



# St. John's

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

161 North Main Street Red Lion, Pennsylvania



### *The Service of Worship*

January 29, 2012—10:15 a.m.

*The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany with the Installation of Consistory*

*The altar flowers are in memory of Edmund Grove,  
presented by his wife, Carrie Grove and children.*

*The piano arrangement is in memory of Ronald Davis, presented by Linda and Glenn Shaffer.*

### *The Order of Worship*

#### Words of Welcome and the Announcements

Please sign and pass the ivory colored Fellowship Register found on the aisle seats.  
If you are a visitor, please sign a welcome card and let that be your offering to us this day!

#### The Chiming of the Hour

*A worship leader speaks words in italics. The people speak words in boldface print.*  
The asterisk (\*) indicates worshippers will stand together in God's Presence, if able.

#### \*The Gathering Song

Please avoid visiting after The Prelude begins that by your silence others may hear the still, small voice of God.

Verse

**My Jesus my Savior—Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise—The wonders of Your mighty love!  
My comfort, my Shelter—Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am—Never cease to worship You!**

Chorus

**Shout to the Lord, All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty... Praise to the King!  
Mountains bow down—And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name!  
I sing for joy... At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You**

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#### \*A Call to Worship

*Jesus calls us to rise up and follow him.*

**Though the path can be rough and the way filled with danger, we will follow with courage.**

*Jesus says we are to speak the Truth, and the Truth will set us free.*

**Following the example of Jesus, we will not compromise the Truth to please the crowd.**

*Jesus invites us to worship and sing praises to God,*

**The Source of all Truth and Life.**

## Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

Refrain:

**So here I am to worship—Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me**

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

Repeat Refrain:

**So here I am to worship—Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me**

BRIDGE

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

Final Refrain:

**So here I am to worship—Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me!**

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## The Opening Prayer

**Gracious God, we come to you this day, looking for guidance and strength. You have called us to ministry, but we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is your love that will keep us strong on this journey! Give us the courage to place our trust in your constant presence. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## The Anthem

***Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Has Come***

## The Children's Message

Following the Children's Message, children between the ages of 4 & 10, move to the Kindergarten Room for Children's Church—a time of song, lesson, "concerns," and prayer.

## A Reading from Hebrew Scripture *Deuteronomy 18:15-18*

Bible page 172

## The Gospel Lesson

*Mark 1:21-28*

Bible page 33

## The Gospel Response

***Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit!***

The New Century Hymnal #176

## The Sermon

***God Is Still Speaking... Quieting Our Demons!***

## A Time of Response

"The Summons"

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

## **A Responsive Call to Service**

*God is calling each one of us.*

**Lord, help us to hear your call.**

*If you answer the summons, your life will be totally changed.*

**Lord, help us to be ready for that change.**

*There is so much "blindness" in our world*

**Lord, help us to give sight to those whose sight is impaired.**

*People may not understand and may ridicule us.*

**Lord, give us courage and strength to withstand their taunts and mocking.**

*Lord, we come with willing hearts today desiring to be your light to all people.*

**Challenge us to be your disciples not just in word, but also in deed.**

## **A Song of Response**

### *The Summons*

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?**

**Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses for inactivity. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We look at the expectation and think that we don't have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task. We think, too often, that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves and angry that you expect so much from us.**

**Forgive our ignorance, our stubbornness, and our stupidity, O Lord. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that you offer to us also come with your abiding presence, love and support. It is your love which makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service. Let our work fulfill the call that went out from Jesus Christ so long ago. For it is in His Name that we pray. Amen.**

## **The Song Continues**

### *The Summons*

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.**

**In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

## **Words of Assurance of Forgiveness**

*Even before we were born, God knew us. God has always been with us. Place your trust in God's presence and forgiving love. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven!  
Amen.*

## **The Installation of Consistory Members: The Introduction**

*Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.*

**There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.**

*There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.*

**The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.**

*Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.*

**It is still one body even though it is made-up of different parts.**

*If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.*

**All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.**

## The Presentation

### The Covenant

*Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for your particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?*

**I am.**

*Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?*

**I do, relying on God's grace.**

*Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to this commitment we now make?*

**We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.**

## The Laying on of Hands

### The Prayer of Dedication

**Eternal God, You have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which You have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send Your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that Your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

