

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, January 18, 2015

## The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Micah Kearney  
Pastor

Greg Cline  
Organist/Choirmaster

### WELCOME/GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *How Firm A Foundation* ..... Ashdown

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

**C Amen.**

P Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy and merciful God,

**C we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.**

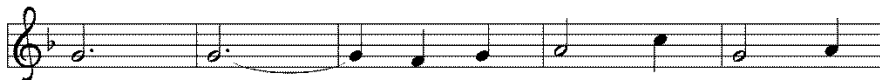
P Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of + Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of God's reign.

**C Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG: *Will You Come and Follow Me* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



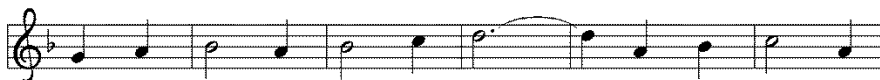
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



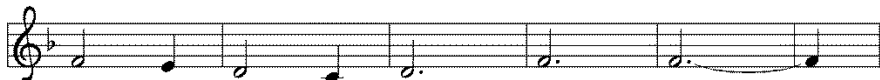
know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## GREETING

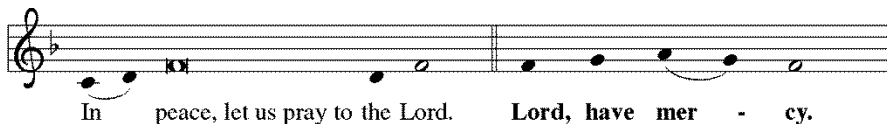
P From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

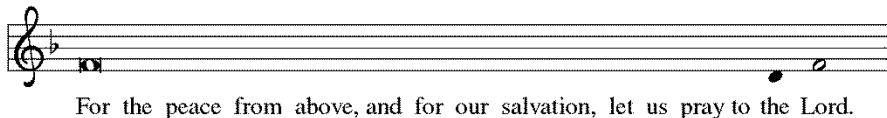
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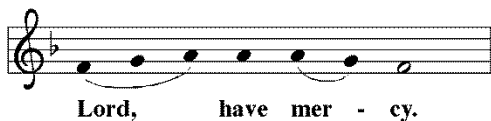
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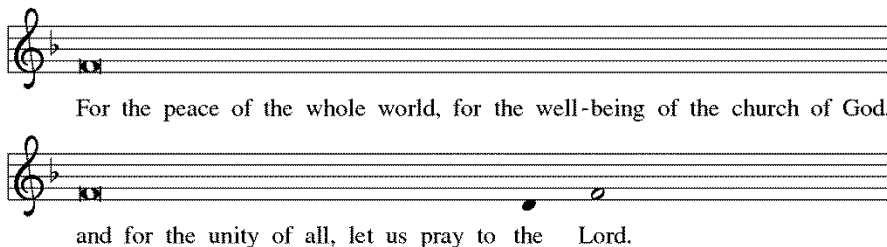
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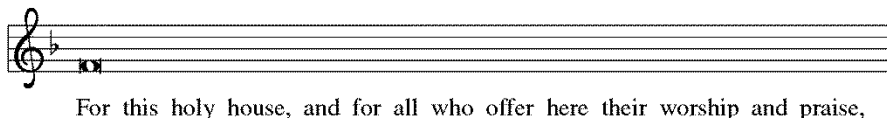
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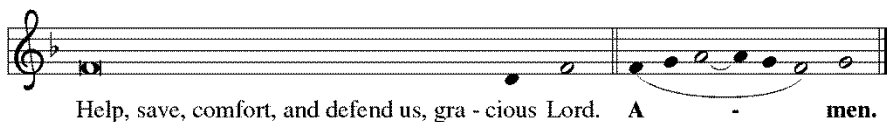
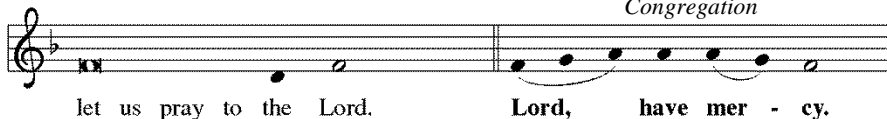
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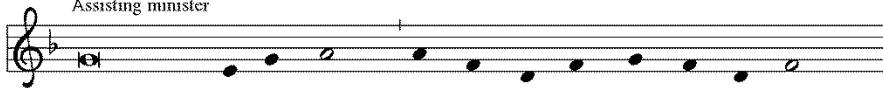


