

*“The church is never a place, but always a people; never a fold but always a flock; never a building but always a believing assembly.  
The church is you who pray, not where you pray.” — Anonymous*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

*FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Lyn Wallace (8:00) and John Krimmel (9:30), Worship Assistants

January 29, 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 “All Creatures of our God and King” 62

Opening Act of Worship:

Leader: As we walk into this place of prayer, O God, help us to still our minds and open our hearts. In the moments of silence and prayer, we confess to you the times when we have doled out judgment rather than justice; righteousness instead of compassion; and bigotry instead of benevolence.

**People:** *Let us breathe in Your forgiveness and show mercy to those who have treated us less than mercifully. Enable us to extend forgiveness to those who seem undeserving in our sight. Help us to give of ourselves, without counting the cost, as we love people into life. Grant us the grace to see others as You do, and to follow Jesus, who came that we might know what a life of love looks like. Amen.*

\*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn “Christ is the Lord’s Light” 188  
*(Children are dismissed at this time for Sunday School.)*

Offertory Anthem The Wesleyan Choir

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

\*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

\*Offertory Prayer [unison]

***We offer our gifts in gratitude for all You have given us, loving God. We are amazed at Your wondrous love, which includes, instead of excludes, and tempers justice with mercy. How grateful we are for Your unconditional acceptance. With our gifts we give our lives, that we might go and do likewise in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.***

The Scripture Lesson I Corinthians 8: 1-13 (p. 810 in the pew Bible)

The Message “**A Word to the Church**” Pastor Lutz

\*Closing Hymn “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” 632

\*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 Father, Charles Arnone, by Vivian, John & Ashlee Bickley; and also In Memory of Winifred Hewitt MacKay.

**Morning Greeters** this morning are Lyn & Bill Wallace at the 8:00 service; and Carol Deibler at the 9:30 service.

**Ushers** this morning are The Kalbach Family at the 9:30 service.

**Acolyte** this morning is Jillian Rowlands.

**Prayer Chain No. 5 is in effect this week.** Please call George Jenca, 215-757-4094, 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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