## The Declaration

### The Offering & the Offertory

**\*The Offertory Response**

**We give Thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee. Amen.**

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Response**

***Hold My Hand, Lord Jesus***

**Hold my hand, Lord Jesus, hold my hand**

**Hold my hand, Lord Jesus, hold my hand**

**There's a race to be run, there's a victory to be won**

**Every hour give me power to go on.**

**\*The Postlude**

**Church Office Information**

**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Church Telephone**

244-5031

**Pastor's Telephone**

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**Church Ministry Staff**

**Pastor:** David D. Tietje

**Pastor Emeritus:** Thomas M. Burns, Jr.

**Assistant Pastor:** Brian Percy

**Director of Music:** Lee M. Shaull

**Preschool Director:** Mary Zambito

**Church Support Staff**

**Custodians:** Jan and Barb Kehr

**Preschool Assistant:** Mary Barshinger

**Administrative Assistant:** Wendy Tompkins

**Bookkeeper & Treasurer:** Rob Willhite

**Weekly Calendar**

**Today, January 29—*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany***

***Installation of New Consistory Members***

*The rosebud is placed in honor of the birth of Bria Nikole Lutz,  
6 lbs., 10 oz, 17 3/4 inches, born on January 18th to Scott and Nikole Lutz.*

9:00 a.m. Church School

10:15 a.m. Service of Worship with Installation of New Consistory Members

***Activities This Week:***

<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Consistory Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	"Experiencing God" Study Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
<b>Friday</b>	3-6 p.m.	Pizza Pick-up <b>SH</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Pizza Pick-up <b>SH</b> (if necessary)

**Pastor David on  
vacation 1/31/12  
through 2/8/12**

***Sunday, February 5—*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany****

***Boy Scout Sunday & Souper Bowl of Caring***

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Service of Worship with the Chancel Choir singing, Brian Percy preaching

11:30 a.m. Youth Soup and Dessert Fundraiser **SH**

2:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal

**Service of Worship: January 22**

Total Attendance (a Year Ago)	124 (151)
Pledges, Offerings and Income:	\$2,847.25

**Church School Statistics: January 22**

Offering (a Year Ago): \$1.25(0)  
(No Sunday School 1/22-Annual Meeting)

## **Serving Us Today, January 29**

**Greeters:** Keith Bortner, Ethan Detweiler, Gwen King, Steve Vaclavik

**Acolytes:** Emily Moose and Jennifer Nowicki

**Lay Reader:** Lindsey Dinsmore

**Children's Message:** Kim Pritchard

**Children's Church:** Robin Detweiler, Taylor Uberti and Emily Moose

**Nursery:** Kim and Caroline Pritchard

**Sound Technician:** Andrew Pritchard

**Ushers:** Clint Workinger (Capt.), Art Herrold, Gary McBrien, Matt Nowicki,  
Darryl Smuck and Bob Thompson

**Accounting:** Brian & Barb Doll, Ruthann Young, Glenn & Linda Shaffer

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## **Prayer Needs**

Each Sunday's bulletin lists individuals in need of special prayer support. Please communicate your prayer concerns to the Pastors or the Prayer Chain by using the "Prayer Request" cards in the pew racks.

**New to Prayer Needs list:** Dan Hannigan, Carrie Smeltzer

**Prayer Needs:** Dorothy Andrus, Annabelle Diffenbaugh, Wilbur Hall, Charles Hoover, Frank Klein, Shirley Meads, Ed Shanabrough, Shirley Sinclair, Carrie Smeltzer, Suzanne Snyder, Pauline Yohe, Robin Leaming and Eugene Turlington (friends of Patricia Ferraris O'Neill), Rocky Davis (friend of John Langley, in need of heart transplant)

**Serving in the Military:** Dan Hannigan (Army– Fort Campbell, KY); Jim Pritchard (MdNG); Joshua Pritchard (Army-USA); Brant Seibert (Navy-USA)—grandson of Bob and Mary McFarland; and Kyle Smith (Army-USA)—grandson of Art and Ann Herrold; Schuyler Thompson (Navy-Hawaii) and Adam Tietje (Army–Fort Campbell, KY).

*The votive candle on the altar is lit each Sunday to remind us to pray for those in need:  
Hold in prayer all the troops who are serving around the world, and pray for world peace.*

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## **Serving Us Sunday, February 5**

**Greeters:** TBA

**Acolytes:** Bethany Willhite and Mackenzie King

**Lay Reader:** Dave Fuhrman      **Children's Message:** Pastor Brian

**Children's Church:** Amy and Chris Emler, Olivia Uberti and Seth Allen

**Nursery:** Barb and Brian Doll      **Sound Technician:** Matt Doll

**Ushers:** Dave Fuhrman (Capt.), Becky Fuhrman, Eric and Jennifer Beaverson,  
Bob and Tina Uberti

**Accounting:** Bob and Alana Werner, Mark and Lynn Taylor,  
Mike and Karen Gibbs and Mary Rodgers

## **Lectionary Readings for February 5**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalter: Psalm 147:1-11, 20

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

## Announcements

**SEARCH FOR A NEW TREASURER** – Rob Willhite has submitted his resignation from the treasurer position effective the end of 2011. Please join me in thanking Rob for his years of service and dedication to the job through difficult financial times. Rob will continue to assist us into 2012 while we search for a new treasurer. Anyone who feels God's call to use his or her talent to fill the position may contact Pastor David or me. *Glenn Shaffer, Consistory President*

### **HELP WANTED:**

We are in need of someone to schedule the usher captains each month. If you are willing to serve in this position, please speak to Clint Workinger or Pastor David for more information.

