY HOLY NAME, O LORD.

In darkness thou hast been our light, in adversity and temptation a rock of strength, in our joys the very spirit of joy, in our labors the all-sufficient reward.

WE PRAISE THY HOLY NAME, O LORD.

Thou hast remembered us when we have forgotten thee, followed us even when we fled thee, met us with forgiveness when we turned back to thee. For all thy long-suffering and the abundance of thy grace.

WE PRAISE THY HOLY NAME, O LORD.

A Moment of Silent Prayer

Confession

Rev. Allison Coltrane

Let us now examine ourselves before God, humbly confessing our sins and watching our hearts, lest by self-deceit we shut ourselves out from His presence. Let us responsively pray:

O God our Father, who hast set forth the way of life for us in thy beloved Son: We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our reluctance to follow Him. Thou hast spoken and called, and we have not given heed; thy beauty hath shone forth, and we have been blind; thou hast stretched out thy hands to us through our fellows, and we have passed by. We have taken great benefits with little thanks; we have been unworthy of thy changeless love.

HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FORGIVE US, O LORD.

Forgive us, we beseech thee, the poverty of our worship, the formality and selfishness of our prayers, our inconstancy and unbelief, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our false pretenses, and our willful ignorance of thy ways.

HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FORGIVE US, O LORD.

Forgive us wherein we have wasted our time or misused our gifts. Forgive us wherein we have excused our own wrongdoing or evaded our responsibilities. Forgive us that we have been unwilling to overcome evil with good, that we have drawn back from the cross.

HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FORGIVE US, O LORD.

Forgive us that so little of thy love has reached others through us, and that we have borne so lightly wrongs and sufferings that were not our own. Forgive us wherein we have cherished the things that divide us from others, and wherein we have made it hard for them to live with us, and wherein we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness.

HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FORGIVE US, O LORD.

If we have made no ventures in fellowship, if we have kept in our heart a grievance against another, if we have not sought reconciliation, if we have been eager for punishment of wrongdoers and slow to seek their redemption.

HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FORGIVE US, O LORD.

Let each of us in silence make confession to God. Let us pray together saying,

All:

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions, wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, of God; and renew a right spirit within me. Amen

This is the message we have heard from him, and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not within us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Hymn No. 251

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Spiritual

* Scripture Reading

II Kings 23: 1-3

*The Covenant Hymn No. 606

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

Kingsfold

Pastor:

And now, beloved, let us bind ourselves with willing bonds to our covenant God, and take the yoke of Christ upon us.

This taking of His yoke upon us means that we are heartily content, that He appoint us our place and work, and that He alone be our reward.

Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honor, others bring reproach, some are suitable to our natural inclinations, and temporal interests, others are contrary to both. In some, we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is assuredly given us in Christ, who strengthens us.

Therefore, let us make the covenant of God our own. Let us engage our heart to the Lord, and resolve in His strength never to go back.

Being thus prepared, let us now, in sincere dependence on His grace and trusting His promises, yield ourselves anew to Him.

O Lord God, Holy Father, who hast called us through Christ to be partakers in this gracious covenant: We take upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience, and engage ourselves, for love of thee, to seek and do thy perfect will. We are no longer our own, but thine.

All:

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt; put me to doing, put me to suffering; Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee or brought low for thee; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Thou art mine, and I am thine, so be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Pastor:

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory! Glory be to thee, O Lord most high! Amen.

A Moment of Silence to Sign the Covenant

Signed: _____

Hymn No. 420 (stay seated)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Jackson

Service of Holy Communion

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty

Creator of heaven and earth, God of Abraham and Sarah,

God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah,

God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets,

God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs,

God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE 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 trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of you Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Hymn of Sending Forth to Serve No. 413 *A Charge to Keep I Have* Mason

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction *All Glory Be To God on High* Handel

*The Light of Christ Leading Us to Serve In The World

*Chiming of the Holy Trinity

*Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Callahan

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our pastors.

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

Wonderful Wednesday will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2010.

There will be a Parent and Youth Meeting this Wednesday, January 6 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship Hall. This meeting is for everyone who is going on the *2010 Ski Retreat*. Please bring your forms.

On Sunday, January 10th – Youth will meet at the church at 2:15 pm to go to FUMC in Laurinburg.

The Rockingham District Leadership Training Workshop is Sunday, January 10th at 3:00 to 5:30 pm at First UMC in Laurinburg. The classes being offered are open to anyone. A copy of the Classes are in each of the Narthex Areas. ***The Youth will be going. Please meet at the church at 2:15 pm and you will need to bring dinner money. Anyone else who would like to ride on the bus meet at the church at 2:15 pm.**

Pennies for Zoe will be taken on Sunday, January 31st during the worship service. Rev Greg Jenks , District Director of Zoe Ministries, will be the speaker. **Bring your Pennies Jan. 31st.**

CALENDAR

Sunday – January 3, 2010

9:30 am Sunday School Fellowship
10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am Worship Hour
3:00 pm Disciple III – Bynum Bldg.

