

A Service for the Worship of God

January 21, 2018

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

11:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

To the fisherman, Jesus said:

“Follow me and I will make you fish for people.

To the tax collector, Jesus said:

“Follow me.”

To the rich man, Jesus said:

“Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

At the last supper, Jesus said:

“Follow me.”

To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:

“Follow me!”

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN No.410

God is Calling through the Whisper

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit, O God, that we are attracted to false gods who lure us from you.

The “god of easy answers” whispers that we need not accept the cost of discipleship, but only its joy.

The “god of busy schedules” tempts us to delay following you until tomorrow.

The “god of cozy friendships” calls us to love those who love us rather than laboring to build Christian community among diverse personalities and peoples.

Forgive us, O God. Hold us close in your love, that we may repent and never forsake you. Help us to follow you faithfully, bearing witness to your good news in Jesus Christ in our words and our actions.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 582 Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

The choir will sing it the first time, then the congregation is invited to join them.

Hearing the Word

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

After leading us in the Lord’s Prayer, children are invited to go to Children’s Church.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 62:5-12

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For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:14-20

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Following After Jesus

Rev. Julie Hill

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a Declaration of Faith

Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world, Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God’s undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God’s demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

*HYMN No. 700

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I’M GONNA LIVE

THE OFFERING

You are invited to place prayer requests in the offering plate

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Taking the Word With Us Into the World

*HYMN No. 157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

As you go out into the world, Jesus says- **Follow me!**
At home with your household- **Follow me!**
At school and work- **Follow me!**
In everything you do this week- **Follow me!**
And as you do, remember that "I am with you always, even to the end of the world."
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

**All those who are able, please stand*

We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership, our pastor would be delighted to talk with you following worship. **Your children are always welcome here.** A nursery is provided for your convenience and Children's Church is available for ages 3- 5th grade following Faith Sharing with Children.

Worship Notes

Minister: Rev. Julie Hill, juliehill203@gmail.com; cell 704-904-7261
Music Director: Johnny Almond, johnny@mgcca.com
Secretary: Paula Blake, office@norwoodfpc.org
Clerk of Session: Kristie Wallace, kwallace5@carolina.rr.com
Elders of the Month: Kaye Coble & Alice Carlis
SCCM Food Challenge: Canned or Dried Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Rice

Nursery Attendant: Gloria Lopez

Study: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Glendale Thompson. *Putting the PROTEST into Protestant: Standing Up FOR the Gospel.* Led by Rev. David Sutton.

25th Anniversary Reception

Beth and Charles Harris

Drop in today between 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

No gifts please

You are invited to bring non-perishable food for SCCM.

Desserts Needed for the Poor Man's Supper. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the vestibule for those wishing to provide a dessert.

Do you enjoy crocheting or knitting? The Presbyterian Women will meet tomorrow, Monday, January 22 at 10:00 am in the Adult Sunday School Class to make crocheted/knitted items for their upcoming fundraiser.

Poor Man's Supper

Thursday, January 25 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Pintos Beans, Potatoes, Slaw, Cornbread and Desert

Buy tickets now and invite friends!

Donation of \$7.00. Eat in ~ Take out ~ Drive thru



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