

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 2013

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

Nola Boezeman, Guest Minister

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

“*God’s Love,*” Medley

L. Cornwall, Piano

VOTUM

INTROIT

“*Come, Let Us Worship the Lord*”

Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 98, John 15:9-17)

Here today there is love, freely available to all. Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent, but God’s supreme love.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous songs of praise.

Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space, God’s inclusive love.

Let the seas roar their praise, and everything in them. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing together their happiness.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #399**

“*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Gracious Lord, we have come today with great intentions to worship, to love, and to serve. In the midst of the distractions of life, we have moved our eyes away from Your will for us. We have become consumed with daily tasks and have often lost the joy of being on the journey with You. Forgive us our sins and renew us with your love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

John 3:16-17

RESPONSIVE READING #63 1 John 4:7-21

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***GLORIA PATRI**

*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.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Calvary's Love”

Fettke

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

(Page 134 New Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN # 404**

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

SERMON

“The Excellent Way”

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

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RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Koinonia”

Choir & Congregation

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #300**

“Take Time to Be Holy”

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

“Go Now in Love and Peace”

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Libby Burton & June Fulton

Ushers: Matt & Ruth Den Dulk, Pete & Barbara Nickel

Nursery: Ed & Melissa Matson

Fellowship: Mike & Lisa Ellison

Next week's stewards (**February 10**):

Greeter: Liz White

Ushers: Bill, Julie Anne, Jason & Marie Thompson

Nursery: Zandt & Brooke Johnson

Fellowship: John & Sandi Torrant

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT

Come and join us this evening at 6:30 as we gather in a circle in the sanctuary for our monthly Sunday Evening Prayer Service, which will include the Celebration of Holy Communion. We will be meeting on the first Sunday evening of the month.

EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this Tuesday, February 5th, at 6:30 p.m. at O'Charley's on Tryon Road in Cary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

There is a signup sheet in the narthex for Worship Assistants for the coming several months.

FELLOWSHIP

The first fellowship event of the New Year will be the nearly annual Mardi Gras dinner. It will be on Saturday, February 9 at 6 p.m. Come for a time of food, fun and fellowship. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

ART WORKSHOP

The Art Workshop will be a year old in February. The participants will celebrate the anniversary by displaying some of their work throughout the church. There will be a special reception to meet the artists and share their work on Friday, Feb.22. There will be refreshments that evening as well as lots of good artwork and fellowship. Please plan on coming.

FOOD PANTRY

The following items are needed at the food pantry at this time: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.