

First United Methodist Church

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A Heart for Christ in the Heart of Hershey

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 2012

Order of Worship

We Gather as God's People

Gathering Music

Partita on HYFRYDOL

David Lasky

I. Fanfare and Chorale

II. Trio

III. Verset

IV. Trumpet Tune

V. Cantilena

VI. Toccata

Announcements

Pastor Weaver *8:00); David Fisher (11:00)

Prelude

Jesus Loves the Little Children

arr. James Bastien

Sarah and Shawn Gingrich, piano duet

Call to Worship

Come away from the busyness of life. Draw close and worship our God.

We come to begin this week in prayer and in praise.

We come to renew our focus on what really matters.

Come away and pray. Come away and be lifted. Come away and praise.

We bow humbly before the Lord anticipating God's lifting love .

We lift up our voices as we are lifted in the love of the Lord.

*Processional Hymn, No. 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

*Opening Prayer

God of renewal and hope, we gather with great expectation,

seeking to have our strength renewed and our hope resorted.

Make yourself known among us this day,

as pray in the hope of your up lifting love Amen.

Sung Response, No 2193

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying[†]
**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send you Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

CHILDREN PRAYING

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

**God of all wisdom, we come to hear your word to us.
Let us not presume to know your message without carefully listening.
As we open our hearts and minds to your word this morning,
lift us in your renewing love, so we may heed your call
and give our best to you, our one true God. Amen.**

Hebrew Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

After the reading: This is God's Word, **Thanks be to God**

Anthem 8:00

On Eagle's Wings

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Trinity Choir

11:00

Have You Not Known?

K. Lee Scott

Sanctuary Choir with Congregation joining last stanza (see insert)

Psalter, page 859

Psalm 147

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:29-39

After the reading: This is God's Word, **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Bow Down and Be Raised Up"

Pastor Atanasoff

We Respond to God's Word

* Affirmation From 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1 15; 3 16

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
Who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

**This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,
and was manifested in the flesh, seen by angels,
proclaimed among nations, believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.**

Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

*Gloria Patri, No. 70

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE

**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.**

*Invitation, Confession and Pardon

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.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[All pray in silence.]

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

Offering (If you are visiting or have a special need or request, please fill out one of the visitor cards located in the card section in front of you and place it in the offering plate.)

Offertory

Amazing Grace

arr. Joel Raney

Hymn, No. 641

Fill My Cup, Lord[†]

FILL MY CUP

**Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.**

The Great Thanksgiving, page 17 Communion Setting A

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Gluten and dairy free Communion wafers are available in the center of each bread tray.

Prayer After 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 your Spirit, to give ourselves
for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

We Go to Serve as God's People

*Hymn, No. 634

Now Let Us from This Table Rise

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

*Benediction

To in the name of Jesus Christ, who sends us.
God's power will be with you when you pray.
**We shall run and not be weary .
We will serve in the strength God Supplies. Amen.**

Sung Response No. 143

On Eagle's Wings[†]

ON EAGLE'S WNGS

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

*Postlude

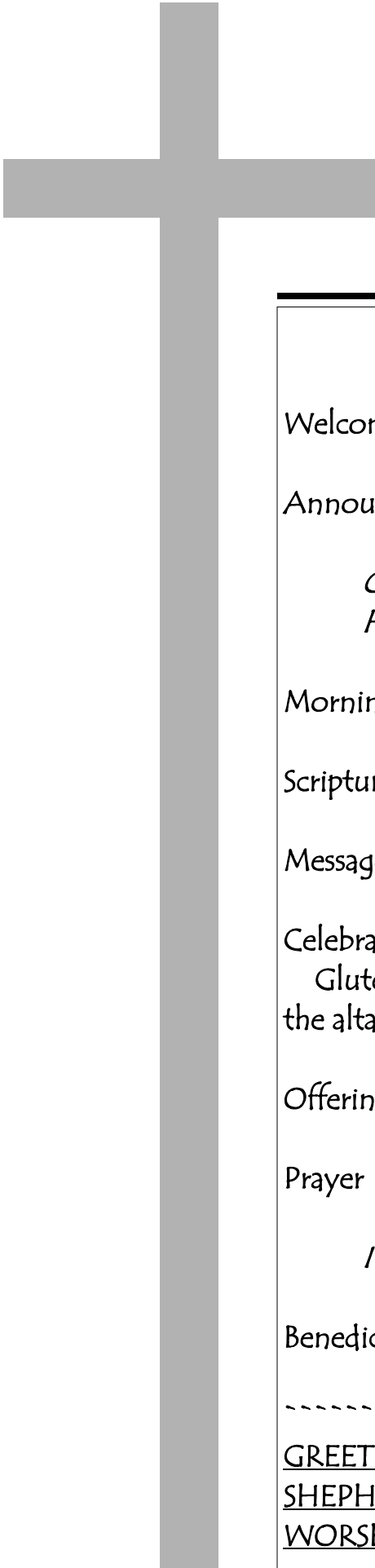
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Gordon Young

*Congregation please stand as you are able

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Celebration Service

A Heart for Christ in the Heart of Hershey

February 5, 2012

Welcome

Announcements

*O Taste and See
Healing Rain*

Morning Prayer

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

Message "Where have all the demons gone?" Pastor Gary

Celebration of Communion

Gluten and dairy free Communion wafers are available to you on the altar.

