February 12, 2012
10:30 AM Worship Service

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Gathering Music

Confession of Sins

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P) Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C) Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

~ Silence is kept for reflection ~

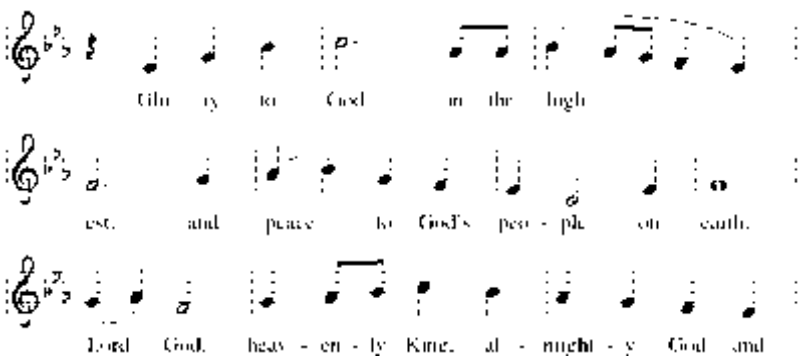
Most merciful God,
C) we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

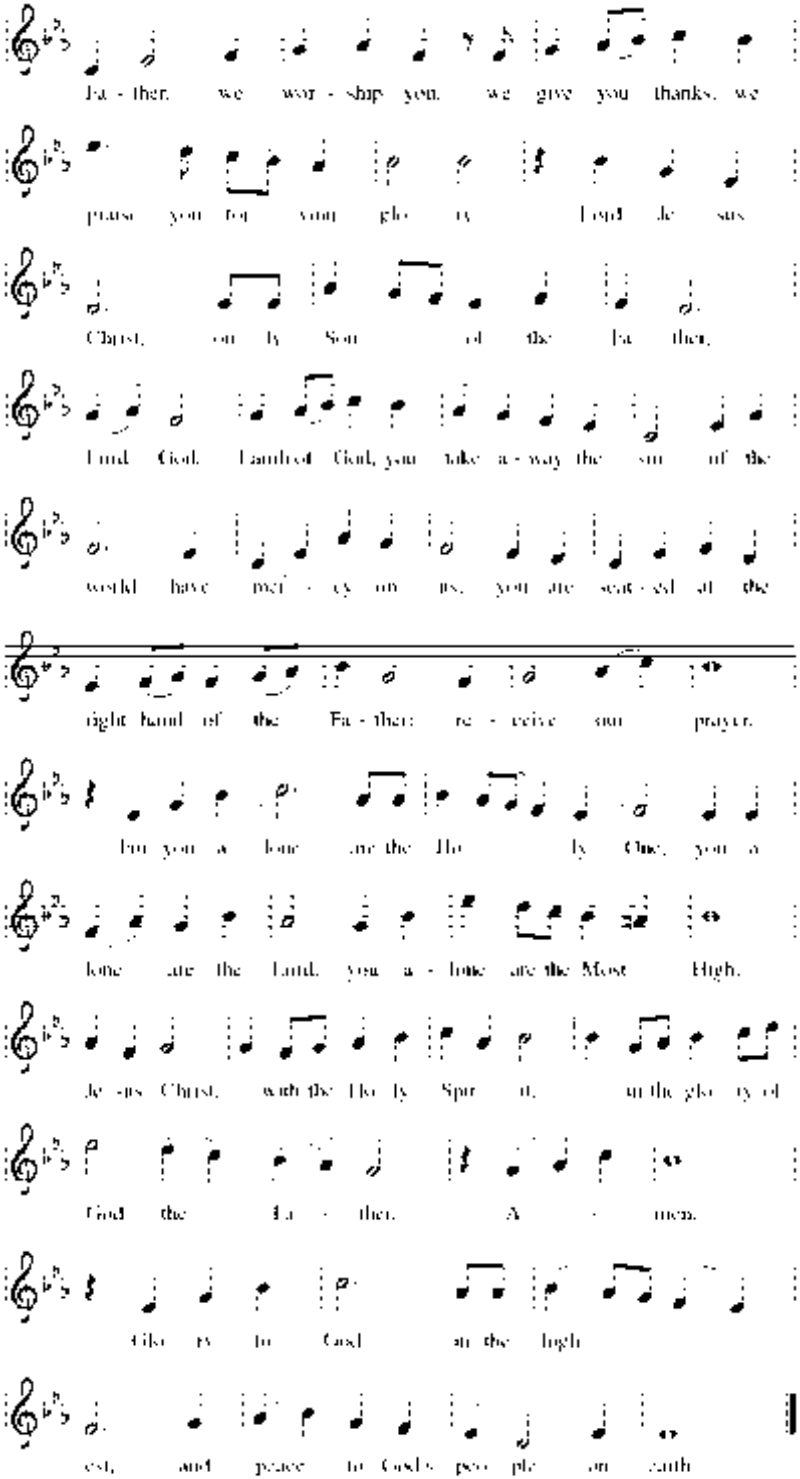
P) In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C) Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn:** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* LBW #90

