

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 13, 2013

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

"Prelude"

Young
L Cornwall, Organ

VOTUM

INTROIT

"I Sing Praises to Your Name"

Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 29)

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #99**

"Thy Might Set Fast the Mountains"

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead your people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ, so that we may follow his way to you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 40:1-2,10-11

LAW OF GOD

Isaiah 42:6-7

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY MEMBERS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Be Not Afraid”

Courtney

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-7 (Page 520 Old Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #369**

“How Firm a Foundation” (second tune)

SERMON

“Called By Name”

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Medley...“Praise the Name of Jesus” / “In the Name of Jesus”

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #124**

“Be Not Dismayed”

(Our monthly Mission Offering will be collected during the first verses.)

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

“I Sing Glory to Your Name” [Reprise]

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Clair Coddington

Ushers: Jane & Jeff DeWitt, Walt & Lucy Paradies

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship: Pastor Chuck & Eileen

NEXT WEEK'S STEWARDS (January 20):

Greeters: Warren & Audrey Schmidt

Ushers: Carole Angrilla, Aaron & Shawna Guikema, Noriko Hawk

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship: Luncheon

CONSISTORY ORDINATIONS

Today we are ordaining three new members of the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Cary. Doug Sonderfan is being ordained and installed as an Elder. Duane Woodward is being installed as an Elder. Lisa Ellison is being ordained and installed as a Deacon.

MISSION FOR JANUARY

Our RCA missionaries, Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather, serving South Sudan, are our mission emphasis for January. They work with RECONCILE, (Resource Centre for Civil Leadership), an indigenous ecumenical Christian organization, promoting peace-building by providing training in trauma recovery, conflict transformation, and civic education. RECONCILE's activities are in areas of high inter-ethnic conflict, with the churches often being the typical point of entry into these communities. Shelvis and Nancy will participate in RECONCILE's training events that address inter-ethnic conflict. Shelvis will be the principal of the Peace Institute, which offers three-month courses in community-based trauma healing, peace studies, and conflict transformation.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Next Sunday is our Monthly Luncheon; please bring a dish to share. Also, consider bringing an item for the food pantry. Needed items are as follows.

FOOD PANTRY

The following is needed at the food pantry: tomato sauce, beef stew, chili, ravioli/spaghetios, tea/coffee, and canned milk. We also need paper goods like toilet paper.

OPEN ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for our free Open Art Workshop which meets every Friday from 1 – 3. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and it is open to anyone, both inside and outside the church. Participants should bring any creative project in any medium and all their own supplies. Donations are optional.