

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 29, 2012

10:30 a.m.

As the prelude begins, let us silently prepare ourselves to worship God.

***Please rise as you are able.**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High" Arr. David Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Thinking we know all the answers, yet wondering if we haven't missed something;

People: We enter this sanctuary of Truth

Leader: In the company of sinners, in cahoots with the saints;

People: We gather as God's people

Leader: Standing by folks of deep, abiding faith;
seated with those who stumble through the Kingdom;

People: We lift our praise to God.

***HYMN NO. 455** "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, we are overwhelmed by the challenges of the world and often feel that we can do little, if anything, to make things better. We feel caught up in the currents of the larger world and do not see how to break ourselves free. We fill our souls with the empty sounds of our culture, and wonder why we are so empty inside. Forgive us, our Lord, and be gracious to us. Astound us with your words and actions, so that we may learn your ways. Nourish us with your mercy and grace, so that we may be filled with life. Enter our empty souls, so that they overflow with praise for you. Now hear us as we make our personal confession to you in silence...

***HYMN NO. 572** "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us" KYRIE
Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Of all the astounding works of God, this may be the most wonderful: God is gracious and merciful – to us!

People: **What has this to do with us? Everything!**
What is this? Good news, of the very best kind!
We are forgiven. We give thanks to our God with all our hearts.
Amen.

MINISTRY OF FELLOWSHIP

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**
(In the spirit of forgiveness and peace, please greet one another.)

*HYMN NO. 577

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP

If you are a first time visitor, please stop at our Welcome Center in the main entrance to the sanctuary and pick up a gift bag reserved for you. Please join us in Martin Hall for refreshments after the worship service. Martin Hall is located adjacent to the main entrance of the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, we gather together to bear witness to your son Jesus Christ and his power at work in the world. Without your wisdom, we would be speechless; without your peace, we would be heartless; without your presence, we would be graceless. Open now our hearts and minds, as we listen to you speak words of life to us today. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Pew Bible, p. 168, OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Pew Bible, p. 160, NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Fetke

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

Pew Bible, p. 33, NT

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Thanks be to God!

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children Age 3 through kindergarten are invited to Kingdom Kids in Room D105

SERMON

"The Authority to Act"

Brandon Mills

***HYMN NO. 327**

"O Word of God Incarnate"

MUNICH

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Call

Prayer of Dedication (*In Unison*)

Awesome God, you sent Jesus to teach people firsthand the power of your love, grace, and authority. Jesus entered into the very margins of society, so that all may have an opportunity to experience your love. You call us to be mindful and vigilant of the miracles that you continue to work in our lives today. May this offering be a profession of our love for the ongoing work of your church in our community. Through Jesus Christ we pray; Amen.

Offertory

"Do You Know My Jesus?"

Ellis and Lakey

Tom Day, Morgan Ethyre, George Griffith, Ryan Hansen,
Rolando Magdamo, Dave Stover, and Rick Vaughn

***Response No. 592**

"Doxology"

OLD HUNDREDTH

COMMISSIONING OF ROLANDO AND HELGA MAGDAMO

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In Unison*)

Traditional, page 16 of The Presbyterian Hymnal

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN NO. 289**

"O God of Every Nation"

LLANGLOFFAN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (NO. 369, verse 1)

I'M GONNA LIVE

***POSTLUDE**

“Finale from Concerto No. 5”

Handel

Please remember in Prayer:, Virginia Agnew, Rev. Ned Benson, Carol Bradley, Helena Brandt, Elaine Brown, Maida Bradshaw, Shannon Brust, Cecil Clipper, Carol Dennis, Jonna Epps, Margaret Fyfe-Ernest, Kate Gravesen, Becky Hawkins, Rev. Jim Hayes, Will Johnson, Mary Kirby, Willis Kleinsasser, Bill Kollatz, Doris Krater, Rev. Ralph Lemme, Rev. Jackie Leonard, Roberta Matlick, , George Mors, Grace Naschi, Kalo Neidert, Dudley Perry, Bill and Phyllis Plambeck, Joan Rogers, Auntie Raine Sand, Jane Sigurdson, Gene Small, Don and Margaret Van Dyken, Carole Wills, Amy Willoughby's mother, and Jaime Zakariassen.