***Greeting:** P) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C) And also with you.

***Hymn of Praise**




Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo ry Lord Je sus
Christ, on ly Son of the Fa ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a lone are the Ho ly One, you a
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je sus Christ, with the Ho ly Spir it, in the glo ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo ry to God in the high
est, and peace to God's peo ple on earth

***Prayer of the Day:** Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Special Music: St. John's Preschool

Children's Sermon

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1–14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high
favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man,
though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. [2]Now the Arameans on one of their
raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's
wife. [3]She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in
Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." [4]So Naaman went in and told his lord
just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. [5]And the king of Aram said, "Go
then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and
ten sets of garments. [6]He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When
this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you
may cure him of his leprosy." [7]When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his
clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to
cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with
me."

[8]But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his
clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him
come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." [9]So Naaman came
with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. [10]Elisha
sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh
shall be restored and you shall be clean." [11]But Naaman became angry and went
away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on
the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the
leprosy! [12]Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the
waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away
in a rage. [13]But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had
commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much
more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" [14]So he went down and
immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of
God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

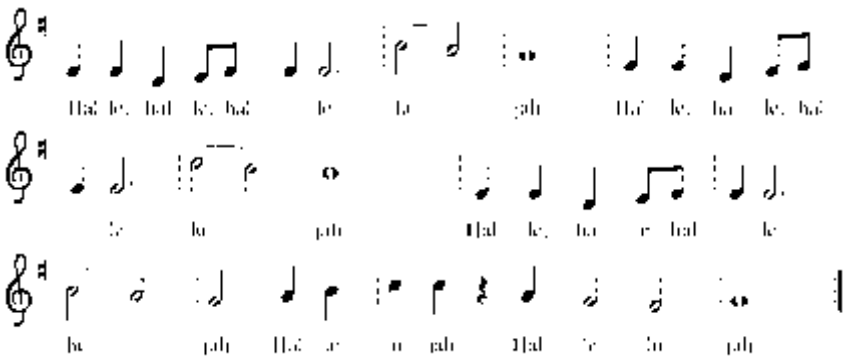
P) The word of the Lord. C) Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:24–27

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. [25]Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. [26]So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; [27]but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

P) The word of the Lord. C) **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation:**



***Holy Gospel:** Mark 1:40–45

C) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." [41]Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" [42]Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. [43]After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, [44]saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." [45]But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

P) The gospel of the Lord. C) **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Bean

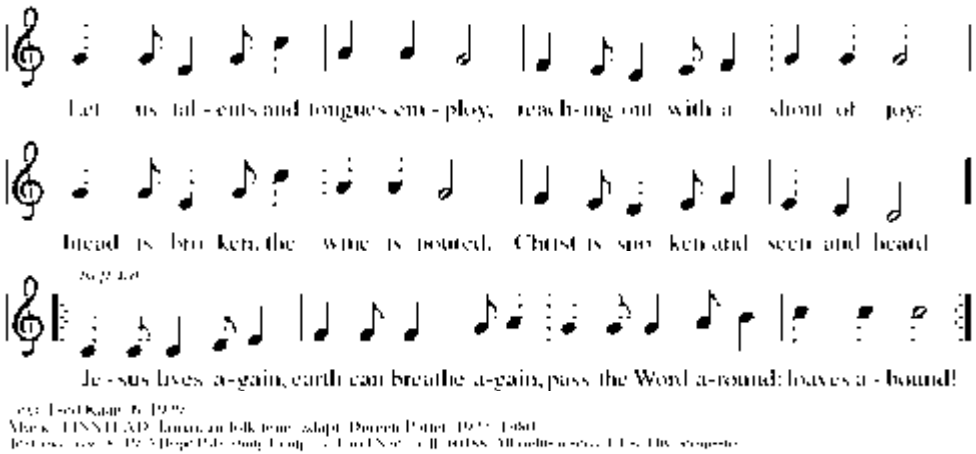
***Apostles' Creed:** LBW pg 65

***Prayer of the Church**

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering / Choral Offertory: *Dona nobis pacem* (Give Us Peace) —Hopson

***Offertory Response**



Offertory Prayer

P) Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C) we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P) The Lord be with you.

