

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 29, 2012

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

SILENT REFLECTION BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fritz Ackerman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Praise the Lord!

Your work is full of honor and majesty, and your righteousness endures forever.

The works of your hands are faithful and just; all your precepts are trustworthy.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have good understanding.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, as the church, we are part of your redeeming work in history. Yet we know that often we seek our own success and salvation, and fear to follow Christ in commitment to a vision of wholeness for the world and its peoples. Help us to speak and act our parts in the great drama of your love, and in the freeing gospel of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

(Time of silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take our parts in the drama of redeeming love.

Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life!

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Gloria Patri

No. 579

**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**

*GREETING OF PEACE

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you. (We greet each other: "The peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Christina Pressley

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER (all sing)

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

J. Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ("forgive us our *debts* as we forgive our *debtors*")

FIRST LESSON

Mark 1: 21-28 (p. 812)

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 (p. 930)

SERMON

It's Not What You Know...

Fritz Ackerman

*HYMN NO. 394

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Most merciful and gracious God, the good that we do we owe to your righteousness. Whatever honor we receive is due to your redeeming love in Christ Jesus. All that we have is a gift of your grace. You call us, you name us, you watch over us with care. We bring now our gifts in response to your goodness. Use them and us to further the work of your eternal benevolence, through Jesus Christ, whom we seek to obey. Amen

ANTHEM

It Is Well with My Soul

P. Bliss/arr. J. Purifoy

Chancel Choir

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain: It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)
And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

*DOXOLOGY (all sing) **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

No. 591

*HYMN No. 466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Paul Pringle

Liturgist: Wes Diemer

Ushers: Jo Ann Cipolla, Gerry Crock, Marie Lower, Jim Miller

Acolytes: Matt Phillips, Carolou Schlegel

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Aggie & Paul Pringle in memory of loved ones.

Weekly Prayer List (follows church directory):

Gail & Larry Stanislow, Michael

Stephen Thompson

Melanie & Bill Stewart, Kelly & Cody Stewart

Cory Tieste

Karyn & Layne Sundleaf, Soren & Reid

Nance & Ron Tieste, Ashley

Priscilla Swanson

Nancy Tucker & Fran Ciabattoni

Welcome visitors! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please record your name, address, and phone number in the red attendance book and introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave.

Childcare during worship is available for ages 0-3 in F207 (Nursery) and ages 4-5 in F205 (Arts & Crafts Room) in the Sunday School wing. **Parents and infants are also invited to make use of the “soft space”** with rocking chair, blankets, toys, and books offered at the back of the Sanctuary.

Large-print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles, as well as hearing assistance devices, are available for use during the worship service. Our desire is to make the worship experience meaningful to all. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Winter Weather Cancellations: If conditions force us to cancel services or activities, we will leave a message on the Church Office voice mail (654-9652), have the cancellation announced on WDEL1150, and, if possible, place a notice on our website.

Annual Meeting

By action of the Session of Concord Presbyterian Church, there will be a meeting of the Congregation today following worship to:

- ▶ Receive the budget (Copies of budget and supplemental documents available)
- ▶ Approve the Terms of Call for Pastor Fritz Ackerman
- ▶ Handle any other business which may rightly come before it.

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

- ▶ **Lock-in – Fri., Feb. 3 @ 7:00pm till Sat., Feb. 4 @ 9:30am:** Grab your sleeping bag and pajamas and meet us at Concord for a night of fun and fellowship. We'll be making soup, watching movies, playing games, having late-night worship, and getting ready for Youth Sunday. Bring some snacks to share!
- ▶ **Souper Bowl Soup to Go – Sun., Feb. 5 @ 11:30am:** Meet in the kitchen immediately following worship to sell soup and raise money for the Mission Trip. *Please bring a batch of brownies to sell, too!*
- ▶ **Help with the Pork Roast Dinner – Fri., Feb. 10 @ 5:30pm:** Meet in the kitchen for a delicious “preview dinner” and then help us serve dinners to everyone else! Black pants and white shirt are a must... and wear a smile, too!

Souper Bowl Soup to Go!

**Sunday, Feb. 5,
11:30am**



Too busy to make lunch as you prepare for your Super Bowl party? Pick up a container of homemade soup, two rolls, and two brownies for \$10 before you head home.

Proceeds benefit June 2012
Youth Mission Trip to Bradenton, FL.



Everyone come check out P.A.C.E., our new **Program for Adult Christian Education**

- ▶ 1st Sunday of the month: Ripped from the Headlines
- ▶ 2nd Sunday of the month: Practical Christianity
- ▶ 3rd Sunday of the month: Biblical Stories We Love to Hate
- ▶ 4th Sunday of the month: Life in the Church
- ▶ 5th Sunday: Christianity and Popular Culture

We meet Sundays @ 9:30am in Jessie's Room.