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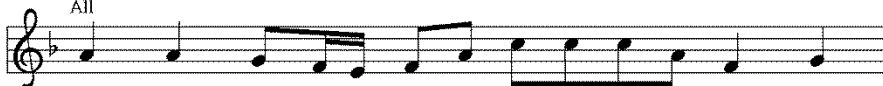
# GLORY TO GOD

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



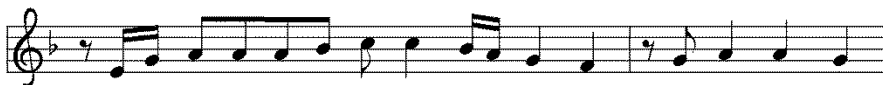
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Congregation is seated and are invited to sing “Jesus Loves Me”  
as the children come forward.*

## CHILDREN’S TIME

**Children ages 4 to 8 years-old** are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children’s sermon**. *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nursery**.

## FIRST READING

**1 Samuel 3:1–10**

A reading from the third chapter of 1 Samuel.

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel’s prophetic ministry.*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was

calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



**PSALM 139:1–6, 13–18.** ..... All Sing

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, | you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;**  
**you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my | resting-places  
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,**  
**but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind | and before,  
and lay your | hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;**  
**it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my | inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;**  
**your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hid- | den from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written |**  
**in your book;**

**my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!  
How great is the | sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>**If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;**  
**to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

A reading from the sixth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

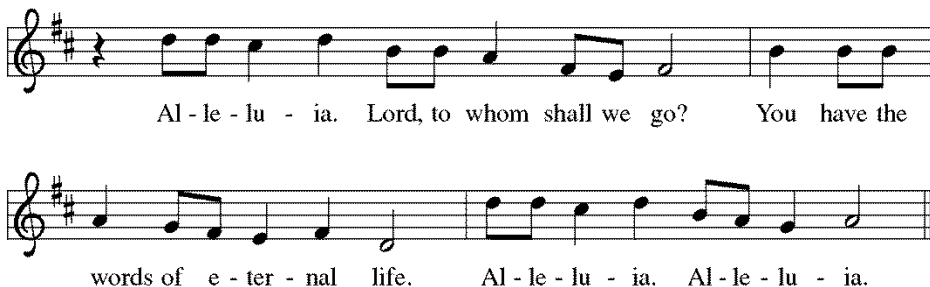
*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

<sup>12</sup>All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

John 1:43–51

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."



P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON ..... Pastor Micah



# HYMN OF THE DAY: *You Have Come Down to Lakeshore . . . . . All Stand & Sing*



1	Tú	has	ve - ni - do_a	la_o - ri - lla,	no_has	bus -
1	You	have	come down to the	lake - shore	seek - ing	
2	You	know	full well what I	have, Lord:	nei - ther	
3	You	need	my hands, my	ex - haus - tion,	work - ing	
4	You	who	have fished oth - er	wa - ters;	you, the	



ca - do	ni_a	sa - bios	ni_a	ri - cos;	tan	só - lo
nei - ther	the	wise	nor the	wealth - y,	but	on - ly
trea - sure	nor	wea - pons	for	con - quest,	just	these my
love for	the	rest of the	wea - ry -		a	love that's
long - ing	of	souls that	are	yearn - ing:	O	lov - ing



quie - res	que	yo	te	si - ga.
ask - ing	for	me	to	fol - low.
fish for	and	will	for	work - ing.
will - ing	to	go	on	lov - ing.
Friend, you	have	come	to	call me.



Se - ñor,	me_has	mi - ra - do_a	los	o - jos;	son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord,	you	have looked in - to	my	eyes;	kind - ly smil - ing,



has	di - cho	mi	nom-bre.	En	la_a - re - na	he	de - ja - do	mi
you've	called out	my	name. . .	On	the sand	I	have	a - ban - doned



bar - ca;	jun - to_a	ti	bus - ca - ré	o - tro	mar.
small boat;	now	with you,	I	will	seek oth - er seas.

