First Sunday of Epiphany

January 12, 2014

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

"What Child Is this?"

L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

VOTUM

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be honored.
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
And with him is great power to redeem.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #27

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

*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

Psalm 27:1

LAW OF GOD

Matthew 5:14-16

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

(Insert)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"You are the Light"

Chancel Choir

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-11 (Page 517 Old Testament)

Mark 1:2-8 (Page 27 New Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

*HYMN #282 "God, Be Merciful to Me"

SERMON "Prepare"

Our Response to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Jesus, the Light of the World" Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #498 "Heralds of Christ" (Our monthly mission offering will be taken during the first verses of this hymn.)

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Reprise

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Matt & Ruth DenDulk

Ushers: Nancy Dey, Bill & Sabra Leadbitter, Heidi Wilson

Nursery: Andy & Katharine Hoyt

Fellowship: Noriko Hawk & Sabra Leadbitter

NEXT WEEK'S STEWARDS (January 19):

Greeters: John & Sandi Torrant

<u>Ushers</u>: Ron & Gayle Dellinger, Walt & Lucy Paradies

Nursery: Nancy Dev & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship: Luncheon

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write down your prayer requests on the cards located in the pews, and place them in the offering plate for publication in our Weekly Reminder. Thanks for your assistance.

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.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

Our monthly Prayer & Meditation Group meets tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come and join us. Communion will be served.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Plan to join us next Sunday for our Monthly Luncheon; please bring a dish to share. Also, consider bringing an item for the Food Pantry. Needed items are: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.

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 31, 2013

<u>December</u> <u>YTD</u>

Income: \$45,985* \$245,710 Expense: \$22,962 \$249,229

* Includes prepaid 2014 annual contributions

"SHINE, JESUS SHINE"
Lord the Light of Your Love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining,
Jesus light of the world shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit blaze,
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord and let there be light.

Lord I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance, By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my darkness, Shine on me. Shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kindly brightness. So our faces display Your likeness. Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me. Shine on me.