THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Twiddy by Mr. and Mrs. Julien Suttle.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to the Family of Peggy Byrum upon her death on Friday, December 21, 2012.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

8:30 a.m.-Contemporary Service, 9:45 a.m.-Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Service

SUNDAY, December 30

Sr. High New Year's Retreat (Dec. 30 - Jan. 1)

No Children's Choir and Bells

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Cooking for Christ MONDAY, December 31

Church Office Closed TUESDAY, January 1, 2013 - Happy New Year!

WEDNESDAY, January 2

7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, January 6

5:00 p.m. - Children's Bells and Choir 12:15 p.m. – Trustees Meeting

5:00 p.m. - UMYF

ATTENDANCE REPORT

December 23, 2012

Sunday School 11:00 Worship

8:30 Worship

Total Worship 241

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

SS GREETERS - Ormond Class DRIVER - Paul Foreman

RADIO ANNOUNCER - Dave Thomas **GREETERS** - Bobbi and Wayne White

ALTAR GUILD - Carole Roebuck, Tammy ACOLYTES - Lizzy and Parker Betts Campbell, Mary Louise Zawacki and

Jenny Lilly

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Diane Carver, Office Administrator, (h) 426-9206 Billy Caudle, 8:30 a.m. Music Director Reverend Joseph W. Casteel, Pastor, (h) 335-7292

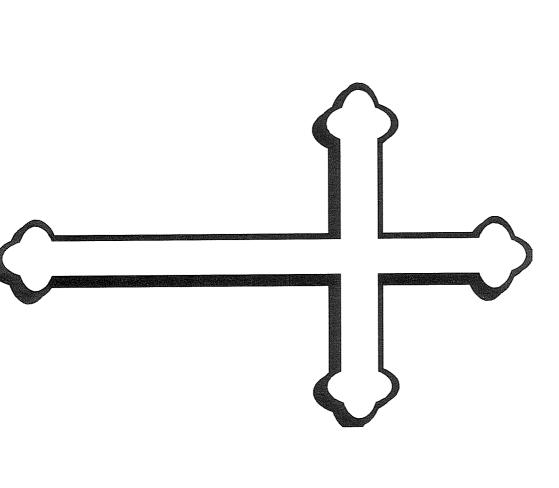
Ray Meiggs, 11:00 a.m. Music Director

Shirley Ferebee, Housekeeping, (cell) 339-3517 Danny Peck, Dir., Youth Ministries- (cell) 339-0801 Jeanie Biggs, Bookkeeper, (h) 426-4713 Jane Wysor, Preschool Director (w) 335-7615

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"A CHURCH CALLED TO... COME ALIVE THROUGH CHRIST, CONNECT TO OTHERS AND REACH OUT TO SERVE"



DIVINE WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

(Broadcast over WGAI Radio Station, AM 560)

December 30, 2012 Eleven O'clock in the Morn

As we enter the Sanctuary, greet and fellowship with one another, find a stranger and make a friend. When the prelude begins, please pray for God's blessing and direction in our worship.

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

WELCOME (Joys and concerns of the congregation)

PRELUDE (A time of centering)

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO WORSHIP

* CHIMING OF THE HOUR

* GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

* INTROIT

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

* HYMN # 224

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 The Apostles' Creed

* GLORIA PATRI #70

Glory Be to the Father

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

* HYMN # 250

Once in Royal David's City

(Children are asked to come down to the altar rail during the last verse.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children ages 3 years - 3rd grade are invited to Children's Church...Preschool area, 1st floor.)

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

OTOS

SERMON

I Wonder As I Wander
Charlotte Mitchell, Soloist

HOL

HOLY HABITS

Danny Peck

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

CHORUS OF PREPARATION #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Acolytes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* HYMN # 645

O Perfect Love

INEDICTION

- * CHORAL BENEDICTION
- * THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US OUT TO SERVE
- * POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP ENDS: OUR WORSHIP IN SERVICE BEGINS

(*) Congregation please stand as you are able

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us today. We hope that you will find a spirit of friendship in our gathering and that you will be blessed through this service of worship. Nursery and toddler care is available each week on the first floor in the preschool area.