

Order of Worship

January 11, 2015

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

First Sunday after Epiphany

Communion Sunday

*Responsive Benediction

Leader: Go in peace serving God in our families, marriages, and relationships this week.

People: We are sent in God's name.

All: Amen.

*Benediction Chorus

How Firm a Foundation (vs. 5)

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The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

*Postlude

**=We invite you to please stand, as you are able.*

■ **May We Pray with You?** Prayer Partners are available after the service to encourage and pray with you. They will be waiting at the front pew.

■ **Prayer Concerns**

- ◇ John & Barbara Giles Family (loss of John's brother, Scott on Dec. 28; and loss of Barbara's father on Jan. 3)
- ◇ Barbara Phillips (surgery on Jan. 8)
- ◇ David Oates
- ◇ Philip Younts' father

■ **Good Shepherd Fund** Each Communion Sunday all participants have an opportunity to leave an offering on the altar. This money is placed in the Good Shepherd Fund and is used to help meet the human needs in our local community. Gas money, help with a utility bill, or even some grocery money for someone who needs a helping hand are a few examples of how this money is used.

WE COME TOGETHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. Michael Burkett

*Opening Chorus

Curt Timmons

How Firm a Foundation (vs. 1)

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

*We Proclaim Our Mission

Linda Blue

Leader: Who are we?

All: People of God, learning to follow Jesus, inviting others
to join the journey.

*Opening Unison Prayer

Father, look with love on us, your people, the love which our Lord
Jesus showed in giving his life for us. Help us by your Spirit to love
each other with that same love. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

A Time for Children

Cathy Burkett

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Christ Comes to Us -arr. Stan Pethel

In the bread, in the wine, Christ gives himself to us. Given now, for
all time, salvation comes to us. As he serves us at this table, we each
become a servant too. In the bread, in the wine, Christ comes to us.

Nourish and sustain us, Lord, feed us with your grace, fill us with
your righteousness as we gather in this place.

(The choir may disperse as needed)

WE LISTEN FOR AND RECEIVE GOD'S WORD TO US

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:18-25

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Message

Being the Right Person

Rev. Michael Burkett

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS WITH JOY

*Hymn

My Jesus, I Love Thee

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Our Life Together

Please register your attendance in the registration card provided and place it in the offering plate.

Dedication of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Prelude in G Major -JS Bach

Logan Walker

*Doxology

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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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Confession and Pardon

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)

Leader: 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!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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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, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread & The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. If you choose, you may kneel in prayer after you receive. You do not have to be a member of this church or any church to take communion. Children are welcome.

You may also leave an offering on the altar for the Good Shepherd Fund, to help meet human needs in our local community.

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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