

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 5, 2012

11:00 A. M.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

GREETING & NEWS ABOUT LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad located in the pew.

And please include your contact information.)

CHIMES

ENGAGING GOD WITH MUSIC AND PRAYERS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 147

Leader: It is good to sing praises to our God. God is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.

People: Great is the Lord, and abundant in power, whose understanding is beyond measure.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God with the lyre.

People: You take pleasure in those who fear you and hope in your steadfast love.

All: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN: *Lift High the Cross*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, it is with shame in our hearts that we confess how often we are so wrapped up in ourselves and our own needs that we completely ignore the needs of others and are not even aware of the pain they bear. Forgive us our thoughtless ways. Show us how to understand those near to us, to reach out to them and stand with them in their need; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom we are called to be a compassionate people. (Silence.) And all the people say, **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE: *Gloria Patri*

(Children may come forward for the Children's Sermon at this time.)

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.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 40:21-31 (N. T. p. 683)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 1:29-39 (N. T. p. 33)

SERMON: **"Words AND Actions"**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION: *On Eagles' Wings*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY/ANTHEM: *O Great God!* B. Kauslin/D. Forrest

*DOXOLOGY #815: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*PRAYER OF THANKS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Communion Prayer

Breaking, Pouring, Sharing the Elements

(The elements will be passed to the pews—first the bread, then the cup. Please hold your elements, so we may all take them together.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*SONG FOR LIVING: *One Bread, One Body*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*MUSIC FOR GOING OUT TO SERVE

*Please stand if you are able.

IF YOU ARE NEW

* **We welcome you!** Information about St. Thomas is in our visitor bags on the literature table in the narthex.

* **We care about your children.** We have a wonderful staff of Sunday School teachers and nursery workers. Weekly Sunday School is offered at 9:30 a.m. We invite parents of infants and small children to take them to the nursery located in the Christian Education building prior to the service.

* **Refreshments!** We enjoy them together after the service in our Fellowship Hall to the left as you exit the sanctuary.

* **Parking** is located to the west, north and along Bateswood.

Worship Today

Assisting in worship today are Dick Meyer, worship leader; Rev. Dr. Nora Fitch, sermon and children's sermon; Joan Mwaura and Bredan Mwaura, serving as acolytes.

Flowers today are given by Rosie Adinin remembering the sweet and gentle soul of David Bostrom. He was all grace and courage in his fight against his sarcoma.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Today's sermon CD's are available in the Narthex.

Life and Ministry Through STPC

Pastoral Joys and Concerns: Gay Johnson, who is recovering at home or hospitalized.

Prayer Focus Prayer Focus: Sunday, 2/5 - Congregational Meeting and Souper Bowl of Sharing Youth project; Monday, 2/6 - Session Class of 2013 (Charlie Cleneay, Sharon Dickson, and Steve

Glasgow); Tuesday, 2/7 - ChristCare groups and leaders;
 Wednesday, 2/8 - Brent Ward, Contemporary Music Director;
 Thursday, 2/9 - Lectio Divina; Friday, 2/10 - Synod of the Sun;
 Saturday, 2/11 - Those with health issues.

Congregational Meeting: The Session has called a congregational meeting today following the worship service for the purposes of receiving the 2011 Annual Report, presenting the 2012 Budget, electing Boone Vastine as a ruling elder to fill an unexpired two-year term in the class of 2013, electing the congregational members for the 2012 Nominating Committee, and amending the St. Thomas Presbyterian Church bylaws to reflect changes in the Book of Order 2011/2013.

Financial Peace University! Kendra and Jim Folh are facilitating **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University** at St. Thomas. The class meets on Sunday afternoons from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Room 7. This 13-week class has been a great asset to many people in helping them to **beat debt, build wealth, invest for the future, and give like never before.**

Adult Sunday School Classes – 9:30 a.m. The Parables of Jesus continues in Room 7. Jesus used stories and comparisons to illuminate his message to his listeners in more than one-third of all his teachings and these same stories reach out to us today offering **illumination and insights that enrich our lives.** Join us as we reflect on their meaning together!

A class utilizing the book **The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families** by Stephen R. Covey along with the study of the biblical background for these principles meets in Room 10. Join us as we explore together the proven value of **fairness, integrity, honesty, and human dignity** in improving our relationships with other people!

Souper Bowl of Caring: Today after Worship the Youth will be collecting money and canned food for the St. Thomas Food Pantry. This is part of the largest nation-wide Youth-led service project. Please help support our Youth, and our neighbors in need!

Youth Group: Will not be meeting tonight; enjoy the Super Bowl! Youth Group will meet next week, February 12th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Third Annual Valentine Soup & Sandwich Lunch
 Sunday, February 12 following the Worship Service
 Sign-Up Sheet In Fellowship Hall

Installation Service for Nora Fitch
 Sunday, February 19 – 4:00 p.m.

Church Schedule: February 5 - 12, 2012

Sunday	Sunday School Coffee Connection Worship Service Congregational Meeting Financial Peace University	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Monday	Membership	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Men's Group Tuesday Circle Staff Meeting ESL ChristCare Group	6:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Early Risers Bible Study ChristCare Group Ladies Night Out Prayer Service Boy Scouts	6:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Lectio Divina ESL Handbells Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Friday	ESL	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Contemplative Prayer	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	Sunday School Sunday Circle Coffee Connection Worship Service Valentine Soup & Sandwich Lunch Financial Peace University Youth Group	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

Class of 2012	St. Thomas Elders	Class of 2014
Leona Bernard	Class of 2013	Sheri DeGrace
Becky Brown	Charlie Cleneay	Kendra Folh
Nancy Hamilton	Sharon Dickson	Sue Maple
Dick Meyer	Steve Glasgow	Theodora Pounds

St. Thomas Staff
 Rev. Dr. Nora Fitch, Pastor
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OUR MISSION: To lead people to a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Transformation



OUR VISION FOR 2012:
 Transformed by faith;
 Transforming through service.

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 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH