

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 28, 2008

10:50 AM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.

WELCOME/MEDITATION

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

Prelude *He Is Born* **Youth Bells**

***Call to Worship**

Let us rejoice in God, our Sovereign, whose salvation comes in everyday events.

In the face of a child God is revealed. In the babe of Bethlehem we are healed.

Let us give thanks with our whole hearts, for God is gracious and merciful.

In the food we eat God's love is shown. As the bread is broken our worth is known.

Let us worship the God of wondrous works, who offers to enter into covenant with us.

In the gift of Christ we receive a new name; salvation comes and nothing is the same.

***Processional Hymn** *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* **Page 224**

Invocation

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3* **O. T. Page 692**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Act of Praise *A Christmas Lesson* **Bluford**

Soloist: Kathleen Nuckols

Children's Message **Jeanne Wermuth**

Children's Church (Children age 4 through 1st grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

***Hymn** *What Child is This* **Page 219**

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

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Simeon, a righteous and devout old man blessed with the gift of God's Holy Spirit, meets Jesus, a child called "Emmanuel", full of promise for all God's people. Simeon sees salvation in the child, God's revelation that will bring light and glory to all who believe.

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Message *The Other Side of Christmas* **Rev. Bruce Lake**

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Let us pray: **As the parents of Jesus brought sacrifices to honor you, O God, we would give our best for the witness and outreach of your church. May you be honored in all our actions not just in these gifts. May our daily work praise you, our family life glorify you, and all our thoughts reflect your will for us. In Jesus name. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

***Doxology** *Give Thanks* **TFWS 2036**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Repeat And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Repeat Give thanks!

Reception of Members **Page 33**

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* **Page 671**

***Commission and Blessing**

In our coming together we know God in new ways. We sustain one another in our mutual covenant.

As we part, God goes with us. And the ties that bind us to one another continue.

God has named us and redeemed us. Our eyes have been opened to see God's salvation.

We want the rule of God to shape all we do. We want our lives to reflect the love of Jesus.

Take with you the assurance of comfort and peace; know that you have received God's blessing.

We rejoice in grace and truth granted us in Jesus, as we reach for our full humanity in Christ. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

***Postlude**

***Please stand as you are able. Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. Please see an usher for assistance.**

Welcome! We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for the blessings. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of our son, Noah Joseph on his 1st birthday by his parents, Santo and Melissa Joseph. The **Greeter** for this morning is Virginia Williams. The **Acolytes** are Emory Magner and Tayler Bliss. The **Crucifer** is Alexandra Smith-Scales. The **Lay Speaker** is Butch Kelchner. The **Lay Reader** is Anja Magner. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis.

The **Upper Room** devotional for January and February is now available for you to pick up. This devotional guide is available on the table in the hall across from the church office. A suggested donation of \$0.75 for small print and \$1.00 for large print is requested.

We welcome into our church family this morning, Holly Pugh and Elizabeth Robeson by certificate of transfer. Holly resides at 2113 Boxwood Place, Richmond, VA 23228; 804-264-1252. Her shepherd is Jo Anne Kelchner. Elizabeth resides at 5711 Park Avenue, Richmond, VA 23226; 804-282-4863. Her shepherd is Bev Kilgalen.

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We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world

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