Monday – January 4, 2010

10:00 am Hermitage
6:00 pm Disciple Bible Study at Morrison's

Tuesday-January 5, 2010

10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday-January 6, 2010

3:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday
6:00 pm Youth & Parent Meeting – FH

VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Dave Andersen Team
Crucifer: Patrick Ledford
Acolytes: Mary Catherine Coltrane
Josh Griffith
Nursery: Sunday School: Martha Hamer
Worship Service: Mindi Grant
Greeters: Jeff & Glenda Hughes
Nell Lewis/Dotsy Reynolds
Hedge Prayer: Ladies Bible Class
Hermitage: Buena Vista Coggin (Story Telling)
Sunday School Fellowship Refreshments for
January – Ladies Bible Class

Prayer List
FUMC Members

Claudette Brownley	Julia Ratliff	Tim Capel	Ann Covington Huggins
Bill Crouch	Brian Walker	Roy Shepard	Robert Ewing
Linda Sharpe	John Page	Pam Dillman	Don & Barbara McLain

Others

Jeff & Jenny Eason LaFave and twin boys, born 3 months premature, at Duke Hospital.

Maddox & Mason are the grandsons of Jerry & Susan Eason and Hilda Slack.

John Sears, Jr. had brain surgery on December 9th at Chapel Hill. Surgery went well and he is making progress daily. His family sincerely thanks everyone for your prayers.

Kelly Brown	Cathy Castle	Mary Fielder Adkins	Mac Lunsford
Jim Webb	Mary Ellen Barnes	Beth Williams	Reba Williams
Chaplin Soloman	Gloria Scudder	Jackie Foster	Bessie Tadlock
Carley Williams	Dick Forrester	John Sears, Jr.	David Doolittle
Danny Jacobs	Donna Teal	Leslie Harrington	Von Sumner
Dawn Kelly	Marshall Berry	Dave McCuiston	Annie Lee Stafford
Fern Redd	Christine Weeks	Catherine Monk	Donna Williams
Albert Lee	Rev. Marshall Norris	Mary Milligan	Ott Simmons
Tina Sellers	Angie Shively	Ralph McDonald	Fred James Harrison, III
Jeremy Donovan	Vic Graham, Jr.	Linda Scott	Timmy Gibson
Helen Shy	Phyllis Parsons	Brenna Bendell Husel	Jed Honeycutt
Marvin Lee Bennett	Natalie Sparks	Lindsey Belcher	Greg Shelley
Kenneth Jackson	Michael Bowden	Abel McClendon	Joan Holmes
Betty Burris	Brandon Bennett	Ed O'Neal	Ann Moore
Reba Gentry	Steven Brown	Ralph Maree	Nancy Thomas
Jack McClendon	Connie Latham	Louise Thomas	Mariah Allison
Robert Baxley	Valerie Bradley	Kinsey Lewis	Diane Davis
Kim Haines	Gil Evans	Genevieve Conner	Dan Capps
Thomas Davis	Renee Diaville	Buddy York	William L. Martin, Jr.
Jerry Sutton	Wayne Foster	Sharon Blue	Carol Gullede
Bob Crouch	Beula Bennett	Tammy Jones	Dennis Pittman
Annie Dorsey	Betty Howell	David Woods	Charles Foster

**Also remember our * homebound members, nursing home residents,
our missionaries, service men and women and those imprisoned.**

**Jim McKenzie, Harold Clayton, Louise Neal, Frances Harris, Geneva Thrower, Jackie Page, Agnes "Mac" Bennett, Nancy Hinchliffe, Villa Webb, Don & Nancy Smith, Burgoone & Pauline Carnes, Steve Bennett, Warren Teal, Emily Comer, Thurman & Ashby Scott, Sarah Reynolds, Nina McDuffie, Mary Jenkins, Rev. Leonard & Mrs. Judy Mayo.*

Budget & Attendance Information – 2009

Operating Budget (Includes Bynum Bldg. loan payment)	\$ 576,696.00
Operating Budget Needed to Date	\$ 576,696.00
Given to Date	\$ 564,028.67
Percentage Given	98%
Percentage Behind	2
Bynum Building Loan Balance	\$ 122,409.00
Worship Attendance Last Sunday	202
Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday	101
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected in 2009)	\$ 1,612.50
Budget for the Year 2010 - \$ 601, 821.00.	
2009 Apportionments were paid 100%	