

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
January 29, 2012

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Chiming of the Hour
Welcome
✦Ritual of Friendship
The Invitation

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude "Lasst Uns Erfreuen" Hopson
Choral Call to Worship "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Parry

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 111)

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Praise the Lord!

All: **Your work is full of honor and majesty, and your righteousness endures forever.**

One: The works of your hands are faithful and just; all your precepts are trustworthy.

All: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have good understanding.**

One: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn #64 "Come, Christians, Join To Sing" Madrid

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the waters. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us; and set us free to serve you through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from 1 Peter 2:24)**

Hear these words from the Apostle Peter: "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." And...

Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Sung Response "Gloria Patri" Greatorex

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.

NEW MEMBERS BY REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Sherry Rentz and Pamela McDuffie

(After the reaffirmation, the children may be dismissed to Children's Church: Mandy Riojas/Patrick Holman & Kaci Waller)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

The Offering
Offertory "The Apple Tree" Jeffrey
*Doxology
*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.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A Reading from the Epistles: **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**
Anthem "Balm in Gilead" Drevits
A Reading from the Gospels: **Mark 1:21-28**
Sermon "As one *without* authority"

***SHARING WHAT WE BELIEVE (Psalm 23, KJV)**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #32 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Watts

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE "Christ's Glory Fills the Sky" Ryan

(+) *Ushers will seat latecomers*

(*) *Congregation please stand*

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