

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.

Children's Moments

James Thatcher

WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson	Isaiah 9: 1-4	O.T. p.638/P.780
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
Anthem	“How Excellent Thy Name” <i>The Sanctuary Choir</i>	<i>G.F. Handel</i>
Second Lesson	Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 (<i>Responsively</i>)	
Leader:	The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then, shall I be afraid?	
People:	One thing I have asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;	
Leader:	To behold the fair beauty of the Lord, to seek God in the temple.	
People:	For on the day of trouble the Lord shall shelter me in safety; the Lord shall hide me in the secrecy of the holy place and set me high upon a rock.	

Leader: Even now, the Lord lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

People: Therefore, I will offer in the holy place an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Leader: Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

People: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.

All: Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

Third Lesson: Matthew 4: 12-23 N.T. p.3-4/P.4

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Coming From Main Street" *Rev. Anne Stewart Miller*

*Hymn No. "Come, Labor On" ORA LABORA

*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

Call to Receive our Tithes & Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“A New Song”
The Sanctuary Choir

D. Bish

*Doxology No. 606

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Choral Response

Sending

*Hymn No. 730

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

GRAND ISLE

*Benediction

*Choral Response, No. 601

-Amen, Amen, Amen

*Organ Postlude

“Voluntary in ‘A’ Major”

W. Selby

**Please stand, as you are able.*

THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Anne Stewart Miller, Interim Pastor

Amy Girimonti, Lector

James Thatcher, Children’s Moments

Charles Worledge, Usher Captain

Roger Ketcham, 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:

Prayers of Christian sympathy and love to: the family of Les Park a longtime past member who joined the Church Triumphant on Saturday, January 14, 2017 in Delaware.

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), Gerry Schult (member), Ed Williams (member), Grace Youngquist (member), and Diane Zamow (member) and her father.

Removed from our prayer list this week: Jim Schubauer (member)

*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.

WEATHERVANE: The mailing of February's Weathervane will be Wednesday the 25th at 10am in room 101. Anyone who is available and would like to help, come for fellowship and to support this important news piece of Old First. Please contact Asenath Fuchs or the Church Office for more information.

YOUTH CLUB AND KIDS' AND YOUTH CHOIRS: The Youth club will meet this Wednesday, January 25, 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 TONIGHT 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. Remaining dates are Saturday, 1/28/17 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday, February 5th.

FALL FAIR: There will be a Fall Fair meeting TODAY 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** Our next Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, February 15th at 12:30 pm in room 101. We continue our study, "Who is Jesus?" looking through the lens of the Gospel of Paul. We ask you to read lesson five in preparation.
- **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.
- **LAYETTE:** The layette is in need of lightly used baby towels for both boys and girls.

THRIFT STORE:

- Volunteers are needed for Thursdays and Fridays from 11am to 1:30pm. Please let Cynthia know if you can work occasionally or every week.

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, January 22 - 2017

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

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-204*)

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

Monday, January 23- 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
7:30-9:00 p.m. N.A. (*Downstairs AA Room 10*)

Tuesday, January 24 - 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*)
7:00-9:00 p.m. Spring Court HOA (*Room 101*)

Wednesday, January 25 - 2017

7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Basement*)
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
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 26 - 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*)
5:00-9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (*Room 102*)
8:00-9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Room 211*)

Friday, January 27 - 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*)

Saturday, January 28 - 2017

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers Training

Sunday, January 29 - 2017

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship
10:20-11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)
5:00-7:30 p.m. Family Potluck/Game Show Night (*Parish Hall*)
6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Downstairs Room 10*)

WORSHIP NOTES FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

On this third Sunday of Ordinary Time, a number of interrelated themes emerge when the passages are read together. For example, the image of light, characteristic of these Sundays after Epiphany, continues in our lessons this morning. First, as in our Old Testament lection (Isaiah 9: 1-4), light does not merely illuminate, but it brings change in which people depressed by darkness, under assault from known or unknown forces, mired in anguish can experience the new day. It is an image of triumph and conquest.

The psalmist's confession (Psalm 27:1, 4-9) of Yahweh links light with salvation. God is the power who can defend God's children and bring to naught the hosts oppressing them. In the Gospel lesson (Matthew 4: 12-23), the deliverance is expressed in terms of the nearness of God's reign, overcoming diseases and distortions of every sort. Light permits well-being.

Second, in these texts, light becomes personalized. The psalm speaks of God as "my light and my salvation." The text from Isaiah refers to a human agent of vindication, but at the same time, anticipates the coming of the Child who exercises supreme authority and brings an era of endless peace (in the verses that follow today's lesson, Isaiah 9: 6-7). In Matthew, Jesus acts powerfully in calling disciples and healing the sick, fulfilling the word spoken by Isaiah. Light is not a vague symbol. It is a mode of God's presence, especially to those who sit in the region and shadow of death.

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FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9: 1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 (Responsively)

- Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then, shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then, shall I be afraid?
- People: One thing I have asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**
- Leader: To behold the fair beauty of the LORD, to seek God in the temple.
- People: For on the day of trouble the LORD shall shelter me in safety; the LORD shall hide me in the secrecy of the holy place and set me high upon a rock.**
- Leader: Even now, the LORD lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.
- People: Therefore, I will offer in the holy place an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**
- Leader: Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- People: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.**
- All: Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

THIRD LESSON
Matthew 4: 12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.