You are invited to attend our Bible study groups which discuss the background of the Scripture for each Sunday's sermon:

- ▶ **Thaddeus Arc Men's Bible Study – Thursdays @ noon, Sanctuary Lounge:** We enjoy a “brown bag” lunch and study the week's lectionary passages. The gatherings are short, informative, and fun. Give it a try!
- ▶ **Mug & Muffin Bible Study – Wednesdays @ 9:30am, Sanctuary Lounge:** Join Fritz for a discussion of the text for Sunday's sermon over coffee and muffins.

Faith in Literature will meet on **Monday, Feb. 27, 1:00pm** at the home of Joyce Johnson, 1005 S. Hilton Rd., Oak Lane Manor (65-3411). The reading assignment from *Faith Stories* is “The Priest and His Love” by Yukio Mishima and “All the Seminary” by Joyce Carol Oates.

Concord Women

- ▶ **Fabulous Pork Roast Dinner – Fri., Feb. 10 @ 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall:** The menu features delicious seasoned roast pork, creamy mashed potatoes, savory green beans, homemade applesauce, and homemade pumpkin pie. Musical entertainment will be provided following dinner. *Tickets are now on sale in the Church Office (\$10 per person/\$25 per family).* Volunteers are also needed for set up, food preparation, and clean up – please sign up outside the Office.



Church Office

- ▶ **The February Courier is now available** in the Narthex and on our website. Be sure to take a look – there's a lot going on!
- ▶ **New Membership Directory** (with an attractive turquoise cover) is finally available in the Narthex and will appear on the website shortly. As usual, some of the information is already out of date, so please check current and future issues of the *Courier* for updates.
- ▶ **Stock Donations:** If you are contemplating a gift of stock to the church (and we would be most grateful if you are), please contact Treasurer Stan Lamar (mslamar@juno.com) or the Church Office before giving instructions to your broker. There have been some changes since M&T Bank assumed operation of our previous bank.

The Hess family would like to extend sincerest thanks for your many letters, gifts, and kind words. This is a difficult time for us, but your gracious support has truly helped. Please keep Benjamin in your thoughts and prayers.

*Warmest regards,
The Hess Family*

Membership

- ▶ **LOCK (Love Our College Kids) Day – Feb. 14:** Every year, during holiday and summer breaks, we are delighted when our college students come back to worship with us. Support them during the school year with a note to remind them that we miss them and continue to pray for their success. On Feb. 14, please send a card or note to each of our students (see February *Courier* for names and addresses) to remind them of the special place they have in the life of Concord Church.
- ▶ **Upcoming Services & Events at Concord:**
 - *Guatemala Mission Trip – Feb. 12-19*
 - *Ash Wednesday – February 22*
 - *Gospel Sunday – February 26*
 - *Lenten Suppers & Worship – Thursdays, March 1-29*
 - *Chocolate Challenge & Auction – Mar. 4*
 - *A Class for Seekers – March 11*
 - *Youth Sunday – March 11*

CONCORD'S FEBRUARY COFFEE & PAPER DRIVE



With the help of local churches and volunteer outreach groups, Friendship House serves the community by providing two overnight shelters and ten halfway houses, housing more than 70 individuals on any given night. Its three daytime centers for men and women (two in Wilmington and one in Newark) routinely serve 250 homeless clients daily.

FH Clothing Bank and its Job Readiness Program assist employable homeless clients find training and jobs, both temporary and permanent.

In-kind donations are a valuable contribution to Friendship House's mission, and during February we are asking Concord members and friends to donate:

- ▶ **Paper goods - towels, napkins, toilet paper, facial tissues**
- ▶ **Coffee - ground**

Coffee and paper goods can be placed in the designated basket in the Narthex or delivered to the Church Office during the week.

Let's continue Concord's caring way of generously supporting Friendship House. Visit their website www.friendship-house.org to learn more about this vital organization, its ministries, and volunteer opportunities.



CALENDAR

Sunday, January 29	Congregational Meeting	Fritz Ackerman preaching
10:30 am	Worship in the Sanctuary	
11:30 am	Congregational meeting – Sanctuary	
11:45 am	Bell Choir – balcony (following meeting)	
Monday, January 30		Office closed
9:00 am	Diaspora Prayer	
Tuesday, January 31		
9:30 am	Quilters in Jessie's Room	
Noon	Staff Meeting – Library	
Wednesday, February 1		
9:30 am	Mug & Muffin Bible Study – Jessie's Room	
7:30 pm	Deacons – Jessie's Room	
Thursday, February 2		
Noon	Thaddeus Arc Men's Bible Study – Sanctuary Lounge	
6:30 pm	Hugs 'n Stitches – Jessie's Room	
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary	
Friday, February 3		
7:00 pm	Youth Group Lock-in (until Sat., Feb. 4 @ 9:30am)	
Sunday, February 5	Communion	Deacons' Fund Offering
	Commissioning Mission Trip Participants	
9:00 am	Adult CE – Jessie's Room	
9:30 am	Sunday School for children & youth – Chapel	
10:30 am	Worship in the Sanctuary	
11:30 am	Souper Bowl <i>Soup to Go</i> – Kitchen	
11:45 am	Book Swap Planning Meeting – Jessie's Room	

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