NEW FLOWER CHART – We have a new flower chart! Check it out on the Welcoming desk. It is a blue binder. Sign up today to share your flowers and special occasions with St. John's Presbyterian Church.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY WE FEED ON FEBRUARY 1ST - Please join us in Martin Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1st, for Wednesday We Feed. The youth make all the pizza and bake delicious desserts from scratch. This event is a great chance to enjoy fellowship within the larger church family while also helping raise money for the Church-wide Intergenerational Mission Trip this summer to Harbor House in Oakland. WWF is suggesting a donation of \$4 for children and \$5 for adults, with a family maximum of \$15.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, February 2, at 3:00 p.m. in Geneva Room.

2012 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH – On Sunday, February 5th, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship, and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter, and having a warm meal.

Please join young people around the country, as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant, act of caring for others. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship. Our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime; please support their efforts.

This year's collection will be benefiting the Northern Nevada Food Bank and the work of the Loving Hearts Club in feeding the homeless of Tent City.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY – As we continue our studies in the Epistles of John, we are having our breakfast and study time starting at 8 a.m.

In February, we are studying the first, second (written to a lady and children), and third letters of John. We will then study the Book of Jude, using the Bible and a study guide by William Barclay.

Feb. 1st—1 John 5: 1-13

Feb. 8th—1 John 5:14-21

Feb. 15th—2 John

Feb. 22nd—3 John

Feb. 29th—Jude 1-10

March 7th—Jude 11-24

Bring a friend and join us any Wednesday for breakfast, fellowship, and study at Lili's Restaurant, 2325 Kietzke at Franktown Corners. Questions? Call George Griffith (829-0197).

FIRST 2012 HOSTING FOR FAMILY PROMISE IN FEBRUARY St. John's is hosting Family Promise the week of February 19th to the 26th. This will be our first Family Promise hosting of 2012, and the Family Promise Coordinating Committee would like to share a note of thanks.

By staying in local churches a week at a time, families are able to get on their feet financially. A young couple with their little son were here at St. John's last October and have since graduated from the program. Here is an excerpt from the letter Daniel, the husband and father, wrote to Family Promise in December: "Thank you for having such a wonderful program for families that are in need. Without your help, who knows where we would be today. We are so grateful for all that you have done for our family. Again thank you very much."

Check the whiteboard in the narthex to volunteer for the following:

- Preparing meals
- Hosting in the evenings (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
- Staying overnight (9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.)
- Buying perishable supplies that are needed during the week

A member of the Family Promise Coordinating Committee will be available after the worship service to answer any questions about the program. All members and friends of St. John's are encouraged to help in this mission work.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL STUDY – Join teachers Joan Jeffers, Bob Jeffers, Elsie Baughman and Maria Winchester, as we explore the parables of Jesus in a completely new way. Using thought-provoking short films from 36 Parables, middle schoolers will experience Jesus' parables in a modern-day scenario. Students are given something to think about, opening up opportunities for real dialogue. What better way to apply His teachings to our everyday life?

ADULT SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL with the PC(USA) lectionary study, which is designed to deepen our understanding of God's word. Adults see the world through the filter of life experience and life transitions. They bring this variety of views with them when they enter Bible study and worship.

This lectionary study engages adults in a deeper exploration of biblical texts. The class reinforces and expands on the Scriptures read and proclaimed in worship, enhancing Christian faith. Education and worship can be mutually supportive in helping God's word in Scripture come alive in the Sunday morning experience. Join us! We hope to help participants put faith into action and grow in self-understanding as Christians. This study is taught by Ken Meyer.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S COORDINATING TEAM will be meeting in the Geneva Room on February 1st at 10:00 a.m. This is the first day of the month, so please mark your calendars and come.