C) And also with you.

P) Lift up your hearts.

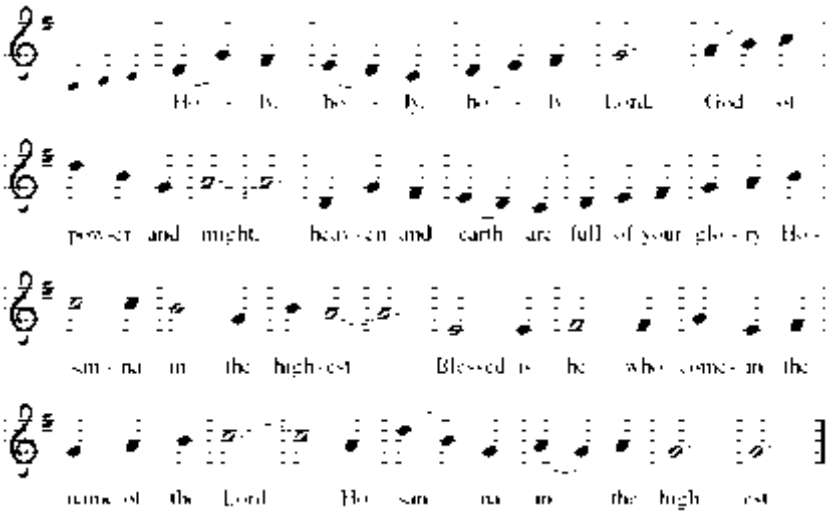
C) We lift them to the Lord.

