



Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



Photo by Cassie Carroll, 2012

January 15, 2017 | Worship 10 am
First Sunday after Epiphany

First time here?

Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall after the service.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Tip for the Service

*Asterisk means please stand if able.

The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation. Please sign the red friendship pad in the pews and pass it.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Childcare and Sunday School are provided during the service.

Questions on where to go?

Please ask the Ushers by the doors.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Prelude"

by Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

INTROIT

"Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works"

Dakota melody

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Listen up, everyone!

God has given us work to do.

God has called each of us before we were even born.

It was God who named us.

It is God who claims us.

The light of God's love shines in us.

Let's worship God and shine love into all the world!

*HYMN #59

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

Edith McNeill

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (responsively)

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Heb. 4:14-16*

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as God is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love,

but perfect love casts out fear;

for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

We love because God first loved us. *1 John 4:16-19*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMISSIONING OF DIRECTOR OF YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Minister: We are all called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

All: The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Minister: Do you, members of Church of the Roses, confirm the call of God

to our sister, Cassie Carroll, as the Director of Young Adults and Family Ministries?

All: We do.

Minister: Will you support and encourage her in this ministry?

All: We will.

HYMN #451 *stanza 3* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"He is Marvelous!"

by Rosephanye Powell

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Strong Identity - Strong Church"

Cassie Carroll, MDiv.

*HYMN

"I Belong to You"

Amanda Cook/Bethel Music

Verse 1 - Your love has won my heart forever not because of anything I've done
But You have scaled the hills and mountains just to search and find the one You love

Chorus

I belong to You. I belong to You. I belong to You.

Forever Yours

Verse 2 - And when I was drowning in my doubt your mighty right hand lifted me out. And now we are walking on the water 'cause You lift my head above the crowd

Chorus

Verse 3 - And when this life is over and I stand to see You face to face
There's nothing that I will have wanted but to be with the One I belong to always

Chorus

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

To God who welcomes all in love, let us pray for the good of the church and the concerns of those in need....**(The Lord's Prayer) Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" Stuart Thomas

Verse 1 - How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss - The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many all to glory.

Verse 2 - Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.

Verse 3 - I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Voluntary VII in D minor by John Stanley

Liturgist: Brian Smith



**"There is one God and Father
of us all"**

Ephesians 4:6

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Memorials

Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 3:00 pm ~ *Barbara Saunders*

Friday, January 27, 2017 at 4:00 pm ~ *Dottie Blades*

Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 2:00 pm ~ *Connie Norris*

Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 11:00 am ~ *Sam, Kevin and Jackie Imbimbo*

Prayer Requests

Please include in your prayers

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- ❖ Please pray for the family of Pastor Cindy whose aunt Verda passed away recently.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Connie Norris who passed away January 2, 2017.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Dottie Blades who passed away Dec. 17th.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Sam Imbimbo who passed away on Dec. 9th.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Barbara Semmelmeier who passed away recently.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Betty Smith who passed away recently.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Barbara Saunders, who passed away Nov. 19th.

Those facing health issues

John Baker
 Judy Bello
 Dan Boland
 Bob Bunting
 Helen Burns
 Jim Chestnut
 Vern Cooper
 Jackie Del Carlo
 Ray Foreaker

Wendy Galde
 Sheryl Gobble
 Marilyn Hilen
 Helen MacKenzie
 Ted McCarthy
 Bill Moberly
 Marie Patchin
 Randy Pierce

Albert Reil
 Virginia Rylett
 Pamela Sage
 Vera Patten
 Rhonda Patton Knoles
 Bob Simmons
 Ed St. John
 Ines Teague
 Bob Weber

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Ed and Dale Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

- There will be a brief **Congregational Meeting** after the service to elect new officers. New officers will be installed next Sunday, 1/22/17.
- The **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and Luncheon** will be held Sunday, January 29th after the 10 am service. **RSVP** for the Luncheon. Inserts are in the bulletin and may be dropped in the offering baskets.

TODAY! BEING MORTAL SERIES Sundays, 15th & 22nd from 11:30–12:45 includes luncheon. Learn about our health care system and it's limitations. Being well informed will not hasten your death, we promise! Look for RSVP inserts in upcoming bulletins! If you RSVP, you will receive a book that summarizes the bestseller by practicing surgeon, Atul Gawande.

SENIOR EXERCISE: Mondays at 10 am. Jan. 2nd - Enter through parking lot.

PAINTING THE STARS: Wednesdays Science & Theology Advent Study 7 pm – three more Wednesdays! Then watch the documentary *Before the Flood* on Feb.1st!

BEFORE THE FLOOD: Wednesday, February 1st - It's never been more important to understand climate change. Follow *Leonardo DiCaprio's* 3 year global journey in a special screening of his documentary *Before the Flood* (*presented by National Geographic*), followed by a discussion led by Pastor Cindy, reflecting on Science and Theology.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Third Tuesdays of the month/ 10:30 am Bible Study, 12 pm Salad Potluck Luncheon. Learn about Council on Aging and their services.

BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE CHANGE

Book group will meet as usual on Jan. 19th at the church at 3:30 pm.

We will discuss "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats" by Jan-Philipp Sendker.

THE PLANNING MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 16TH

TIME: 3:30 pm PLACE: Jeanne Nussmeier's

AGENDA: Discussion of Rosie's Place

Schedule books for 2017 (Come with the names of 4-5 books you would like to read.)

Dinner at 5:00 pm so Choir folks can join us for Portugese Stew and a Friendship Salad. Please bring one ingredient for a salad bar.

FILM CLUB: Fourth Thursday of the month at 2 pm: Jan. 26th *The Quiet Man* with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara, an Irish classic.

WIDOW SUPPORT GROUP: Meets 4th Thursdays at Adel's Diner 11:30 am-1pm

T-SHIRTS ARE ON SALE!

\$15 each