

Epiphany Fourth Sunday / Holy Communion

02/03/2019

10:00 am

A special word of welcome to those visiting our church today. We are happy you joined us in worship. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with us each Sunday and to participate in other activities and services here.

Please stand for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (*). Any who prefer may “rise up” in spirit only, if physically standing presents difficulties.

**GATHERING
CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

PRELUDE **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** **Nancy Cook, Organist**

Welcome and Announcements **Pastor and Congregation**
(The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship).

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
(Thank you for completing the yellow half sheet in the bulletin and dropping it in the offering plate. We greet those around us with words of welcome and peace.)

CENTERING PRAYER: **UNISON**
Eternal Spirit, Creator of all things, places and peoples, we come together in the name of “The Christ.” In him you became one with us, that we might become one with one another in true love and in our worship of you. We’ve come! May you be present with and amongst us. Amen!

Call to worship: You are Welcome... - Leader and Congregation
L: Whoever you are, and whatever your age, come before “The Child Christ;”
C: Come, all you thankful people, come!
L: Whatever your custom, come let’s bow before “Servant Christ;”
C: Come, all you thankful people, come!.
L: Whatever your nation and tribe come let’s bow before the “World’s Christ;”

TOGETHER: We take up the cross in all its power and authority! Its weight shall not fill us with fear and alarm, for God’s strength itself shall lift our arms and sustain us. We’ve come, All we thankful people! Amen!

***UM Hymn # 339**

Come, Sinners, To the Gospel Feast

OPENING PRAYER: UNISON – Leader and Congregation
Walking through the scenes of our daily lives and work, Lord Jesus Christ, we each heard you say: “Follow Me, I will make you Fishers of peoples!” We know that your ways are not our ways, and your thoughts are not the thoughts of our world. So, the temptation to disobey and betray your call is greater. Oh, how we prayerfully wish you could make us be like your first disciples, whom upon hearing your call, abandoned their nets and followed you. Help us to trust you and be a little more faithful, Lord Jesus. You have the power to enfold us in the palms of your hands, and to wrap your arms around us when we fall to help us stand again. Your life and work model fruitful Christian life and work. May you grant us the courage to faithfully imitate Thee in our daily lives and work. Amen!

APPROACHING THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAISE TEAM

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:
Gracious and Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength and guidance of your Holy Spirit to give ourselves for others. These we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURES

New Testament: *Philippians 3:12-15*
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God
Cong: Thanks be to God

CHOIR ANTHEM **“Be Present, Spirit of the Lord”** **Nancy Cook, Director**

Gospel: *Mark 1: 21-28*
Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God,
Cong: Thanks be to God

WITNESSING TO THE WORD

Theme: “Staying the Course”- a key to a fulfilling Christian life and mission...

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER **Pastor**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***UM Hymn # 512**

Stand By Me (Stanzas 1-3, 5)

***SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S LOVE AND CARE/ CHRSTIMAS BENEDECTION:**

**A HAPPIER AND VERY BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOURS IN
JESUS' NAME!**

***POSTLUDE**

Thank you for being a part of today's worship experience.

Rest assured God loves you, and so do we!

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Connie Boehm: Liturgist

Jeanne Whiteside: Media Coordinator

Dennis Clay: Pianist

Joy McClelland: Custodian

Nancy Cook: Choir Director

Family & Nurture Coordinator

HELP NEEDED

Please be informed that some of our homebound members would love to get to church on Sunday. Unfortunately they don't have transportation. We are appealing to anyone who would be able and willing to help in this area of service, please contact the church office at (262) 633-7632.

The current need is: Jane Crawford, 3648 Green Street, her phone number is 639-6989

Thank you in advance for your help!!

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR PARISH AND THE WORLD

Prayers for Jane Bragg. Prayers of healing, she's dealing with some serious health concerns.

Prayers for health and family issues for Laurie Lewis.

Prayers for Loretta and her family.

Prayers for the Lewis family as they grieve the loss of their mother.

Prayers for Blessing and physical healing for Howaida.

Prayers for Cindy Hellesen for a break thru with an emotional situation and a sound mind.

Prayers for Heather Schattner for favor with reuniting with her children.

Prayers for favor and Blessing for Anthone Cate in finding a job.

Joe Sens has begun chemo for Non-Hodgins lymphoma. Prayers appreciated.

Rose Pettus is now at Ridgewood Care Center.

Former member Randy Brandt is having serious health issues – prayers for him and Bonnie are needed.