Offering

Prayer

I Love Your Grace

Benediction

GREETER: Russ Thomas

SHEPHERD: Trisha Wymer

WORSHIP LEADER: Tom Curry

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Pastors

The Reverend Karen W. Atanasoff The Reverend Dr. Gary D. Weaver

Dr. Shawn Gingrich, Director of Music Ministry
Laura Gingrich, Director of Children's and Adult Ministries
Audrey Wilder, Director of Youth Ministry

Trisha Wymer, Receptionist Secretary
Cindy Glassmoyer, Communications Coordinator

Mark Crowther, Facilities Manager
John Fisher, Financial Manager

FIRST CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Hershey. For information visit: www.firstumchershey.org. Please join us again.

First-time visitors please fill out a visitor card located in the Sanctuary pews and the brochure rack in the Social Hall. Also you are invited to our Welcome Center to receive a uniquely Hershey gift.

Nursery Care for infants – age 4 is available during all three services.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available from an usher.

Worship CDs are available for shut-ins and homebound. Call 533-9668.

Congregational Care provides prayers, meals, home communion & cards to church families in need. Call Sue Edris @ 534-1759.

Hospitality Training Materials - for those unable to attend or those simply interested, the handouts used in our recent hospitality training are available at our welcome center.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

New Members Class – March 3, 9:00 - 12:00 pm in the lounge. Learn more about First Church and membership expectations, enjoy lunch. Call Church Office at 533-9668 to register.

Men's Saturday Morning Breakfast – Jan 14 - Feb 18, 7:30 am in the Social Hall. Men of all ages are invited to this six-week Saturday breakfast series featuring good conversation and a brief time of devotion. Come any Saturday.

2012 Women's Retreat – Feb 24-26 at Mt. Ashbury Lodge. The *Fully Embraced* retreat is a self-discovery journey to find your talents and passion and to discover the "who" God

created you to be. \$125 (includes meals & lodging).

Visit our **Covenant of Generosity** bulletin board across from the Welcome Center. See what promises of generosity we have made to God for 2012. Add your promise to the board.

Youth Ministry, Grades 6-12:

Sun 9:30-10:30am, Youth Room: Interactive projects and conversations. **Youth Super Bowl Parties tonight!** See weekly email or facebook for locations and times.

Rapid Pulse updates to

cindy.glassmoyer@firstumchershey.org

Bulletin updates to:

trisha.wymer@firstumchershey.org

Deadline is WEDNESDAYS at noon.

The February issue of the Pulse is now available on the literature racks.

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

The Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Irwin "Bud" Curry.

Creation Fest 2012 (June 27-30) - Creation registration and information packets are available from Audrey Wilder or Beth Louder. Forms & deposit are due Sun., Feb. 26.

Altar Flower sponsors are needed. Please consider giving flowers. Sponsor forms are available at the welcome center or church office.

Prayer Chain - To submit prayer requests for those in need, call or email Trisha Wymer @ 533-9668 or trisha.wymer@firstumchershey.org.

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

The February Mission Collection is diapers! Freedom Circle is collecting disposable diapers (infant-toddler) for the Bethesda Women's Shelter. Boxes will be available in the social hall and narthex. Thank you for supporting these women & children.

Freedom Circle meets Tues, Feb 7, 7:00pm in the Lounge to finalize plans for the Bethesda Women's Shelter meal and also to learn about the ministry of making and giving crosses. Diaper donations for the shelter may be brought to the meeting. Contact: Vicki Holbrook, 566-9705 or Judy Henning, 533-2429.

Faith Circle meets 9:00-11:00am every Wed morning in the Lounge to sew cool-ties & knit caps for the troops overseas. Contact: Sue Musser at 533-1891.

Opportunities to Serve: Money Counters and computer processor to count offering; great group of people to work with. Call Cindy McManaway @ 533-4815. **Youth Attendance Assistant** youth or adult needed to track youth attendance. Contact Audrey Wilder for ministry description.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

First Methodist sponsored Troop 203 will have their annual spaghetti luncheon following the 11:00 am service on Scout Sunday, Feb 12. Tickets will be sold following services on 1/29 and 2/5. Tickets are \$7 per Adult and \$3 for 10 and younger. Eat in or take out. Please help our Scouts and Troop by participating in this meal.

Why am I still getting Pink envelopes? The capital campaign has been successfully completed; however, there is a budgeted \$210,000 debt that remains to be paid. Money from the pink envelopes will go to reduce that debt.

Souper Bowl of Caring - TODAY, Feb 5. Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors to collect money for those hungry & hurting. All money collected goes directly to Hershey Food Bank. Since beginning in 1990, more than \$71 million has gone to help people in need. Please drop \$1 (or more!) in a soup pot as you leave worship. Support the efforts of our youth to "love our neighbors".

Hershey Food Bank needs spaghetti sauce, Hamburger Helper, cake mix, canned fruit, and instant or scalloped potatoes.

Sanctuary Renovation - As of Jan 29, First UMC has received \$1,002,543 in gifts toward campaign goal of \$1,100,000. The Renovation Loan Reduction has received \$4,375 towards our Conference Loan.

2011 Contribution statements were mailed last week. If you do not receive yours in the mail, contact John Fisher.

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

Snow and/or Inclement Weather? First Church follows the Derry Township Schools delay & cancellation schedule. Check WGAL.com, Fox 43, ABC 27, or ABC27.com (sign up for alerts to your personal phone on station website.) OR call the Church Voice Mail System at 533-9668 and choose option # 5.

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

2012 Funding for Ministry Through January 31	
Funding PLAN \$14,355 per Week	71,777
Actual INCOME	62,288
Actual EXPENSE	57,356

Thank you for your recent efforts to boost our general fund! Remember to sign up for electronic giving. Forms can be found at the welcome areas.