

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor
Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director
Ms. Jennifer Legg, Guest Minister

The Approach to God

PRELUDE *"This Is My Father's World"* Hand Bell Quartet

VOTUM

INTROIT *"Holy, Holy"* Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Blessed are you, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

Blessed are you, our God and Father; you have destined us to love to be your sons and daughters in the person of your Son, Jesus Christ.

You have freely bestowed your grace upon us in your beloved Son.

You have made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of your will, the plan to unite all things in Christ.

You have sealed us with the promised Holy Spirit, the guarantee of our inheritance.

Blessed are you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One God, forever and ever. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE #11**

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Most merciful God, whose son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness: we have hungered after that which does not satisfy, we have compromised with evil, we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

*“Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.”*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Psalm 91:14-16

***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

“Holy Spirit Come”

Chancel Choir

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 4-11

(New Testament)

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #236**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

SERMON

“A Sign of the Covenant”

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

(Our monthly mission offering will be taken during the first verses of this hymn.)

***CLOSING HYMN #379**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

“Holy Spirit” [Reprise]

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Marion Legg

Ushers: Walt & Lucy Paradies

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship: Jane & Jeff DeWitt

Next week's stewards (January 18):

Greeter: Jennifer Legg

Ushers: Nancy Dey & Sabra Leadbitter

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship: Luncheon

MISSION SUNDAY TODAY

The mission collection for January is for our RCA missionaries, Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mathers, in South Sudan. They work with RECONCILE, (Resource Centre for Civil Leadership), which promotes peace-building by providing training in trauma recovery, conflict transformation, and civic education. Shelvis is also 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: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

THE RECORD WE WROTE: December 2014

	<u>December</u>	<u>12 Mo Avg</u>
Income:	19,190	17,024
Expense:	19,259*	18,228

*Interest Only Mortgage Payment

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