

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 29, 2012

GATHERING

As you enter this sanctuary of God, use the time to clear your heart and mind through quiet time and prayer. As you listen to the music of the prelude, prepare yourself to receive the message God has for you.

INTROIT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “*Rejoice, You Pure In Heart*” No. 55

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING

PRELUDE “*Breathe*” Bettcher Melody Makers
(Congregation Standing)

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL singing) Amen!

Pastor: Praise the Lord!
Let us praise the Lord with all our hearts as we gather this day as the community of faith.

People: **The Lord has done great things among us.**
The deeds of the Lord will not go unnoticed.

Pastor: Glorious and majestic are his mighty works,
His righteousness endures for ever.

People: **We will never forget what the Lord has done.**
Our Lord is gracious and compassionate.

–Psalm 111:1-3, adapted

*All (singing) I sing the almighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise,*

*That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.*

PENITENCE

Pastor: The Lord provides for those who fear him.
He remembers this covenant with them.

People: **The Lord sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us,
to be the great Redeemer and to restore us to new life.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin before the Lord and one another.

All: **God of all creation, we are thankful for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Savior. But there are times we do not accept this gift. We do not listen to the Words of Jesus found in scripture, much less allow the Word to have authority over us. Make us an obedient people, inspired by our love for Jesus and our desire to be obedient to his teachings. Forgive us of our many sins as we confess those sins to you in silent prayer.**

(Silence)

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: ***(singing) Lord have mercy upon us.***

Pastor: Christ have mercy upon us.

People: ***(singing) Christ have mercy upon us.***

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: ***(singing) Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Pastor: The works of his hands are faithful and just;
All his percepts are trustworthy.

People: **God provided redemption for his people;
God ordained his covenant forever.**

All: **Holy and awesome is his holy name!**

–Psalm 111:7-9, adapted

*All: I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food;*

*He formed the creatures with His Word,
And then pronounced them good.
Lord! how Thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn mine eye!
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!*

PWM

Pastor: Let us say again what it is that we believe.

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

(The congregation may be seated.)

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 18:15-20

EPISTLE 1st Corinthians 8:1-13

Choral Response: *Bless, O Lord we pray Thee, This Thy Holy Word. Help our hearts remember what our ears have heard. Amen.*

CHANCEL CHOIR (10:25) *“Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace”* Lawrence

GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28
(Congregation Standing)

Choral Response:
*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end.
Amen*
(Congregation May Be Seated)

SERMON *“The Prophetic Voice”*
(Congregation Stands)

RESPONSIVE HYMN *“Glorious Is Your Name, O Jesus”* No. 53
(Congregation May Be Seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Choral Response: *Hear our prayer , O Lord, Hear our Prayer , O Lord.
Incline your ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.*

GIVING

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY *“Take Time To Be Holy”* Southbridge
(Congregation Stands)

DOXOLOGY *(All, singing)*
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

SENDING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN *“I Sing The Praise of Love Almighty”* No. 50

THE BENEDICTION

THREE FOLD AMEN

CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE *“The Festive Trumpet”* Glyncannon

MISSION STATEMENT

As Followers of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves to:

- Enthusiastically proclaim and teach God's love through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Share God's love with neighbors near and far.
- Live as a Christian community of hope, acceptance, and encouragement in a rapidly changing world.

Nursery care is available at the 8:55 and 10:25 services.

Welcome to our guests:

A warm welcome is extended to all of our guests who are visiting St. Paul's. Thank you for signing the Friendship pad located at the end of each pew. A welcome card is located on the pew rack and may be placed into the offering plate during the offertory. Please worship with us again.

Announcements

(For the week of January 29, 2012)

The **Altar Flowers** are presented by Michael and Melissa Ruemmler in honor of Sam's 9th birthday.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Jean Weidner in memory of her husband, Larry.

The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by The Women's Guild in appreciation for all the time volunteered by everyone in the congregation through the church year.

Reader: 8:55 a.m. – Cheryl Weiser

Reader: 10:25 a.m. – Jim Goldman

Acolytes: 8:55 a.m. – David Pierce and Max Pavlick

10:25 a.m. – Maxwell Ruemmler and Gillian Agnew

Ushers: 8:55 a.m. – Janice Lenhart, Marcia Moll, Jim Goldman, David Bingaman

10:25 a.m. – Rob Stilwell, Ken McDowell, Lorraine Bingaman, Jessica Keck

Coffee Time: Doreen and Chelsey Schweitzer

Attendance:

January 22, 2012 8:55 a.m. - 128 10:25 a.m. – 83

Church income and expenses

Total expenses for week	1/22/12	\$8364.82
Total income for week	1/22/12	\$7829.32
Loan		\$120.00
Fuel		\$25.00
Building Maintenance		\$90.00

