

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 AM

The Baptism of Christ  
First Sunday after Epiphany

We warmly welcome all guests to today's service.

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All: **The voice of God shakes the wilderness  
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and raises up the former devastations.

All: **God gives strength to those who respond,  
and blesses them with joy and peace.**

One: The Spirit of God calls and empowers us  
to bring good tidings and proclaim liberty.

All: **God anoints us to bind up the brokenhearted  
and open the prisons of those who are bound.**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

MEDITATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

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#### REVERENT SILENCE

*The moments before worship formally begins are the transition between "getting here" and "being here". It takes a few minutes of quiet to calm oneself, to quiet the inner dialogue of the mind, to become still and open to the Spirit. Though this is a personal process, through it one becomes more fully aware of participation in the Body of Christ at worship. Please consider those who wish to be in silent prayer.*

**PRELUDE**

*Pastorale*

*Alec Rowley*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT**

*Glory Be to God in Heaven*

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**\*HYMN PH #206** *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

#### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (in unison)

Send your Spirit among us, O God, and into each one. Confirm our baptism with the fire of your love. Direct our ministry in the footsteps of Jesus, that we may experience liberation, and extend the blessings of freedom to those who are bound. Lift up and inspire our work and worship. Amen.

#### **PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION** (in unison)

O God, who created us whole, we come in our brokenness to remember that we have been baptized. You have reclaimed us by water and the Holy Spirit's fire, but we have wandered far from the inspiration you provide. We have lived as if there were no standards but our own self-interest. We have sought power by our own manipulations rather than accepted the strength you alone provide. Refashion us in your image and empower us to follow Jesus as true disciples. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God gives us strength and blesses us with peace. God's favor grants comfort and gladness in our mourning, hope and power in the midst of devastation, and ability to serve even when our own resources have been depleted. Praise God for opening our hearts to receive the gifts of heaven! Amen.

#### **\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

#### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

#### **HYMN NCH #31 All Things Bright and Beautiful**

(The congregation is invited to remain seated during this Hymn)  
Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.  
Verse

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

Repeat Refrain

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 137  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**\*HYMN PH #322** *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*

**SERMON** "Your Citizenship Papers"

Rev. Thomas Leinbach

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

#### **OFFERING**

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

*In the Deep Midwinter*

Darke

**\*Sung Response**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*HYMN PH #490** *Now in the Days of Youth*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*What Star Is This With Beams So Bright*

About the Organ Prelude

The term "Pastorale" represents a mood (a pastoral mood), rather than an actual musical form. Only through technical examination of an individual Pastorale's score does one comprehend that. This being said, the listener normally expects to experience a peaceful mood when hearing a "Pastorale." Appropriately, the composer, Alex Rowley, calls for the use of the organ's flute stops - the flute being commonly associated with nature. -D.M.

**POSTLUDE**

Prayer Concerns

The McCampbell and Domos Families following the death of Michael McCampbell on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Florence Lown: Recuperating at CCH following surgery  
Wally Moyle: Recuperating at home  
Jean Bracchi: Recuperating at Pleasant Bay following surgery  
Jane Miller: Friend of Dick and Iona Siegel undergoing chemotherapy  
Robert Daggett: Friend of Hope Cavendish, battling cancer  
Fred Volpicelli, Bob Miller, Marion Sinnott's three nephews, Patrick McGarry, Tim, our troops, those grieving, those with addictions (and those who love them) as well as all those unable to be present with us this day

**The Poinsettias in the Chancel  
are given by many individuals as their gift to  
The Cape Cod Council of Churches**

**All are invited following the service to join us in the  
Parish House for Coffee Hour  
hosted by the Board of Christian Education and Youth**

**Our Deacons for Today's Service are  
Lynn Carver and Mary Ann Janick  
Our Liturgist is Linda Leinbach**

**QUOTES TO PONDER:** *"In the year ahead, we hope to persuade our nation's leaders to expand and improve school meals and other nutrition programs. We'll also urge Congress to take other steps to reduce poverty - and thereby help fulfill President Obama's promise to reduce childhood hunger in the United States."* -Bread for the World letter, December 1, 2009.  
--Justice & Peace Committee

**PLEDGE CARDS:** If you haven't yet returned your Stewardship pledge card, you may place it in the offering plate, drop it off or mail it to our Church Office, Attention: Stewardship. We kindly ask that you return it as soon as possible, so the church can plan its budget for 2010. Thank you.

Today is **DOLLAR SUNDAY**, a day we ask all in attendance to contribute \$1.00 to be donated to the Hands of Hope Food Pantry. We thank you for your continuing support of all our Mission Board projects.

**BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY GROUP** meets every Tuesday from 11:30a - 1:00p. We are studying Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Please join us!

**MORNING PRAYER GROUP** meets every Thursday from 8:30a to 9:15a, in Pastor Tom's office at Broadbrooks. All are welcome!

\*Asterisks indicate where those who are able may stand.

## STEEPLE LIGHTING

**Sunday, January 10th through Saturday, January 16th  
In Honor of our Great Friend Marion Long  
Charles E. Vasoll and family**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2010  
In Celebration of My Parents' 64th Wedding Anniversary,  
Shirley and Wallace Moyle,  
by their daughter Susan Moyle Lynch**

**Wednesday, January 13th  
In Memory of Suoma Eskola  
From a Friend of the Church**

**THE FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE** invites all to a beef stew luncheon on **January 24th** after the 10:30 service. Free-will offering will be accepted. Please join us.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS:** To donate chancel flowers for December, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex bulletin board, or call Edie Ruggles at 432-2333.

**THE HANDS OF HOPE** Food Pantry director says: "We are heading into the time of biggest need in the food pantry. The numbers of people requesting help always grow in the winter. Whatever you can do is helpful." Here are some suggestions: soup; juice; stew; microwaveable meals; tuna; boxed potatoes; stuffing or rice mixes; and baked beans." Our dollars are used to supply fresh/frozen meat. Your Mission Board appreciates your faithful donations to the baskets in the narthex.

**CORNER THRIFT SHOP:** It was incorrectly noted on the January Calendar in the Beacon that the Thrift Shop Committee would be meeting on Thursday, January 14th. That is incorrect. They will be meeting on Thursday, January 21st at 1:00p. Sorry.

**NEWSLETTERS:** Copies of the latest *Beacon* are available in the narthex, as well as in the foyer of Broadbrooks and in the office.

**STEEPLE LIGHTING:** To commemorate a special occasion or remember a loved one, you can support the church with a \$5.00 donation to "Light the Steeple" for one night. Forms are in the office, or you can call Gail to arrange the wording for the Bulletin.

**SERMONS:** All Tom's sermons are available on our website: [www.firstchurchofharwich.org](http://www.firstchurchofharwich.org). "Hard copies" of recent sermons also are available in the narthex, in the folder on the bulletin board.

**BEACON PRAYER LIST:** Prayer cards are in the pews to add any prayer concerns or celebrations you would like posted in the monthly *Beacon* Prayer List.

**FAMILY PANTRY:** An important funding source for the Family Pantry is its sale of Food Certificates, which can be redeemed at Stop & Shop or Shaw/Star supermarkets at full value (the Pantry makes 5% on every purchase). Though not officially sponsored by our Missions Board, the Pantry is a valued community resource. Certificates can be purchased in the church office.

