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JANUARY 15, 2017
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

REV. ANNE STEWART MILLER, INTERIM PASTOR
MR. KENNETH FRIESE, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
MRS. DIANE STAROST, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MUSIC
MS. TINA CODY, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S AND
YOUTH MINISTRIES

GATHERING

Prelude	Improvisation	<i>Ken Friese</i>
Welcome and Announcements		
Moment for Mission from our PNC		<i>Jim Colbert</i>
Introit	“Be Filled With the Spirit” <i>The Sanctuary Choir</i>	<i>L. Lenel</i>
Call to Worship		<i>Based on John 1: 14, 12</i>
Minister:	The Lord be with you.	
People:	And also with you.	
Minister:	The Word became flesh and lived among us,	
People:	and we have seen his glory.	
Minister	To all who received him,	
People:	he gave power to become children of God.	

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 15 “All Creatures of Our God and King” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Kyrie Eleison, No. 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

*Gloria Patri, No. 581

*The Peace

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 49: 1-7 O.T. p.679/P.830

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Awake, Awake!” C. Courtney
The Sanctuary Choir

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 N.T. p.165-166/P.201

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Third Lesson: John 1: 29-42 N.T. p.92/P.112

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Come and See”

Rev. Anne Stewart Miller

*Hymn No. 729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*Affirmation of Faith *Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayers & Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory Prayer

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“River in Judea”

arr. J. Leavitt

The Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology No. 606

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Choral Response

Sending

*Hymn No. 757 “Today, We All Are Called to Be Disciples” KINGSFOLD

*Benediction

*Choral Response, No. 601

*Organ Postlude “Trumpet Tune in ‘E’” *D. N. Johnson*

**Please stand, as you are able.*

THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Anne Stewart Miller, Interim Pastor

Jared Ponzetti, Lector

Charles Worledge, Usher Captain

Roger Ketchum, Bill Roe

—This morning’s flowers are given to the glory of God.

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please sign the flower calendar in the central foyer or call the church office.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Continue to pray for those who remain on our prayer list:

Family of Edward Burgess (Paul’s father), Caitlin Colbert (granddaughter of Jim and Kris Colbert), Bob Esser (member), Dave and Else Haddock (members), Joan Lobasso (member), Bill Murphy (Vera Murphy’s son), Our Pastor Nominating Committee and your next pastor, Cynde and Robert Raynor (Brett’s parents), Rebecca Raynor (Brett’s sister), Jim Schubauer (member), Gerry Schult (member), Ed Williams (member), Grace Youngquist (member), and Diane Zamow (member) and her father.

Names on our prayer list will remain for a month.

If you wish to have a name remain on the list, kindly contact the Church Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS: All committee year end reports are due. Please submit as soon as possible to the Church office either by stopping by the Church office or email at cheriecornell@oldfirstchurchhuntington.org.

*****MONDAY, JANUARY 16 Is a Staff Holiday in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Church Office Will be Closed.**

YOUTH CLUB AND KIDS' AND YOUTH CHOIRS: The Youth club will meet this Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

- Youth Club grades 1-8 from 5-7 pm in Youth Room
- Kids' Choir (grades 1-3) 5-5:30
- Youth Choir (grades 4-8) 5:30-6.

New singers are welcome in 2017 as rehearsals start again in the choir room - Come give us a try!

FOOD 4 THE SOUL will meet Sunday, January 22nd from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Youth Room. Please note that there will **NOT** be a Food 4 the Soul on Feb. 5th due to the Super Bowl. Watch for more details regarding a February meeting.

STEPHEN MINISTERS TRAINING TODAY in the Library from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Other dates in January are Sunday, 1/22/17, and Saturday, 1/28/17 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

THRIFT STORE: There will be a meeting TODAY after worship at 11:15 a.m. in the Fiske Room

CHURCH SCHOOL: Mark your calendars. It's time for "Soaper Bowl Sunday!" During the month of January, the church school will be collecting items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc. All donations will be given to the Community Food Council. Please help us by placing your items in the specially marked box by the Parish Hall entrance. Our collection will end on Sunday, February 12th. Thanks for helping us help those in need.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

- **PW-C3/Bible Study** will resume Wednesday, January 18th 2017 at 12 noon in Room 101. There will not be an evening Bible study on the 18th. The Bible Study will be studying the Gospel of John. Please bring in a Christmas card that was received this year that truly describes what Christmas means to you.
- **CIRCLE-4/QUILTING** meets on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am in Room 101. All are welcome. No experience necessary.
- **CIRCLE-6/CRAFTS** will resume meeting again on Friday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the craft room -212. All are welcome.
- **FALL FAIR:** There will be a Fall Fair meeting on Sunday, January 22nd at 11:15 a.m. in the Fiske Room.

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 15 - 2017

- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Family Worship Service
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Thrift Store Meeting (*Fiske Rm*)
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers Training
6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Downstairs Room 10*)

Monday, January 16- 2017

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Church Office Closed

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)

Tuesday, January 17 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Basement/Room 11*)
1:00-2:00 p.m. AA (*Basement, Room 10*)
7:00-8:00 p.m. Session (*Room 101*)

Wednesday, January 18 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
12:00-2:00 p.m. PW-C3/Bible Study (*Room 101*)
5:00-7:00 a.m. Youth Club (*Youth Room*)
5:00-5:30 p.m. Kids' Choir Rehearsal (*Room 211*)
5:30-6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (*Room 211*)
7:00-9:15 p.m. AA (*Basement, Room 10*)
7:30-9:00 p.m. B.S. Troop 32 (*Gym*)

Thursday, January 19 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
9:30-11:00 a.m. PW-C4/Quilting (*Room 101*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Basement/Room 11*)
5:00-9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (*Room 102*)
7:00-8:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
8:00-9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Room 211*)

Friday, January 20 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
9:30-11:30 a.m. Al Anon (*Room 101*)
9:45 a.m.-12 p.m. PW-Crafts (*Craft Room-212*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Basement/Room 11*)

Sunday, January 22 - 2017

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship

10:20-11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers Training

6:00-8:00 p.m. Food 4 the Soul (*Youth Room*)

6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Downstairs Room 10*)

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WORSHIP NOTES FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Two motifs connect these strikingly different passages: The initiative of God in calling forth God's servants, and the communal, even public character of faith. The prophetic passage (Isaiah 49: 1-7) employs highly dramatic imagery to describe the character of God's calling. Isaiah's "Servant" tells us that God issued the calling "before I was born," "while I was in my mother's womb." The "Servant" has no right of refusal, no initiative to express. In Paul (1 Corinthians 1: 1-9) the apostle elsewhere uses the imagery of Isaiah 49:1 to describe his own transformation (see Galatians 1: 15); identifying both himself and the Corinthians as people who are "called" to be God's people. Both in the prologue to the Fourth Gospel (John 1: 6) and in this morning's account of his baptism (John 1: 29-42), John is identified as one who has been sent for a specific task (v. 33). From the greatest figures in the history of Israel and the life of the church, to the most anonymous woman and man, God's servants have their role as a result of God's calling.

The callings of God's servants vary as greatly as the contexts in which they find themselves. Isaiah anticipates not simply the restoration of Israel, but the salvation of the "end of the earth." Even in the opening lines of his letter to the Corinthians, Paul makes clear that it is not enough for believers to cherish a private faith; their public fellowship with one another must reflect the unity of their faith. John the Baptist proclaims the revelation he has received about Jesus, not in order to enlarge himself as a recipient, but to bear witness to God's Son (v. 34).

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FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49: 1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON
1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THIRD LESSON

John 1: 29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.