Thoughts and Prayers for Sandi McQuade.

Prayers are needed for Randy Hempel, son-in-law of Peggy & Paul Nejedly dealing with serious health issues.

Thoughts and prayers for health and healing for Nancy Drott who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Prayers for Favor and Blessing with Financial Resources for Jonathan and Retha Blocher.

Thoughts and prayers for Laurie Lewis and family.

Prayers are with Rose Pettus who is having some health problems.

Prayers for Tammy Madden and her family.

Prayers for healing and good health for Pat Held's daughter.

APPROACHING THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation: Our Lord invites to his table all who love him, and are truly sorry for their sins.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong: It is right to give thanks and praise to our God.

Pastor: Let us now prepare our hearts for Christ's compassionate love to flow in us, so that through us the world might experience the transforming power of his redemptive work demonstrated on the cross for our sake.

Cong: Through repentance and humility, we open our hearts and offer ourselves to the transforming power of Christ's redeeming love.

Pastor: On the night before his betrayal and trial, Jesus shared one last meal with his disciples. What could he do to empower them to continue his redemptive work when he was gone back to heaven? Jesus loved his followers, and his heart went out to them. He took the bread, said a prayer to heaven, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body broken for you!" After a while, Jesus took a cup of grape juice, said a prayer to heaven, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many." He instructed them to remember him whenever they eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

Cong: When we receive Christ's body, we are united with him in his mission. When we receive Christ's blood, we are assured of his forgiven grace that cleanses and sets us free from all guilt and are made right with our God and neighbors.

Pastor: The table is now ready, you may come and share!

OUR RECORD LAST WEEK

Worship Attendance	10:00 am – 40
Plate/Pledges	\$1,747.00
Literacy Council	\$10.00

COMING THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, February 3

9:00 am – FFRANC Breakfast

10:00 am – Morning Worship

5:00 pm – Casa de Dios Worship Service

Monday, February 4

6:30 pm – Casa de Dios Bible Study

Wednesday, February 6

6:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 9

Noon – Sack Lunch Program, First Presbyterian, hosts

Announcements

The next Finance meeting is February 19th at 6:00 pm

The next Administrative Board meeting is February 19th at 7:00 pm

Christ United Methodist Women will be having a special program **Monday, February 4,** which will be open to church members and their friends. The program will begin at **7:00 pm in the Sanctuary and end at 8:00 or a little after.** Guest speakers Anita Kelley D' Abbraccio and Tiffany Lott Stevenson are Racine authors of the memoir *White Teacher/Black Mama*. Through their experience described in the book, they have developed an amazing friendship. To give a sense of this amazing nonfiction story, here is a quote from the back cover. **“Anita and Tiffany came from very different worlds. Anita was part of the upper-middle class with children in private school. Tiffany was a struggling mother of five who was desperate to find someone to help her special needs son. These two women never would have crossed paths if not for God’s plan. As Anita and Tiffany began a burgeoning friendship, they helped each other in extraordinary and unexpected ways.”** The authors will have copies of their book to sell and will sign autographs. Books can be purchased on Amazon. They may also be in the library.

Amazon Smile

First United Methodist Church Racine has partnered with Amazon Smile to allow those of us who choose to purchase items from Amazon to donate a percentage of the cost of the purchase price to our church. If you use Amazon, we hope that you will choose to designate First United Methodist Church as your charity of choice. The following link will allow you to designate First United Methodist Church. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0989786>. Please share this link with family and friends who would be willing to support our church through Amazon Smile.

Please contact Cindy if anyone has anything anyone has for this group to do ☺

Message: good evening, my name is Cindy Thomas. I work for a company called LCS of Racine. I work with adults with varying disabilities, taking them around in the community and teach them life skills, work skills while doing volunteer work with the individuals. I'm contacting you to see if there is any volunteer opportunities at you're church. They can do filing, sorting, dusting, ground maintenance. If you have any of those things available for them to do that would be great. Looking forward to hear from you. Sincerely, Cindy Thomas

Cindy Thomas **Email:** cynthia53402@yahoo.com **Phone:** 262 412 6513

Below you will find the SPRC trainings scheduled for **January 2019** for the South East District.

All pastors, SPRC chairs and SPRC committee members are encouraged to attend!

SPRC Training #2 – **Thursday, February 7, 2019 @ 6:30PM**

Racine: Faithbridge UMC – Franksville Campus

10402 Northwestern Ave.

Franksville, WI 53126

Please register on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090444aaa822abf94-20191>