

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 22, 2012

GOD'S PEOPLE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

Please note that we are trying something new in our gathering this month. We hope to begin a time of group singing and praise a few moments prior to 11 each week. If you are unable to participate in the singing, and need to visit or make personal connections in any way, please use the Assembly Room for these purposes. We hope that this extended time brings you an opportunity to embrace the Lord in worship.

Songs of Praise: Hymn 377
Blue songbooks #56

*Joyful, Joyful
Shout to the Lord*

Welcome & Announcements
Our Friendship in Christ

*Call to Worship: (*Responsive, from Psalm 92, CEV*)

- 1 It is good to praise you, Lord, to sing praises to God Most High.
- 2 **It is good to tell of your love in the morning and of your loyalty at night.**
- 3 It is good to praise you with the ten-stringed lyre and with the soft-sounding harp.
- 4 **Lord, you have made me happy by what you have done;**
I will sing for joy about what your hands have done.
- 5 **Lord, you have done such great things! How deep are your thoughts!**
Let us Worship God!

*Songs of Praise & Adoration: (*See Screen*)

*Better is One Day
You Are My King*

The Prayer of Confession (*Unison, including a time for silent prayer*):

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends.

(*A time for silent confession*)

You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*Responsive*):

from Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant;

I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

This is the gospel truth: We are forgiven in Jesus' name!

Congregational Response: Blue Songbooks #70

Isn't He?

GOD'S PEOPLE RECEIVE THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading: Jonah 1:17 – 2:20 (Pew Bibles, pgs. 815-816)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

The Children's Sermon

Young children may worship with their families or their parents may take them to the Infant-Toddler Room [Infants to young 3] behind the sanctuary. Children Age 3 – 1st grade may be dismissed to the Children's Room at this time.

The New Testament Reading: Mark 10:46-52 (Pew Bibles, pgs. 44-45)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

"God in the Darkness"

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Hymn of Reflection: Blue Songbooks #82

Be Not Afraid

The Mission of the Church: The Stephen Ministry

Prayers of The People & The Lord's Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

The invitation to the offering

Offertory

*Congregational Response: Blue Songbooks #54, vs. 1

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Dedication: (Words on the screen, tune in Red Hymnals #108)
Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me

*Charge & Benediction
Organ Postlude

****Please stand, if able.***

Opportunities for the week of January 22nd

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| Sunday | 1/22 | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Group |
| Monday | 1/23 | 5:00 p.m. | Preschool Hoagie Pick Up |
| Tuesday | 1/24 | 8:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| | | 9:45 a.m. | Bible Study/Crafts Group |
| | | 7:30 p.m. | Preschool Board Meeting |
| Wednesday | 1/25 | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| Sunday | 1/29 | 9:30 a.m. | Faith Builders |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Group |

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

Leading in Worship: Jessica Simcox & Jonathan Walker
Infant and Toddler (Infant - 3 years): Becky Mehl & Dani Anderson
Children's Room (Age 3 – K): Joann Mikula & Carly Barnes
Faithbuilders Childcare: Cheri Mack
Greeters: Paul & Cheryl Reed

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR January 29th

Leading in Worship: George Leitze & Michelle Imler
Infant and Toddler (Infant - 3 years): Stacey Xander & Sue Barth
Children's Room (Age 3 – K): Ruth Price & Jessica Simcox
Faithbuilders Childcare: Sue Barth
Greeters: Stel and Beebe Lightell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Printed copies of the Sermon are also available on the shelves in the back of the sanctuary and on the web at: www.chup.org . Each worship service is also recorded on audio CD. In addition to being on the church website, all of Pastor Dave's sermons are posted on his blog at www.castyournet.wordpress.com.

