

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Knowing God, share your wisdom with us. Open our eyes to see your vision. Clear our ears to hear your call. Broaden our thoughts to know your will and your ways. Speak to us now, we pray, and give us the courage to go forth and do your will. Amen.

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-20
p. 244 (NRSV pew Bibles)

* RESPONSE TO THE LESSON

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Many: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

We Shall Overcome
Chancel Choir

African American Spiritual

SERMON

The Silence of Good People

Marla Marcum

OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology

What Gift Can We Bring

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

*When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?*

*This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!*

*When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!*

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

* PASSING THE PEACE

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Leader: God in your mercy.

People: Receive our prayer.

The Jesus Prayer

O God, who is in all places, we celebrate your utmost holiness.

**May your ways of life be how we live and think and act –
in this world, and beyond.**

May we seek for this day - only our needs, and no more,

**And we ask that you forgive us the wrong we have done but only as
much as we also offer such grace to others.**

Protect us, God, from all that would separate us from your love.

And lead us away from all that creates evil for us and for all others.

**We pray this, God, in awareness of your transcending love and your
reconciling presence which redeems and empowers us, together,
now and forever. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN

How Shall They Hear the Word of God

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* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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* Please stand in body or spirit.

Lexington United Methodist Church

An inclusive and reconciling congregation

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Lexington United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 10:00 am

Second Sunday after the Epiphany - Human Relations Day

WELCOME

We especially welcome all visitors and newcomers. We invite you to make yourselves known to the members and pastor of the church, to sign the guest book in the Narthex and to join us in Martin Hall for refreshments and fellowship following the worship service. We greet you in the Lord's name, and are glad to have you with us.

To all who are young and need counsel; to all who are strong and want a task; to all who are lonely and want companionship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are sinful and need a Savior — to whomsoever will: this Church opens wide its doors and, in the name of Christ our Lord, says, Welcome.

PRAYER LIST

New additions to the prayer list are in bold typeface. To add or remove a name from the list, please advise Rev. Dry or Allyson.

Todd Bergman, Claire Carlson, Bonnie Codier, Jack Dunn, Allen Garland, Family of Camille Goodwin, Bill Grabow, Muriel Grimes, Hill Family, Jim Hogan, Louise Kreutziger, Jessica Moskowitz, Lenn Murphy, Steve Mosiello, Allyson Printz and family, Bill Santelmann and Don Walker.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Jane Atkins

Sound Booth: Rainer von Saleski and Dave Dry

Sound Technician: Bernice von Saleski

Godly Play: Becky Linton, Jane Atkins

Nursery Care: Kathy Parks, Matt Cooke

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 15 - 22, 2012

Sunday, January 15 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany Human Relations Day

- 8:45 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:00 am Worship; Nursery Care
 - 10:00 am *Godly Play*
 - 11:00 am Fellowship in Martin Hall
- Monday, January 16 – M. L. King, Jr. Day** (office closed)

7:30 pm Outreach Committee

Tuesday, January 17

7:30 pm Finance Meeting

Thursday, January 19

- 10:30 am Witness Committee
- 7:30 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 22 – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany - Ecumenical Sunday

- 8:45 am Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Worship; Nursery Care
- 10:00 am *Godly Play*
- 11:00 am Fellowship in Martin Hall
- 11:30 am 11th Hour for Adults and Youth
- 5:00 pm Youth Group
- 5:30 pm Epiphany Potluck/Game Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Photo Directory:** We have received the first proof from Olan Mills, and they seem to have lost quite a few people's photos. The photos we do have are of the Andrews, Anthony, Atkins, Chin/Chen, Corson, Dry, Einstein, Fraser, Garing, Hager, Hawk/Parks, Herndon, Hobson/Gomes, Hogan, Linton, Marcum, McLeod, and Santelmann families. If your family is not on this list, please see Bernice after worship in Martin Hall to get your picture taken! She will also be taking pictures next week.
- **Mark your calendars for the Epiphany Potluck and Game Night** on Sunday, January 22 at 5:30 pm. Bring cake and games!
- **11th Hour for Adults and Youth** begins next Sunday, January 22 with the *Living the Questions* video and discussion series.
- **Bible Study Invitation to Genesis:** Please join us for Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, January 25. Your choice of two meeting times – 9:30 am or 7:15 pm!
- **Upper Room Disciplines for 2012** are for sale in the church office. Each book of daily devotions is \$12.00.