

CELEBRATING IN WORSHIP

January 29, 2012 - 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (Please sign Friendship Register and pass it down the pew)

Centering Song *Lead Me, Guide Me* STF #2214

Call to Worship:

Leader: Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised.
God's righteousness endures forever.

**People: We come together as a congregation of believers.
We give thanks to God with whole hearts.**

Leader: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.
At all times, God is mindful of the covenant.

**People: The works of God's hands are established among us.
We can count on God's righteousness and faithfulness.**

Leader: Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom.
All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

**People: Holy and awesome is God's name.
We call on God to empower our worship.**

*Opening Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* #288

Silent Prayer of Confession

A Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Faithful God, we have claimed to have more knowledge than we really possess.
We have presumed to judge others on the basis of our limited understanding.
We have grasped for freedom without taking full responsibility for our actions.**

Our witness is weak, and is directed primarily toward those with whom we prefer to associate. By our actions, some of our sisters and brothers are excluded, some are misled, and some are unjustly accused. If we have violated another's conscience, if we have caused someone to fall, we are deeply sorry. For failing to do all Christ expects of the church, we repent and seek your forgiveness. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

All who love God are known by God, whose intention is that we live by eternal values, in loving relationship with one another. God applauds our efforts to rid our lives of pseudo-gods we create, habits that destroy, and prejudices that divide. We count on God to understand us, to free us from our bondage to sin, and to dwell among us, transforming our lives. Praise God forever and ever!

*Response of Praise *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #466

*The Peace

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Psalms 111* P. 562-563

New Testament Reading *Mark 1:21-28* p. 35

Children's Message

Sermon *Loving Authority* Pastor John Anderson

We Respond

*Hymn of Response *Fairest Lord Jesus* #306

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* p. 14 of the hymnal

Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders

Offering

Announcements

Offertory *In This Very Room* Harris

*Doxology # 592
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication (in unison)
By giving away some of our wealth we cherish so much, we keep ourselves focused on who you are, gracious God, and on what you expect of us. As the body of Christ, we seek to be a healing force in our world. May the offerings we present be used in ways that encourage healthful behaviors among us in the church, within our community, and as far as our influence can reach. Receive us and our gifts, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending

*Hymn *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* #465

*Our Mission
To be a caring community of God's people who live by Christ's teachings, reach out to others to share the love of God and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, thought and action.

*Benediction

*Response *The Trees of the Field* STF #2279

Postlude

*All who are able please stand

Liturgist: Erik Swee
Offering Steward: Gerry VanAmburg

Cherry Pie Supper is Coming Up!

Please mark your calendar for the last weekend of February! On Friday, February 24th, we will prepare for Cherry Pie Supper all day. Then the supper will be served from 4 until 8 pm on Saturday, February 25th! Tickets and sign-up sheets are available today so please take your share of tickets and sign up to help. We encourage everyone to participate in this, our largest fundraiser of the year!

Midweek

Please join us at 6:30 pm on February 1st. The menu will be: Shepard's pie, tossed salad, fruit, milk. The cost is just \$5 per adult/older youth and \$2.50 per child.

Winter Workers

Thank you to the people who help keep our sidewalks clean over the winter.
Milt Wilkinson: week of 1/30-2/5
Dusty Mjoen: week of 2/6-2/12
Ron Johnson: week of 2/13-2/19
Bill Lenarz: week of 2/20-2/26
Tim Nelson: week of 2/27-3/4

Youth Group (grade 4-7) -- NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Due to possible family plans and activities on Super Bowl Sunday we will NOT have youth group on February 5th. The younger youth group will meet on February 12th at 4 - 5:30 pm. Activities that day will include several simple service projects as well as time for games and snacks. Bring a friend! We will still have our Game Night on February 19th at 4-5:30 pm.

Older Youth - grades 8-12

Due to school conflicts last month, the older youth did not get to do the "Shopping Challenge" for the Souper Bowl of Caring. So, right after supper on Wednesday, February 1st, we'll run over to Sun Mart to see how much food value we can buy with \$10. We will return by 8:30 pm.

Prospective Members and Renewing Members!

An opportunity will be offered in January/February for any person who is interested in being an active member of this Presbyterian Church to become acquainted with the basic tenets of our faith. Times being considered are Wednesday or Sunday evening. If you would like to be a part of this group, please share with Pastor John or Elder Diane what times would work best for you. Looking forward to some good discussion.

Presbyterian Bible Study for Women

Our next Women's Bible Study will be from 9 to 10:15 am on Sunday, February 12th. We will be reviewing "Confessing the Beatitudes" and studying Session #6, "Greatly Honored are the Pure in Heart" by Margaret Aymer. For more information call Patty Conrad at 701-540-8254.

2011 Year-End Contribution Reports are Ready

Your annual contribution report is ready to be picked up. They are in the marked box on the table in the narthex. Please help us save on postage! If you have questions on your report, please call LaVonne in the office at 233-1192.

Flowers for the Worship Service

Please sign up on the flower chart or call the church office. For information or questions, call Mary Skalet (236-5559), Ruth Mathews (233-4469) or Elizabeth Swee (236-9346). Thank you! **We ask that more members of the congregation please consider participating in the flower program.** It brightens our sanctuary and can be a very good way to honor your loved ones.

