

First United Methodist Church

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A Heart for Christ in the Heart of Hershey

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2012 8:00 am

Order of Worship

We Gather as God's People

Gathering Music

Dialogue

Myron J. Roberts

(Organ music played today marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of the composer: Myron J. Roberts 1/30/1912—5/15/2004 who was nationally known as a professor of organ, as well as a composer of organ and choral music, and music for organ and instruments.)

Announcements

Joan Espenshade

Prelude

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Myron J. Roberts

Call to Worship

On this day, let us come together as one body with a believing heart
as we worship our amazing and righteous God.

Great are the works of God and greatly to be praised.

We worship our God whose righteousness endures forever.

On this day, let us come together as one body with a willing spirit
as we worship our God who is faithful beyond our deserving.

Great is our Lord's faithfulness and greatly to be praised

We worship our God who is abounding in steadfast love.

On this day, let us come together as one body with a receiving mind
as we worship our God who shows us the true way of life.

Great and awesome is our God and greatly to be praised.

**With respect and honor we seek the source of true wisdom
as we enter into worship and praise.**

*Opening Prayer[†]

**All-powerful God, whose revelation in Jesus Christ
communicated authority and wisdom and strength
among people who lived long ago,
let your word today address the unclean spirits in our midst,
that your church may more fully represent Christ in today's world,
reaching out in love to all who need food,
inspiration, direction, care, and healing. Amen.**

Sung Response, Hymn, No. 496 (st.3) *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

SWEET HOUR

**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids
me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

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,
light your fire within us so we may heed your call
and give our best to you, our one true God. Amen.**

Hebrew Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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

Psalter, page 832

Psalm 111

Response 1

Anthem

Healer of Our Every Ill
Trinity Choir with Anita Meiser, guitar;
and Elizabeth Louder, oboe; and congregation (see insert)

Haugen

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:21-28

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

Sermon

"There's Something About Him"

Pastor Atanasoff

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn, No. 2022

Great Is the Lord

GREAT IS THE LORD

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed, (Traditional Version)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried,
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.**

Pastoral Prayer

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.**

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

Litany

Myron J. Roberts

*Doxology, No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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!**

*Passing of The Peace

*Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, we seek to be a healing force in this world.
We give to you an offering of our wealth and ourselves
in the prayerful attempt to keep our focus on you.
Receive these gifts and guide us in their use
that they might be part of a witness to your Spirit's presence
among us in the church, within our community,
and into the world. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

We Go to Serve as God's People

*Hymn, No. 536

Precious Name

PRECIOUS NAME

*Commission and Blessing[†]

Go out to witness to the good news you have heard.
God is even now raising up prophets among us.
**We thank God for this time of being together
We are grateful for freedom to worship and grow.**
God will supply us with words for our witness.
We will be led to offer others appropriate help.
**All honor and majesty and glory be to God!
May we never stop praising God with our lives! Amen.**

*Postlude

Trumpetings

Myron J. Roberts

*Congregation please stand as you are able

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Celebration Service

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Welcome

Announcements

*Mighty is Our God
Our God*

Morning Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 111

Message "Is it possible to praise among fear?" Pastor Gary

Offering

How Great is Our God

Prayer

Better is One Day

Benediction

SHEPHERD: Lisa Ginder

WORSHIP LEADER: Scott Hover

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures for ever.

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Announcements Pastor Weaver

Prelude *Immortal Invisible God* arr. McChesney
Children's Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

Come and sing praise to your God and King.

We come to bring glory and honor to our God.

Come and pay homage to the Holy One of God.

We come to offer our love to Jesus, the Christ.

Come and open your hearts to the Holy Spirit.

We come to be strengthened and filled for service to the Lord.

Come let us worship!

Come let us worship!

*Processional Hymn, No. 103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

*Confession

Almighty God,

We confess today that our sins are many and we are lost.

We come to meet you, but do not heed the words that are spoken in your name.

We presume to know what you want us to do, so we stop listening to your direction. Our lives do not reflect the belief that your Son is the Holy One and worthy to be obeyed. We ask for your mercy and grace when we fail, loving Father, knowing that you will continue to hold us accountable to everything you command. Amen.

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Let us hear the words read. Let us listen to your voice. Let us strive to hear Scripture for our lives in this worship. Amen.

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Sermon

“Gentle Reminder” or “Nag, Nag, Nag”
Director of Youth Ministry

Audrey Wilder,

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*Hymn, No. 108

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

EBENEZER

*Affirmation of Faith;

The Apostles' Creed,

Pastor Atanasoff

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maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
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Prayers of the People

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*Hymn, No. 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*Benediction

UMYF Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

**May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you
peace. Amen.**

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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

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. Sun, 6:00-8:00pm, Youth Room: Fellowship, Games & Small group discussions intentionally designed to bring you closer to one another & God.

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

Fifth Sunday Prayer – Tonight, Jan 29, 6:30 pm, we begin our Fifth Sunday Prayer series. Each fifth Sunday of 2012, we will have evening services dedicated to prayer as a spiritual discipline. These evenings of simple yet powerful prayer can change your faith journey.

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by John & Carol Bender to the glory of God.

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.

Scout Sunday - Feb 12. Any Boy Scout or Girl Scout wishing to actively participate in that morning's services should contact Ron Louder @ RMLouder@verizon.net or Susan Hetrick at susanm.h@verizon.net by Jan. 31.

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.

Circle of Hope meets Wed, Feb 1 in the social hall, at 9:30am.

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: Adults to build faith relationships with our teens, contact the Church office. **Money Counters** and computer processor to count offering; great group of people to work with. Call Cindy McManaway @ 533-4815.

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 - Sun., 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 22, First UMC has received \$1,001,255 in gifts toward campaign goal of \$1,100,000.

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

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

Memorial Service for Bud Curry on Sat, Feb. 4, 11:00 am.

Snow and/or Inclement Weather? First Church follows the Derry Township Schools delay & cancellation schedule. Check WGAL.com, [Fox 43](http://Fox43), [ABC 27](http://ABC27), 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

2011 Year End Funding for Ministry General Fund Summary December 31, 2011	
Income	\$754,499
Expenses	\$765,435
Deficit	(\$10,936)

Thank you for your recent efforts to boost our general fund! Don't forget to sign up for electronic giving. Forms can be found at the welcome areas.