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936–1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946  
 Music: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, Cesáreo Gabaráin

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## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living 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.

\* catholic with a small “c” refers to the whole Christian church throughout the world.

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C And also with you.

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Shine Like the Sun* . . . . . Scottish Traditional

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** *Take My Life That I May Be* . . . . . All Stand and Sing



Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



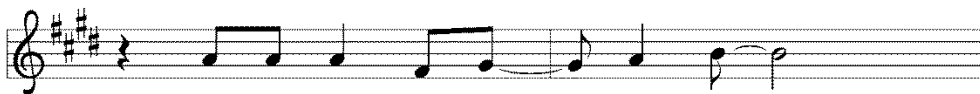
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing;  
4 Take my will and make it thine;

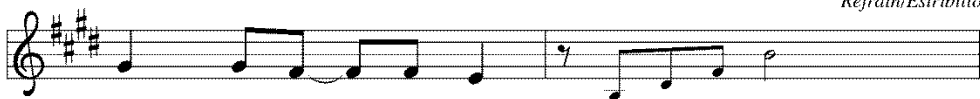


at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
take my lips and let them be filled with  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

*Refrain/Estribillo*



beau - ti - ful for thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.: Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875–1955  
Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956  
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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called to know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, speak to your listening church, and send it to point eagerly to the many ways in which you reveal your life-giving presence. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Renew the face of the earth. Heal the wounds human carelessness inflicts on creation, and rouse us to increase our care of land and waters. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Restore and strengthen world leaders. Give them a clear vision of your power to move hearts and minds, and enable them to act with justice and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Refresh the depressed and despairing. Comfort those who weep and mourn. Give companionship to the lonely and healing to the sick. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Fill our congregation with renewed zeal to love our neighbor as you love us. Open our mouths to invite friends and neighbors to come and see you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We bless you for revealing yourself in the saints. Bring us with them into the fullness of your glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

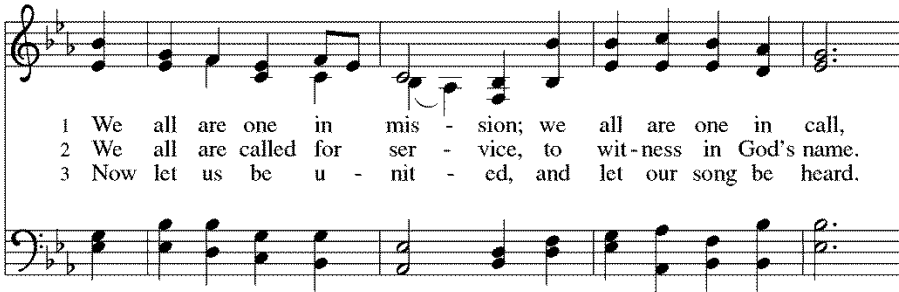
## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 and ever. Amen.**


## **BLESSING**

**P** God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

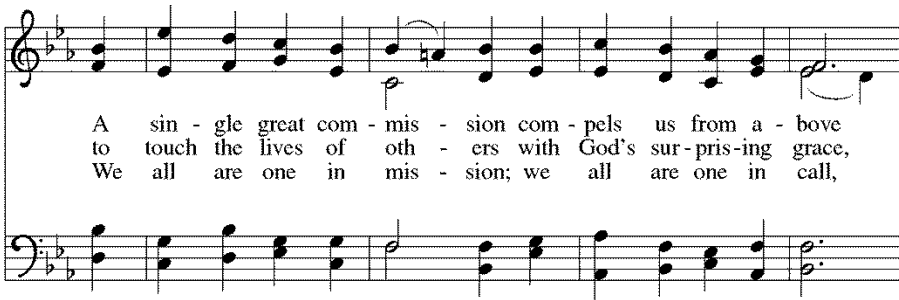
# SENDING SONG: *We All Are One In Mission* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version

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## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

**COMMUNION OFFERED** immediately after the service at the altar.

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**A CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all of our visitors on this **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP.** Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance finding it.

**KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER:** Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the form on line at [www.holyc.org](http://www.holyc.org).**

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Dianne Lail, Arden & Merritt in honor of Carmen De Nicholas' birthday; and by Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in honor of Paul Outlaw's birthday.

**Those who have placed flowers on the altar** may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church. ***Greg Byrum, Worship & Music***

## **Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, January 11, 2015:**

Attendance: 175

### **Budget Report**

### **January 11, 2015**

Current Offering Received 1/11/15

\$ 4,704.00

Weekly Budget Expenses

\$ 4,598.27

Offering, Year-To-Date

\$ 11,974.27

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### **ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye, Jr. + Brian Achor

**GREETERS:** Phil & Carol Posey

**ACOLYTE:** Need Volunteer

**NURSERY:** (9:30-11:45 am)

Jill Leitner & Misty Koehler

**CRUCIFER:** Need Volunteer

**TELLERS:** Raini Kimball &

Dennis Tucker

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 2)

Brad Milton, Co-Captain Donna Bean

Brandy Milton, Co-Captain Susan Woodcock

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER:**

Beth Brittain

**USHERS:** Denise Wiegand +

Volunteers

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### **BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: January 18-24**

Today, Carmen De Nicholas

Jerri Wesson

January 19 Faye Heller

Paul Outlaw

Elliott Williams

★**HAPPY**★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

January 24 Jane Howard

Paul Nault

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### **THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:**

#### **Today, Sunday, January 18**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room

10:30 am The Service

4:00 pm Children's Ensemble

5:00 pm Handbells

6:00 pm Church Choir

8:00 pm Nar-Anon

#### **Tuesday, January 20**

7:00 pm Chamber Choir

Nar-Anon



If you would be willing to serve as a ***Communion Assistant, Eucharist Presenter, Greeter, Lector,*** and/or ***Usher*** during **2015**, please sign your name at the date you wish to serve on the sign-up sheets located in the narthex.

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**2015 Offering Envelopes** are available in the narthex for you to pick up.

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**The 2015 Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25 before the worship service.**

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The **2015 Flower Chart** is Now Available in the Narthex.  
*Please print* your name at the date you wish to furnish the altar vases (1 or both).  
**If you wish to purchase both vases, please sign your name on both lines.**

**Cost of both vases = \$45; One vase = \$22.50.**

Make check payable to Holy Comforter with *“Altar Vase”* in your memo line.

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### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER**

Louise Austin  
Daniel Dowd  
Monique Estelle  
Ferrie Hedrick  
Dot Holland

Zac Hullander  
Bill & Pauline Joye  
Chase Lineberger  
Holly Peche  
Carol Posey

Mabel Ratchford  
Mark Reese  
Beverly Reynolds  
George Roberson  
Marguerite Shive

### **GREATER FAMILY OF GOD**

Harriett Ange  
Paige Beaver  
Jenny Beer  
Father Frank Cancro  
Tina Capwell  
J. Don Devine  
Poss Garrett  
Ronnie Garrison  
Lewis Gilbert Family  
Brian Hedrick  
Stacy Hunsucker

Dennis Jordan  
Betty Kannapel  
Steven Keating  
Marshall Kinley  
Lance Kirkland  
Terry Mahaffey  
Kenadee Nelson  
Mark Outlaw  
Alicia Overton  
Jean Peters  
Taylor Propst & Family

David Prouty  
Joe Reynolds  
Anna Rudder  
Megan Sigler  
E. Taylor & Family  
Gloria Ward  
Pastor Gary Weant  
Olivia Wilcox  
Jeff Wiles

### **OUR SERVICEMEN**

Matt Cisek

Jason Gardner

Dillon Kasmer



Jeremy Shaver

### **OUR MISSIONARIES**

Austin & Tanya Propst (Young Adults in Global Mission)

Please remember these people in your prayers.

**If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform Trudy Whitener or Dianne in the church office.**

The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at [www.holyc.org](http://www.holyc.org).



**If you have dishes/pots in the church's kitchen or fellowship hall,  
please be sure to pick up and take home with you.  
We will be clearing out all dishes, pans, etc. that do not belong to HolyC.**

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service**  
**Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm**

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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education  
Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor  
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