

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2012

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CHIMES & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Be merciful to me, O God, for in you my soul takes refuge.

I will cry to God most high, who fulfills his purpose for me.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord. I will sing praise to you among the nations.

O Lord, open our lips and let our mouths show forth your praise.

HYMN # 275

God of Our Life

***CONFESSION OF WHO WE ARE**

Almighty God, forgive us that we persist in walking in so much darkness when you have brought your light into the world. Have mercy on us when our love of darkness shuts out your presence among us and blinds us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O Lord, as once again we come to you in our worship struggling to recapture the vision with which you constantly challenge us – a vision which sees that you are willing to break into our darkness, showing us the way by following your will for us in your promise that you are able to illuminate our hearts and our minds. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF WHOSE WE ARE & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**The mercy and the pardon of God be with you.
And also with you.**

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(worshippers exchange words and gestures of the peace of Christ)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 12: 9-14 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

I Love to Sing the Story

arr. J. Martin

SECOND LESSON

I John 4: 7-21 (NRSV)

SERMON

“In Step with Things”

RESPOND TO THE WORD

PRAYER OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

I Need Thee Every Hour

R. Lowry/L. Larson

*RESPONSE # 592

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYERS OF THANKING & ASKING, THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Pg. 16

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN # 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist	Rev. Jennifer Jarvis, Parish Associate, Alexandra Hilditch
Sermon	Rev. Alex McDougall, Interim Pastor
Musical Leadership	Celebration Singers Chancel Choir Sarah Shaffer, Choirmaster Nancy Deeth, Organist
Greeters	Tom & Ruth Sloan, Thelma Taylor, Mark & Lee Williams
Concerned Deacon	Shirley Cotter
Head Usher	Bob Glaeser