1. The congregation of the First U.P. Church of Crafton Heights will have its **annual meeting on Wednesday, February 1 at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive the annual reports of the ministries of the congregation, to give thanks to God for those who have died in 2011, to elect a Nominating Committee for 2012, and to vote on proposed changes to the church's By-Laws. Copies of the By-Laws, along with the proposed changes, are available in the rear of the sanctuary. Copies of the Annual Reports will be available next Sunday, January 29. If you would like a copy mailed to your home, please call the office. The meeting will be preceded by a pot-luck supper at 6 pm. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

2. On February 3rd, **Brian Buckley will present a recital at CHUP** at 8 pm. This is a part of Brian's pursuit of his Master's degree, and promises to be an amazing evening. Don't miss it!

3. Please join us On February 9th at 6 pm as **Dining With A Purpose** celebrates the Shine campaign dedication with a hearty dinner guaranteed to warm you up on a cold winter night: roasted chicken, potatoes, veggies, a gourmet salad and a scrumptious dessert! A vegetarian option will also be available. All contributions will go to the Shine Campaign as we finish the renovations to the sanctuary including new carpeting, painting and lighting. Diners are asked to give a donation equal to what you would spend at a nice restaurant. Please let us know if you will be joining us so we can make enough food for everyone to enjoy.

4. Come join us at The Open Door's 8th Annual Ronald Barth Memorial **Bowl-A-Thon**. Bowling will take place at **Noble Manor Lanes** Sunday, March 4th beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sign up to be a captain and find four other bowlers or as an individual and we will find a spot for you. Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board by the CHUP main office. Please be aware of the new bowling alley location this year. If you have questions call Jason at 412-921-6153 or Jason@opendoorpg.org.

5. Please note that the **offering envelopes for 2012** and copies of the new **Conspire magazine** are now available in the back of the Sanctuary.

My Daily Time with God This Week January 22nd to January 29th

One of the ways that we can best remember who we are, and who God calls us to be, is to spend time in His presence. In 2011, we will follow the devotional schedule published by *The Upper Room*. To receive devotions in your e-mail each day, simply visit <http://www.upperroom.org/devotional/email/> and sign up. May God bless you as you seek Him!

God's Promise: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."
(2 Chronicles 7:14)

Psalm for the week: Psalm 62 (*Read this through prayerfully each day. As you do so, you will concentrate less on yourself and more on your Lord.*)

Daily Scripture Readings:

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| Monday | James 1:18-25 | Friday | Lamentations 3:21-26 |
| Tuesday | Deuteronomy 6:4-9 | Saturday | Hebrews 11:8-16 |
| Wednesday | Jeremiah 29:10-14 | Sunday | Jonah 3:1-10 |
| Thursday | 2 Corinthians 4:8-14 | | |

Speaking with your Creator:

- about your own life
- about those in our family of faith

--**members** – Ikie Kraus, Lil McConnell, Joann Mikula, Dolly Bock, Gert Clokey, Becky Fuhs, Gwen Miller, Betty O'Brien, Cheryl Reed, Linnea Kunicky, Joey Szumigalski & family, Cheryl Prepelka, Jeff Voeltzel, Justin & Eric Barth, the homebound and those in caring facilities.

--**friends & relatives** – Linda Richardson, Jean Matchett, Lisa Behr, Rick Kownancki, Esther Redd, Louise Wilkie, Tom Snyder, Lesley Frazier, Lisa Krupa, Carol Jacobs & Cristie Diduch, Harold Garrison, Marie Merletti, Michael Lignos, Dianne Cooper, Phyllis Petry, Daniel Gordon, Brandon & Liam Murray, Cheryl Strayer, Bill Wehner

--**about our world** – Friends & Family in the Armed Forces, World peace, the Mbenjere Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, veterans & disabled, poor & needy, those persecuted and martyred for their faith. (*If you would like to include someone in your prayers, please fill out an "I Wish" card from the pews.*)

Listening to your Creator: -a time of silence

Going out into your world: -remembering that God sends you to the people that he loves.

Church Prayer Families: Dolores Bock and Daniel & Pam Stutzman

Open Door Prayer Family: Jackson's Family