The regular Presbyterian Women's Luncheon is being held on February 8th at 11:30 a.m. in Martin Hall. The guest speaker will be Dr. Mauvine Barnes, who is speaking on "Women in Medicine". Come and hear about the changing role of Women in Medicine in America. All women are invited to attend. Please call Anne at 775-747-5191 to make your reservations. The cost of the Luncheon is \$4.00 each.

THE BARNACLE MARINERS will meet at 12 noon on Friday, February 3, at Palais de Jade Restaurant located at 960 W. Moana Lane, Reno. This meeting is our Valentine's Day program. It is suggested that each person bring a signed valentine to share with another member by random drawing. In late December you were sent by snail mail a questionnaire asking for your help and ideas to accomplish the purposes of our Mariner's Club; please, bring this completed form to the meeting. As usual, you will be contacted about the meeting by one of the callers. See you there. Questions? Contact Mo Barnes at 747-6064 or Jo Barrett at 322-6336.

YOUTH CONNECTION—MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

February 5th—Souper Bowl Sunday. Students are invited to help collect a special offering to raise money during the worship service to combat hunger in our community .Because the evening is Super Bowl Sunday (football), we will not be having Youth Connection that evening.

February 12th—Will be a regular Youth Connection evening. High Schoolers will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; and Middle Schoolers will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner for both groups will be available in between bells and youth group at 6:00 p.m.

February 19th—Both Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers will be spending the afternoon enjoying mini-golf and other attractions at the Family Fun Center at Boomtown. We will meet at the Church promptly at noon, jump in cars, and head over as a group. Cost for the afternoon is \$15; if this is a problem, let us know. We'll return by 5:00 p.m. for Eastminster Bells. (All students going on the trip must have a current parental consent form on file.)

February 26th—Will be a normal night for Middle Schoolers. Youth Connection will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and end by 7:30. High Schoolers will be meeting earlier in the day (contact Shonee Hansen for details) to cook food for and serve dinner at Tent City with the Loving Hearts Club. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved with a great ministry with the homeless of Reno. Hope to see you there.

REBECCA CIRCLE – Will meet the second Friday of the month, February 10th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Geneva Room.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB – At 1:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13th, the women of St. John's Book Club will meet to discuss *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain. Carolyn Williamson will provide refreshments for our delectation. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please contact Kat Parker (849-3245).

MARY MORNING CIRCLE – Will meet the third Thursday of the month, February 16th, at 9:30 a.m., in the Clawson Library.

DISCIPLESHIP – Will meet at Harrah's buffet for dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 19th. Then we'll go to see "Damn Yankees" at the Pioneer Center at 7:00 p.m. Contact Ron and Carolyn about purchasing tickets.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST - The Flipper Mariners are excited to once again host the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, which is the Presbyterian version of Mardi Gras or “Fat Tuesday”. On Tuesday, February 21st, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the fabulous team of Ray Bledsoe, Bruce Krater, and Bob Jeffers will be preparing pancakes, sausage, and applesauce. This Fat Tuesday celebration cleans out the larder and signals the beginning of the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday. For the Flippers, this is their major fundraiser, and it always gets RAVE reviews.

Joan Jeffers will have tickets available for purchase on Sundays in the narthex. You may also call or e-mail Joan with your reservations (827-4355 or rdjeffers35@att.net). Prices: Children (ages 2-10), \$4 Adults: \$6, Families: \$20

Great food and outstanding fellowship! You don't want to miss this one.

MARTHA CIRCLE – Will meet the third Tuesday of the month, February 21st, at 1:30 p.m. in the Clawson Library. Elsie Baughman will lead Lesson 6, and Mary Sherman and Peggy Meyer will provide the refreshments.

ASH WEDNESDAY CELEBRATION ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND - The annual Ash Wednesday Soup and Salad Supper and Imposition of Ashes will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd, in Martin Hall. The Worship Committee will host the Supper from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Imposition of Ashes will begin at 7:00 p.m., everyone is invited to join us for this inspirational program that begins the season of Lent.

