

“Worship is the intentional attitudes and actions of focusing on God. It grows out of the foundational motive of deep and wonder-based gratitude to God for His salvaging and sustaining us.” —Byron Spradlin

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Tom Romspert (8:00) and Holly Rogerson (9:30), Worship Assistants

January 22, 2012

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting One Another

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle. Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)

*Opening Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” 577

Opening Act of Worship:

Leader: What do you bring into the house of God today? What hurt and sorrow do you carry? Lay it down and worship. What joy fills your heart? Give it to God in praise. Come, just as you are, to the Creator of the universe. God is present in this place and ready to receive honor and glory. Let us worship together now!

People: *Heavenly Father, You have created us with hearts and souls that desire love and companionship. You have created us to live in community. But, above all, You have created us for relationship with You—a relationship that can fill all our desires for love and intimacy and friendship. We confess that we run to people for this fulfillment before we run to You. God, help us to receive the love that You have already so greatly bestowed upon us. Help us to see You as the lover of our souls. May we love You well in return. Amen.*

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠ Prayers of the People

✠ The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” 479

(Children are dismissed at this time for Sunday School.)

Offertory Anthem “Beautiful Savior” The Wesleyan Choir

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

God of Deliverance, we pause during this time of worship to return to You some of the monetary riches that You have given to us. While we wait in pensive silence, we are reminded to set our hearts and minds on Your steadfast love. You alone are our rock, our fortress, and our salvation. We experience comforting solace in Your refuge. Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Scripture Lesson I Corinthians 7: 29-31 (p. 810 in the pew Bible)

The Message **“Matrimonialists vs Solists”** Pastor Lutz

Special Music “Who Will Be a Witness?” The Genesis Choir

*Closing Hymn “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord” 438

*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” 881

*Benediction

Postlude

**If able, please stand to worship God*

We welcome YOU to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting our church for the first time, we extend you a special greeting. (Please inform us of your complete name and address on the Fellowship Pad or in the Guest Book.) We invite you to enter into our worship wholeheartedly. Sing out! Listen intently to God’s Word! Be open to promptings of the Holy Spirit! And after the service, give us a chance to talk with you and invite you back! We look forward to your worshipping with us again.

ABOUT THIS WORSHIP SERVICE ...

Altar Flowers today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of My Nephew, Gary Mortensen, by Edna Guy; and also In Honor of George Stockburger VI on achieving his Eagle Scouting award, by The Stockburger Family.

Morning Greeters this morning are Wendi Wiley & Joan Jones at the 8:00 service; and Bob & Cheryl Fryer at the 9:30 service.

Ushers this morning are Mike & Lynda Pritchard at the 9:30 service.

Acolyte this morning is Kristen Megahan.

Prayer Chain No. 4 is in effect this week. Please call Elmer States, 215-355-0362, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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Worship Services

Traditional

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary

11:00 a.m.

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