



*Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence,
Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!*

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Service of Worship

January 3, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord

Celebration of Communion and Infant Baptism

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please print your name on a name tag and wear it so that we might greet you. Large print editions of the Bible, the Hymnal, and today's bulletin as well as hearing devices are available from the ushers on request.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

In this first Sunday of the new year, we pray for new eyes to behold your glory, new hearts to love you more fully, new minds to imagine possibilities of grace before us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Welcome

The Prelude

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

P. Manz

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Choral Introit

The Call to Worship

Elder Doris Bartlett

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People: And we have beheld his glory. Alleluia.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** The Processional Hymn No. 31**

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love to all people. We confess that we do not let your light shine. We forget the poor, we ignore cries for justice and we do not strive for peace. Forgive us and renew us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)* Merbecke

■ ■ ■ *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

The Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
*2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;
Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.*

■ ■ ■ *Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism

Congregational Response

Caiden, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in him.

Sung Response: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

The Scripture Lesson John 1: 1-18

After the reading

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Elder Jean Reinhold
“They Did Not Know”

The Ritual of Friendship *all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance*

The Offering of Our Gifts

The Offertory A. Wilson
“New Year Carol”

*** The Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

■ ■ ■ *The Eucharist*

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus Merbecke

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer *(please use debts, debtors)*

The Communion of the People

Music during Communion: Hymn No. 64 “From a Distant Home”
Congregation, please sing refrain

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you have shared your life with us. You have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light shine forth in our lives. May we share the good news of Jesus Christ with others. Amen.

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God’s People*

*** The Closing Hymn No. 66**
“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*** The Commission and Blessing**

*** The Choral Benediction**

* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

J. Pachebel

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”



The crucifer today is Ian Higgs.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

The Three Kings

Many thanks to our three noble kings who offer their glittering treasures to the Christ child this morning: Kurt Haas, Jaired Birks and Jack Lentz. The beautiful flowing robes and bright headgear were given in memory of Bill Tapié, a beloved and long-time member of Forest Hill Church.

Chancel Flowers

The flowers this morning are given by Barry Hartz in memory of John Straniero; by Tish and Brian Klein and family in honor of Florence Klein, mother and grandmother – Happy Birthday!; and by Molly Bergman in memory of Ken Bergman and all others who provide time and effort making our church a better place.

Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism of Caiden James Ball, son of Brittani and Kevin Ball. Caiden’s grandmother Mary Ball is the attending Elder. Kate Sivakoff and Marc Sherriff are his godparents. Caiden’s grandfather and uncle, Allan Ball and Brian Ball, are also FHC members.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Polly Cohen	Jason Himmelsteib	Debbie Ungemach
Marian Frederick	Mary Jean Kent	Dennis Wedding
Barney Fuller	Mary Lewis	Marcie Weissner
David Gury	Connie May	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey
Dorothy Hales	Marilyn Oviatt	Jerry & Loretta Lassarella

We invite you to write prayer requests on a slip of paper from the envelope rack and pass it to an usher during the singing of the middle hymn, to be included in the prayers later in the service.

This Month’s Ushers

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Welcome Visitors!

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We’re looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have.

Today Is Hunger Sunday

Any cash or checks in envelopes marked “Hunger” will be used 100% for support of local hunger programs. Each month we send the money to the Heights Emergency Food Center.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. The lesson for this Wednesday, January 6, is **Acts 8: 14-17**. All are welcome!

Ministries Meet

All ministries will meet this Wednesday, January 6. Soon-to-be-elected members are invited to attend the meetings of the ministries they will soon be joining.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

Jan. 3	No class	
Jan. 10	Christians in the Middle East	
	Dr. Peter Makari, Executive Dir. Global Ministries, Middle East and Europe, UCC and Disciples Churches	
Jan. 17	How Then Shall We Live?	
	Spiritual Disciplines as a way to grow in your faith	Rev. Clover Beal
Jan.24	How Do I Pray?	Tom Zych and Clover Beal
Jan. 31	Praying for Your Life	

LOOKING AHEAD

Lay Readers

Are you interested in being a lay reader? Would you like to lead the call to worship and read the scripture during worship? Please contact Janet Kickel at 216-291-2769 or by email at janetkickel@yahoo.com She is currently scheduling readers for February, March and April.

Care Group

The Mt. Sinai Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during January. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care group leaders.

✦ Members of this month's Care group are:

Janet Kickel, Deacon and leader	Nina Klein
Allen Ball	Mary Lewis
Scott & Amy Bell and family	Julie & Gary Lustic
Bob & Joanne Bielek	Brooke Marcy and family
Guy Cameron and family	The McCumber family
Betty & Don Clark	Dave & Jane Olson and family
Sue Conant	Joyce Peters
Ralph & Molly Dise	Graham & Roz Peters
Jane Frederick & family	Jim Picht & Rebecca Martin and family
Donna Frey	Matt & Katie Russo and family
Sue Gifford & family	Sara & Randy Shaner
Don & Nancy Grube	Anona Stack
Barb Hansen	Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas
Jason & Christine Hidek and family	Ann & Peter Williams
Chuck & Jane Ishler	Betty Woodruff
Callie Janor	Warren & Lois Young

Volunteers this Sunday: Continental breakfast, Janet Kickel; Greeters, Barb Hansen and Rosamonde Peters; Coffee Hour, Jason and Christina Hidek; Card Ministry, Rosaneil Schenk.; Flower distribution, Hazel Grant.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Youth*

MOB: Mid Highs will meet on Fridays January 8 and 22 this month (6 – 8 p.m.).
Senior Highs will meet every Sunday from 5 – 7 p.m.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study. The lectionary readings for each Sunday are included in the "Sundays in January" page of the **TOWER**.

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Save These Dates in 2010

Jan 6: Ministries meet

Jan 13: Session meets

Jan 17: Annual Meeting

Jan 22-23: Session Retreat

Jan 31: Ordination and Installation of Officers

Jan 31: It Takes a Village: A Global SongFest

Feb 16: Shrove Tuesday

Feb 17: Ash Wednesday

April 4: Easter

Calendar: January 3 - 10, 2010

**Sunday, January 3: 2 Christmas
Celebration of 3 Kings Day**

9:00 Finance committee
10:15 Teacher Training
10:30 Child care begins
Chancel Choir
10:30 Continental Breakfast
11:00 WORSHIP:
Communion and Baptism
12:15 Coffee Hour
5:00 Faith Leader

Monday, January 4

7:00 p.m. Al Anon
Sycamore Group
7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, January 5

7:00 p.m. Church Growth meeting
7:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36

**Wednesday, January 6
The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 p.m. Bible and Bagels
6:00 p.m. Yoga
7:00 p.m. Ministries worship
7:15 p.m. All Ministries meet

Thursday, January 7

6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, January 8

9:30 a.m. Al Anon

Saturday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Leadership Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Specialized Family Care Project:
lunch and party
3:00 p.m. The Group to
The Cleveland Museum of Art

Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of the Lord

9:30 Child care begins
Adult and Youth education
Descant Choir
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
11:00 WORSHIP
Pathways to the Promise Land
12:15 Coffee Hour
Sine Nomine Choir
5:00 Faith Leader
MOB: Sr. High