RUTH CIRCLE – Will meet the fourth Tuesday of the month, February 28th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dee Russum (695 Sapphire Circle, 825-3220). Pam Ramseth will lead Lesson 5, and our CAAW donation will be shampoo and conditioner.

THE SUNRISER KIWANIS CLUB is collecting used books that folks have finished. We take them to certain weekly motels, and put the books on a shelf where people can take them to read. We accept paperbacks, hardbacks, and children's books. Please bring your donation to Martin Hall, and put it in the designated box.

Thanks to all who have donated to this worthy cause. For more information, please contact Ralph Voss (852-9141).

SUMMER CAMP 2012 RETURNS TO WESTMINSTER WOODS – Registration is already underway for camp this summer at Westminster Woods in Occidental, north of Santa Rosa in California. Students who will be entering grades 2 to 8 will be attending June 24th through the 30th, and students entering grades 9 to 12 will be attending July 22nd to the 28th. ***If you register by April 1st***, discounted rates are available. Additional information about registration is available on the Youth Center blog (stjohnsyouthcenter.blogspot.com) or by contacting Brandon Mills.

TUTORING SERVICE ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS IN FEBRUARY – Tutoring in math and science, with other subjects upon request, is offered at no charge to all area high school students as a Christian Education community outreach ministry. Tutors are available every Tuesday and Thursday in February, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in Room D104. (February 21st and 23rd, tutoring will be upstairs in the Youth Center high school classroom.)

We always need math and science tutors, including substitutes, who do not need to be a regular part of the rotation. However, you do NOT have to be a math or science whiz to be part of the tutoring service. Two adults are required for each session, and you could certainly assist. If you are interested in supporting this community outreach program, please contact Lynn McLaughlin (787-5080).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CONTINUES TO COLLECT PAPER GOODS FOR HOSANNA HOME – Located in Reno, Hosanna Home is working to help end the cycle of homelessness and benefit the community at large. Hosanna Home's goal is to promote women's spiritual, mental, and physical health while teaching successful life skills.

In support, the Presbyterian Women of St. John's continue to collect all kinds of paper goods for Hosanna Home. Collection bins will be in the narthex as an on-going mission project, and information cards will be available. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Field (425-1227).

The Flowers Under the Cross are given by Rick and Ann McElreath in memory of Ann's mother, Annie Stein. **The Flowers by the Bible** are given by Rick and Ann McElreath in memory of Rick's, mother Dorothy McCloud. **The Flower by the Pulpit** is given by Rick and Ann McElreath in celebration of Rachel's 7th birthday.

**This Week at St. John's Presbyterian Church-
January 29 – February 5, 2012**

Sunday, January 29, 2012

8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:45 a.m. Geneva Choir
4:30 p.m. High School
Youth Connection
6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:00 p.m. Bells of the Cross
6:30 p.m. Middle School
Youth Connection

Monday, January 30, 2012

9:30 a.m. AIAnon
9:30 a.m. Together Time
6:15 a.m. Meditation Group

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. AIAnon
6:00 p.m. Sierra Highlanders
7:00 p.m. Tutoring

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women
Coordinating Team
2:45 p.m. Elementary Together
Time
5:30 pm Wednesday We Feed

Thursday, February 2, 2012

11:30 a.m. Prayer Group
4:00 p.m. Sierra Nevada Children's
Choir
3:00 p.m. Worship Committee
5:00 p.m. Welcoming Committee
6:00 p.m. Troop 10
7:00 p.m. Tutoring

Friday, February 3, 2012

12:00 p.m. Barnacle Mariners
Luncheon

Saturday, February 4, 2012

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship and Communion
Service

No Youth or Choir Events Scheduled

Assisting in Today's Service:

Minister

Rev. Dr. Tom Baughman

Director of Christian Education

Brandon Mills

Director of Music/Organist

Sue Goodenow

Participating Elder

Lynn McLaughlin