

INCREASE CHRIST IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 29, 2012

PRELUDE "Hymn Medley" (Arr. Larson)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Cindy McPheron

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows.

People: Jesus will offer hope.

Leader: Come to worship this day believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.

People: Jesus will bring us healing.

Leader: Come to worship this day feeling the presence of God.

People: Jesus will teach us new ways to live. AMEN.

HYMN "We Would See Jesus" Pg. 256

OPENING PRAYER

We think we know so much, O God, and we presume to judge others. We proclaim your word when it suits us. There have been times in which our help would have been a blessing to someone, but we have placed our comforts before serving others. In the competing voices of today's world, we have turned around and around, trying to find the way to live. Help us, merciful God, to again listen to you. Help us to truly open our hearts to you. Remind us again of your great love and presence in our lives. Forgive us our foolishness and our stubbornness. Create in us new spirits, filled with your love. In Jesus' Name we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Quiet your hearts, beloved of God, for God is speaking to you with love. Open your lives to God's power and presence and do not be afraid. God is with us, now and for all time. AMEN.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 am Service) Pg. 39

Akira Aiyanna Hardy
"God Claims You" Akira – (See Insert)

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00 am Service)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Soliloquy" (Broughton)

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Pg. 95

SOLO "Amazing Grace" (Folk Hymn/Arr. Courtney)
Catherine Phillips, Soprano

HYMN "Through It All" Pg. 507

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "Lay Your Troubles In The Lap Of The Lord" (O'Neill)
Chancel Choir

PSALTER Psalm 111 See Insert

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:21-28 See Insert

SERMON "Searching For Authority"
Rev. Betty Batey

HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Pg. 140

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (arr. Whitworth)

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*Flowers on the altar are in Celebration
of Childrens Home Sunday*

PRAYER CONCERNS for those that are in need of compassion and mercy.

Please help to keep us aware of our church family and how we may best serve their needs. Thank you. The Office phone number is 727-842-7674.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – The Wesley Adult Sunday school class will be studying in the Old Testament to see how God’s Promise to Abraham is passed on from generation to generation and is carried with Abraham’s descendants into Egypt. God’s Protection is visible throughout the studies of Genesis and into Exodus which leads us to Moses and his journey through the wilderness. This is just a glimpse of January 2012’s lesson material. Come join us at 9:45 am in the Wesley Classroom.

The Change the World Class is studying a book by Adam Hamilton called “When Christians Get it Wrong” which looks at the views of young adults, the culture and the church’s response. Come be a part of this 6 week study meeting in Room 1 at 9:45 am. This is part of Increase Christ In Our Neighborhood.

WEDNESDAY STUDIES – On Wednesday mornings and evenings, the study is an Immersion Bible Study that will take us into the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel for this year. Come be a part of one of these groups at 10:30 am or 6:00 pm at the parsonage. If you have not been part of a group, you are welcome to be part of this 8 week study. Read Chapter 5 for this week.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNERS – Come and join us for dinner on Wednesday evenings and enjoy the fellowship along with a tasty meal. Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The menu for this week is Turkey Broccoli Cheese Casserole, Breads and Strawberry Shortcake for dessert.

FUNDRAISER FOR MICHAEL MULCAHY’S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – Come and join us on a bright and sunny Saturday morning for a Pancake Breakfast with all the trimmings. Mark your calendar for February 4th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. The cost is \$3.00 for kids and \$5.00 for adults. Michael’s project includes putting up a new basketball hoop and putting in landscaping around the church.

DISTRICT TRAINING – On Monday, February 6, at 6:30 pm, there will be a District Training event at First UMC of Spring Hill. Please confirm with Julie Calafiura if you plan to attend so your reservation can be made and transportation arranged. We will leave the parking lot at 5:15 pm. The areas of training are: Jail & Prison Ministry; Church Planning that Keep us on Mission for God; HR 101; Lay Leader/Lay Servant; Missions; SPRC; Trustees; Finance; Social Media; Forgiveness and Reconciliation; and Disaster Response & UMVIM.

YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES – The “busyness” of a new school semester shows. There is always something happening with the Revolution Youth Group at their schools. Whether it is through academics, clubs or sports alike, they are seeking perseverance. There was an academic competition for NJROTC at Gulf High School last Saturday, in which both teams from Gulf took 1st and 2nd place; team captains were Wade Scott and Eli Hazen.

Last week, students had meets, a weightlifting competition at Hudson High School with Mehgan Griswold from Gulf High. As well, there was a wrestling competition with Brennan Smiley from Gulf High. Remember, we are selling Pancake Breakfast tickets for February 4th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on February 4th.

BLOOD DRIVE – There is a Blood Drive today in conjunction with our neighbor, Community Congregational Church, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. We are excited about the opportunity to bring healing to our neighborhood by working together. So get ready to roll up your sleeve that Sunday. It is practically pain free, you help more than one person who needs blood, and you get snacks and a prize! Feel good about giving blood.

“SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY” – February 5th is “Souper Bowl Sunday” at First Church. Please bring in a can of soup for the Food Pantry.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – On February 12, we will receive new members into our fellowship. Please see the pastor if you wish to be a part of this group.

KEY INVENTORY – The Trustees are conducting an inventory of all keys to the church. Please contact Bill Radivoy if you have any keys to the church that you are using or keys you are no longer using. We need to know what keys are

out there and could be turned in before we make anymore new ones. Bill Radivoy is our new ‘Keeper of the Keys” and he can be reached on his cell at 727-326-2490. Thank You.

CONTINUE TO “INCREASE CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE”

WORSHIP – Pick up a new Upper Room. Covenant to pray for the church daily and to attend worship weekly. It is for your soul! May the light of Christ illumine your heart.

STUDY – Become part of a study group on Sunday morning or Wednesdays. The lessons for next Sunday are: Isaiah 40:21-31, the Strength of the Lord, Psalm 147; I Corinthians 9:16-23, Freedom in Christ; and Mark 1:29-39, Jesus’ Preaching and Teaching.

ACTION – Your service to others outside the church is important as you share Christ’s love. Place a Salty Service ticket in the offering plate for each hour you serve outside the church. Bring socks to church for the Food Pantry guests. We are in need of peanut butter, soup and crackers.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY (1/30) 10:00 am Food Pantry

**TUESDAY (1/31) 1:00 pm WPUMW Executive Board Meeting in Room 1
6:00-7:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting Henderson Hall**

**WEDNESDAY (2/1) 10:30 am Bible Study at Parsonage
5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner and Youth Activities
6:00 pm Bible Study at Parsonage
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 8 Committee Meeting in Room 1**

**THURSDAY (2/2) 10:00 am Staff Meeting
7:30-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 8 in Henderson Hall
7:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous in Room 1**

**SATURDAY (2/4) 8:00 am-11:00 am – Pancake Breakfast in Henderson Hall
6:30-8:30 pm – Game Night**

SERVING THIS WEEK

**Liturgist: Cindy McPheron
Organist/Pianist: Peg Davis**

**Greeter at 8:30 am Service
Gloria Peters & Evelyn Sheppard**

**Ushers at 8:30 am Service
Gloria Peters & Evelyn Sheppard**

**Greeters at 11:00 am Service
Mary & Warren Wilkerson**

**Ushers at 11:00 am Service
Rupert Bethel, Bob Morong,
Vance Faulkenberg, Dana Zukunft**

Sound Coordinator: Andy Zukunft