

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

January 28, 2018 11:00 am

“God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24)

Prelude “All Glory Be to God on High” (Zachary) Sandy Griese

Welcome and announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Come and sit at the feet of our Teacher.

P: Christ reveals the ways of God.

L: Come and see that God's kingdom has drawn near.

P: God fills the needy with good things.

L: Come and praise our Source of courage and strength.

P: The Spirit leads us in wisdom and truth. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” **UMH 110**

Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Prayer** (in unison)

“God of mystery and might, when Your presence overwhelmed Your people, You sent prophets and teachers. Open our hearts and minds this day that we might understand Your holy mysteries. Open our eyes that we might see Your ways anew. Amen.”

Anthem “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” (arr. D.R. Edwards) Handbell Choir

Children’s Message

Hymn Response “Something Beautiful” **UMH 394**

Prayer of Petition (in unison)

“Holy God, we come today seeking Your wisdom and guidance. Help us discern the truth from the untruth and become truly Your people. Fill us with Your wisdom and enliven us with Your word. Renew us as Your people that we may live faithfully in covenant with You and others. Amen.”

Hebrew Scripture Deuteronomy **18: 14-20** Rick Bailey

Gospel Lesson Mark **1: 21-28**

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

***Hymn of Faith** “My Hope Is Built” **UMH 368**

Message: “Power, Authority, Truth” Rev. Wayne Chung

Jesus teaches with authority and drives out demons. Power and authority! Who has them? Who should we listen to? How will we know who is speaking the truth and acting from good intentions? *“I will raise up for them a prophet like you and I will put My words in his mouth!”*

Giving in Response to God’s Love

Offertory “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” (arr. R. Mallory) Handbell Choir

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” **UMH 94**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

***Closing Hymn** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” **UMH 431**

***Sending Forth with God’s Blessing**

***Hymn Response** “Alleluia” **UMH 186**

Postlude “Trumpet Tune” (Handel) Sandy Griese

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Cor. 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

*The flowers on the altar are given by The Heyers
in loving memory of Susan Harder*

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Tim Gillikin – recovering from a fall, Jay Lounsbury – upcoming surgery, Ronny Cranford & family following the death of Ronny’s mother, Linda Vann, Jane Bowman, Cheryl Castner’s father – taken to rehab, her niece, and the Castner family, Jay Lounsbury’s sister, Ann Curry, Helen McGill, Elizabeth Stinson, Bob & Van King, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Carl Stallings, Sr, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation.

Our Presence: Worship Attendance Last Sunday 239
 Average Weekly Worship Attendance 198

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-December 2017			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$392,507	\$370,750	\$21,757	6%
Missions Fund	\$29,227	\$23,000	\$6,227	27%
P&I Fund	\$19,734	\$18,000	\$1,734	10%
Building Fund	\$76,955	\$66,000	\$10,955	18%
Kitchen Fund	\$10,750	\$24,000	(\$13,250)	-55%
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal 45	Other 0	YTD Cereal	113

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$114,571/ Mortgage Loan Balance = \$344,360 as of December 31, 2017

Service:

Ministers All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
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Sunday, January 28, 2018
 11:00 am Worship Service



**The LORD your
 God will raise up
 for you a prophet ...
 you shall heed such
 a prophet.**

Deuteronomy 18:15, NRSV

Our Mission: “Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends.
 Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”

Our Motto: “Each One, Reach One!”