

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Vision, take these offerings of money and turn them into vision; vision of all people fed, vision of all people safe, vision of all people housed, vision of all people educated. Amen.

We Go Forth

*CLOSING HYMN

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

154 NCH

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“I Love You with the Love of the Lord”

(Please join hands as we sing)

Oh, I love you with the love of the Lord.

Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.

*I can see in you the glory of my King,
and I love you with the love of the Lord.*

* POSTLUDE

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First Sunday after Christmas/New Year's Day

January 1, 2012

Luke 2:22-40

A UCC PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

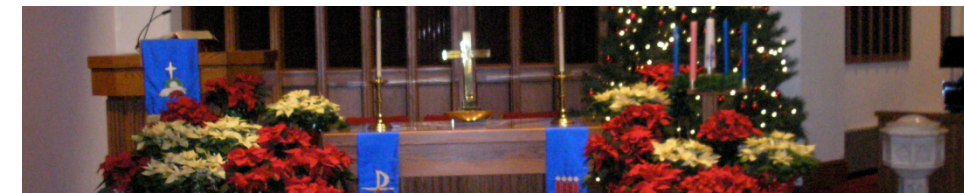
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh upon your church today. By the power of your Holy Spirit, O God, make the United Church of Christ a people who *remember*, who *give thanks*, who *bless* and are *blessed*, and who *dare to dream* the beautiful dream of justice, healing, and peace that Jesus taught our hearts to long for.

We *remember* our mothers and fathers in faith who listened to your call and worked to build a church with a heart as wide and loving as Jesus' own heart. We remember those whose generosity built our churches, whose vision saw beyond their own horizons, whose hearts and hands toiled in the vineyard of good works, works of justice and peace.

Make new, we pray, our practice each day of compassion and justice close to home and around the world; renew our hunger for peace in a world marked by violence and grief; strengthen the commitment of our leaders to speak truth to power and to work with those who shape our public life so that together we will build a more just society for all of your children.

We give thanks for the gifts *of* ministry and *for* ministry in the United Church of Christ: lift up and inspire the shepherds who care for your flock and the leaders of our churches who serve faithfully, quietly, joyfully, day in and day out.

Give us the energy and foresight of the gentle but persistent gardener who sees the rich harvest in the smallest of seeds: may our churches flourish, large and small, old and new. Prosper the work of our hands, O God of Grace, so that, moment by moment and day by day, in every generation and every age, we in the United Church of Christ will be salt, we will be light, we will be leaven in this world you love so well. Amen.



*Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship
First Sunday of Christmas*

January 1, 2012

10:30 A.M.

* Those who are able are invited to stand “Black” New Century Hymnal (NCH)
“Red” Evangelical & Reformed Hymnal (E & R)

Please wear your nametag in worship.

Please fill-out the pew register (including children!) and pass it down the pew. At the end of the row pass it back and note the names of those who are sharing your pew so that you might greet them after worship.

Please note prayer requests on the cards found in your pew and pass to the center aisle during the first hymn.

A nursery is available during worship for ages 0-2. We also have a beginners' room for ages 3 through 1st grade). Please contact an usher for directions if necessary.

We Gather as God's People

WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marsha Blyth

PRELUDE

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“The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven..”
(Psalm 148.13)

INTROIT

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Holy One,

Cong: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: As we have gathered here to worship, let us stand and greet one another in the love of Christ.

* HYMN

(Sing twice)

***“Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.”***

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

C: God is there.

L: When Jesus is presented at the temple,

C: God is there.

L: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

C: God is there.

L: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

C: God is there.

L: This very morning,

C: God is here.

L: In the future we cannot see,
C: **God is there. Let us worship God!**

* OPENING HYMN 126 NCH
“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Holy God, we know that you have been present to us throughout all of history, even throughout our own histories. We know you will be with us in our future. Yet often we don’t live as if we know that. You ask no more of us than what we can provide.**

Parents: As Jesus’ parents were asked to give within their means at the temple, you ask us to give of our means. We often fail to do this.

Men: As Simeon recognized in Jesus the salvation of his people, we recognize in Jesus’ Way our own wholeness and health, yet we often fail to follow.

Women: As Anna recognized in Jesus the redemption of her people, we recognize in Jesus God’s saving grace for us, yet we often fail to rejoice and to share this good news.

All: **Forgive us, make us wise and joyful and strong so that we live in the understanding of your never ending love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children: The scriptures promise that God will make all things new. As God makes the year new, may we also be made new by God’s love and forgiveness in Jesus. **Amen.**

* THE GLORIA 759 NCH
Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

We Hear the Word

CHIMES (The children may come to the front during the playing of the chimes.)

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US Rev. Doty
(Children ages 0-1st grade are invited to go to the nursery area after the children’s time for faith formation.)

PSALTER Psalm 148 p. 721, NCH

We Lift Our Praise and Prayer

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: God be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

L: Rejoicing in this new year of grace, let us bring our prayers for the church, all creation, and the needs of the world before God.

(Brief silence)

Let us pray for our bishops, pastors, teachers, and other church leaders. Grant them boldness to work for unity among all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord, so that the world might believe. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Congregational Prayer Response (throughout)

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: Rejoicing in the glory of the Lord revealed to the world, we offer these and all our prayers to you, O God of our salvation, (what do you want here?)

C: **(To the tune: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear)**

Our Father, God, to you we pray

Most holy be Your name.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done

On earth -- in heav’n the same.

Give us this day the food we need;

Forgiven may we be;

Into temptation do not lead;

From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom; blest it be

In grateful love we bow;

and Yours the pow’r; O God, we see

Your mighty presence now.

The glory Yours’ Your praise be sung

by angel host and Men

in ev’ry land, by ev’ry tongue forevermore! Amen.

* HYMN OF PREPARATION 153 NCH
“Who Would think That What Was Needed”

We Hear the Lesson of the Day

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

L: O Sovereign God,

C: **Make the words of your scriptures sweet to us and to the body of Christ, your people. May they illumine our lives that we and our children may be students of your holy words and doers of your holy ways. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2.22-40 pew Bible, p. 933

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’),²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.’

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage,³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Liturgist: The Word of God for all people.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“Happy New You”* Rev. Doty

We Respond

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY “”

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE 780 NCH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Today **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
NO Sunday School
Worship, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Monday **OFFICE CLOSED!**
AA, 7:30 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall.

Thursday **AA, 8:00 p.m.** in the Old Fellowship Hall.

Friday **Lunch on Us Prep, 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

Saturday **Lunch on Us, Miller Ave. UCC**

Next Sunday **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
NO Sunday School
Worship, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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Thank you to:

**Bob Heimbach** , member of Church & Ministry for bringing the announcements.

**Louise Cook**, our liturgist today.

**Daniel Doty**, for bringing the special music today.

**Bob Park**, our head usher for December.

**Tom & Phyllis Cox**, for providing today's altar flowers in memory of family.

**Katelyn Doty**, today's acolyte.

**The Harding family**, our greeters this morning.

**Joanne & Aly Stano**, our beginner's volunteers and **Brenna & Bruce Thibault**, our nursery volunteers today.

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