**OPEN SUNDAYS TO SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS:** July 17th and November 11th. If interested, speak to JoAnn Moul or call the church office.

### **SIGN-UP TODAY to serve in 2012! LAY MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!**

There are still needs and opportunities to serve...check the Opportunity Board and sign up to serve today!

**THE ORCHESTRA** will rehearse on February 5th at 2:00 p.m. The orchestra will play during worship on Sunday, February 12th.

**DAFFODIL DAYS ARE COMING!!** Daffodil Sunday is **March 25th!!** Watch for order forms in the bulletin and newsletter and for information posted on the bulletin board. See Diana Arnold or Gwen King for any questions.

### **GREETINGS FROM KENYA**

Happy New Year to you, your congregation and your family. We are very grateful for the support of \$400.00 to the group. May the almighty God bless our partnership to grow now and then. Right now we are going to pay school fees for Swinie's daughter. She has been out of school for two weeks. In time, we shall share more. So far we will be meeting next week, after which we will keep you updated on the situation. We pray to God to keep all of us in good health so that we can be able to continue with our partnership even more. Much greetings from EGD members. May God bless the hands of Pam Girvin and other St. John's congregants, brothers and sisters. Yours sincerely, Brother in Christ, Willis

On **Sunday, February 5th**, the youth will be taking an exit Offering (collection) following worship to support the Red Lion Area Community Services. There will also be a free will donation for ham bean or vegetable soup and desserts in the Social Hall. Items will be on a first come-first serve basis.



**NYE:** The youth and adult leaders attending the National Youth Event are having a money war. There will be milk jugs in the main lobby with the picture of the youth or adult leader on it. Who ever has the highest money total in their jug will have to kiss a goat!!

## ***Stewardship News: Pledge Update as of January 26, 2012***

*(last year's numbers as of the same date are indicated in the parenthesis)*

**Giving Units Pledged—59 (48) representing 103 (90) members  
Dollars Pledged : \$116,865 (\$107,084)**

***Have you submitted your 2012 PLEDGE yet??? There's still time!***

***Please place it in the offering plate or return it in to the church office as soon as possible.  
return it in to the church office at your earliest convenience.***

### **MEDICAL MISSION NEWS**

**Travel Team Meeting—Feb. 7, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Planning Team Meeting—Wednesday, March 7 @ 7:30 p.m.**

### **FUNDRAISERS**

**Mickey's Pizza:** The congregation can **pick-up** their pizza at the church (kitchen area) on **Fri. 2/3/12** from **3-6pm**, and **if needed**, on **Sat. 2/4/12** from **10-2pm**. - delivery in time for Super Bowl Sunday, 2/5/12! The fundraiser had sales of \$548.50 (we sold a total of 34 packs of pizza); the cost to Mickey's is \$368.10, earning us \$180.40 + a "keep the change donation" of \$2.95 = a profit of \$183.35. Thanks to all who purchased Mickey's pizza.

\$400.00 was taken out of the medical mission funds to be sent to the **Emuhaya Group of the Disabled**. This supporting gift was wired to them to be used for goats, chickens, etc., OR WHATEVER THEIR leadership determines is the greatest need, until we arrive for the medical mission trip in Kenya.

The Medical Mission Team will continue to contact businesses throughout the winter months to obtain donations towards the mission trip. We have two service organizations who have decided to partner with St. John's—the Rotary Club of Red Lion and Sertoma of York—helping us to achieve our goal to Kenya. Dentsply will help us with our mission trip if a dentist accompanies the group. We pray this will happen.

**Today, Sunday, January 29, 2012:** The Committee on Community Outreach of the York Association will host a showing of the movie ***Crossing Midnight*** at 6:00 p.m at Faith UCC, 509 Pacific Avenue, York, PA. Following the movie showing, we will have a presentation from Laura Beltle, Sponsorship Developer from Church World Service Lancaster. Ms. Beltle will provide information on Refugee Resettlement, with specific attention to the work of Church World Service in Lancaster. ***Crossing Midnight*** is about the community of refugees from Burma on the border of Thailand. To view the trailer for this brief film, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-f63-n0RRos>. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones at [srentzjones@gmail.com](mailto:srentzjones@gmail.com) or by phone at 717-225-3932.