UCM to Perform "Godspell"

United Campus Ministry is performing the musical, "Godspell", Friday, February 3rd and Saturday, February 4th at 7:00 P.M. It will be performed at Plymouth Congregational Church of Christ (901 Broadway N., Fargo ND). There is no price for admission but a free will offering will be collected. It would be great for our church to attend and support these talented students who have worked hard to put together an amazing production. Youth (gr. 4-12) who are interested in going to "Godspell" as a group should meet at our church at 6:15 pm on Saturday, February 4th, or meet us at the performance church (Plymouth Congregational) at 6:30 pm.

Contribution Checks

When making contributions to multiple funds, such as the general fund, capital fund and Per Capita, it is important that you write separate checks for each. When we receive a check that goes to multiple funds, not only the money counters have to do more work, but also the secretary, bookkeeper and banking personnel. And it's easier for inadvertent errors to occur! So, please help us all out by writing separate checks for each contribution. Thank you!

Volunteers and Donations Needed

The number of people seeking a warm place to stay at our local shelters continues to rise as the temperature continues to fall. Currently eight congregations in the community have offered space for temporary overnight sheltering. The guests arrive at the church host site at approximately 9 p.m. and are returned to the permanent shelters (i.e. Churches United) around 7 a.m. The church host sites need some basic food items (juice, granola bars, crackers and cheese, and coffee/tea), but most importantly they need VOLUNTEERS from across the community. The church host site needs 8-12 volunteers per night, 2 male and 2 female volunteers per shift. The primary responsibility for these volunteers is simply supervision. The guests sleep most of the night while the volunteers provide supervision and assistance. Staff from the permanent shelters is on call to support staff if necessary.

Anyone who is interested in being a volunteer should call First Link at 2-1-1 to learn more about the dates & times for training sessions. First Link can also connect you with the site host coordinator for the week who can pencil you into a volunteer slot based on your availability. **All community members should monitor the daily needs posted at the FM Sheltering Churches Facebook page.**

The planning committee is also working to build a pool of individuals qualified to drive a 12 passenger people mover to transport the guests between the shelter and the church host site. Anyone who may be able to assist with driving should contact Pastor Sue Koesterman at 218-329-7365. Donations to cover the cost of gasoline and drivers are also welcomed.

Souper Bowl of Caring –next Sunday!

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-driven effort that seeks to fight hunger and poverty around the time of the Super Bowl football game. Following worship on February 5th, the youth of our church will be collecting monetary and food donations which will stay in the Fargo-Moorhead community to support local food programs. Last year more than 260,000 youth from all 50 states participated in Souper Bowl of Caring, collecting more than \$9.5 million in dollars and food for local hunger-relief charities. That's a total of more than \$81 million collected since the movement began in 1990! Our church has participated in the Souper Bowl since 2000, raising a total of \$1,907.32 plus 771 pounds of food for local pantries and food banks. This year's national goal is to empower 275,000 young people to collect \$11 million for charities in their own communities. Please add your donation to the soup pot on February 5th – you may also bring non-perishable food donations to add to our tower of cans. Help us grow this movement and tackle hunger in America!

Join us for a fun ski trip! Saturday, March 3rd

All youth in grades 4 -12 (and friends) plus other adults and families are invited to join us for a great day of snow, sun and winter fun! We will be going to Andes Tower Hills near Alexandria, Minnesota on Saturday, March 3rd. The plan is to take a rental coach bus, depart by 8 am and spend the day skiing, snowboarding and/or tubing. We can then relax in the bus and enjoy the ride back to Moorhead on Saturday evening. More information and registration flyers can be found on the table in the narthex or in the church office. Contact Barb Worman (bgmw54@aol.com or 701-367-9498) with questions.

Worship Notes

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God from Kay Onan in memory of Cedric & Grace Onan.

Please sign the Friendship Register, and pass it down the pew. Record yourself and all members of your family at church. Welcome visitors! Whether you are here from out of town or looking for a community in which to worship regularly, we hope that you feel God's presence in our midst. We would be happy to provide more information about our congregation. Please feel free to talk with our pastor or provide your contact information in the Friendship Register.

Large print hymnals, bulletins and hearing devices are available. Ask an usher for assistance, and please return items to the narthex table.

Childcare is available for young children from birth - 3 years of age in the church nursery from 9:15 -11: 30 a.m. each Sunday.

During the worship hour children (age 4 years – 2nd grade) may participate in the Children's Worship following the Children's Message. Children's Worship meets in Room 2 in the CE wing. Parents are asked to come & meet their children at the conclusion of the worship service.

Sunday – January 29

10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Potluck Dinner followed by Annual Meeting
12 - 4 pm Korean Fellowship

Monday – January 30

9 am - Noon Office Hours

Tuesday – January 31

9 am - Noon Office Hours

Wednesday – February 1

9 am - Noon Office Hours
5:30 pm Child Care & Meal Prep.
6:30 pm Midweek Supper
7 pm Choir, Youth Group (gr. 8-12)

Thursday – February 2

9 am - Noon Office Hours

Friday – February 3

9 am - Noon Office Hours

Sunday – February 5

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship
12 - 4 pm Korean Fellowship
4 - 5:30 pm Youth Group (gr. 4-7)