P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***Preface**

***Sanctus**

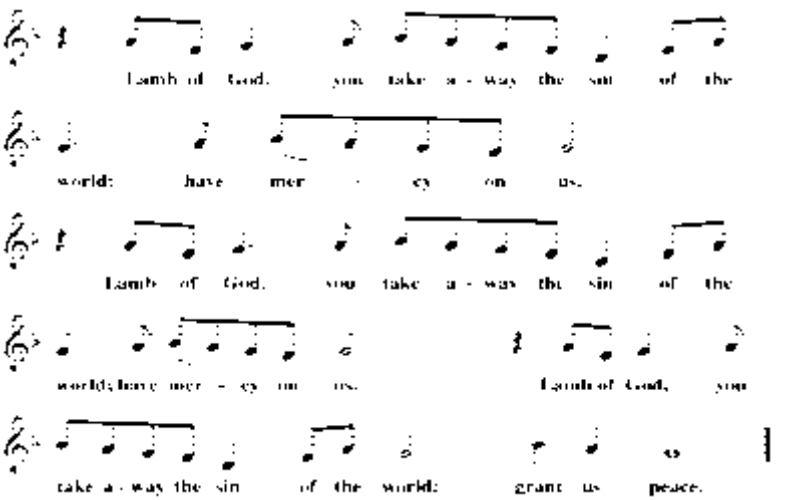


***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

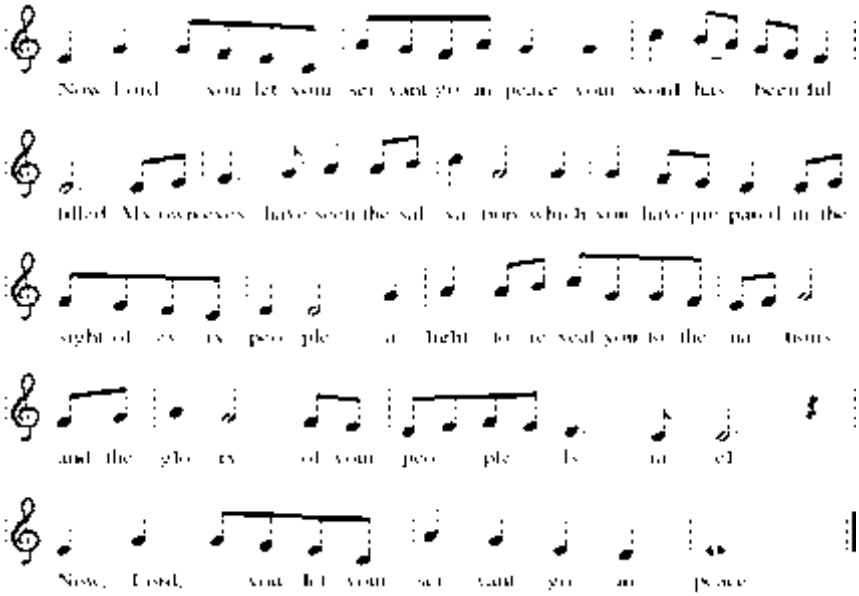
Holy Communion: *Lamb of God*



Communion Hymn: *Blessed Assurance* WOV #699

*Blessing

*Song after Communion



*Prayer

*Benediction

*Hymn: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* LBW #343

*Dismissal

P) Go in peace. Share the good news.

C) Thanks be to God.

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Table Talk

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – February 12, 2012
2 Kings 5:1-14
"I thought that he would surely come out to me…" vs. 11

The United States has a "Chief of Protocol." This office holds ambassadorial rank and has the responsibility of extending appropriate hospitality and facilitating cultural exchanges with foreign leaders and their diplomatic communities. The Chief of Protocol ensures visiting diplomats receive appropriate respect.

Elisha did not have a Chief of Protocol to ensure Naaman received the appropriate respect. The text conveys Naaman's disrespected pride: Elisha failed to greet him personally; made no holy incantations; and made no holy gestures. Instead, Naaman was commanded to wash in a meager excuse for a river—a public bath risking exposure of his leprosy. People would know his weakness; and his foolishness if the cure didn't take. Elisha had no respect for a mighty warrior; he wasn't concerned about protocol.

What he did respect was the Word of the Lord and its use to deliver faith. The word Elisha delivered via messenger to Naaman was a word to be trusted: "Go… wash… be clean!" Trusting that simple word wounded Naaman's pride. He had to be humbled.

We, too, receive a simple word. That has been the case since Peter preached and the people cried out, "What shall we do?" Peter responded "Repent and be baptized…" (cf. Acts 2:27-28) Like Naaman, sinners desire more "protocol"… more "respect." The Lord doesn't respect sinners; he forgives them, washing them clean in the meager waters of a baptismal font and the living Word.

Table Talk: Discuss how pride gets in the way of faith

Pray: Heavenly Father, remove my pride, forgive my sin; Amen

In Touch

The Installation service for Pastor Tim Bean will be **this afternoon** at 3:00 pm, followed by a reception to welcome him and his wife, Rhonda. Pastor Mark Chavez, General Secretary of the NALC will be participating and preaching at this service. Please make every effort to attend and celebrate this occasion.

Iredell Ministries Collection: Today are collecting: deodorant for men and women, pasta noodles, and jellies/jams. Also: baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and black pepper. Thank you for your donations.

Pancake Supper & Bingo Night—Tuesday, February 21
The youth are sponsoring the Annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday. Last year we played Bingo and winners got to choose from a variety of theme baskets and other items for their prize. It was a huge success! We are doing this again this year. We would appreciate any donations the congregation can make towards our theme baskets. Our themes are: *Car Wash* (detailing items), *Chocolate Basket*, *Family Night* (gift cards, games, dvds, movie tickets, etc), *Gardening Basket*, *Pet Basket* (dogs/cats), *Girl Basket* (ages 9-14), *Boy Basket* (ages 9-14) *Kitchen Basket*, *Spa Basket* (for women), *Fishing Basket* (for men), and *Miscellaneous Basket* (gift cards, gadgets, etc). A basket is outside church entrance to collect donated items. We had so much fun with Bingo night last year -we hope everyone will mark their calendars for Tuesday, February 21! *Items due in by February 19!*

Youth Events—an updated Youth Calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. You can check this for upcoming meetings and events.

Youth Meals on Wednesday Evenings: We still have spaces available for people to sign up to feed the youth. Some suggestions are posted on the bulletin board—but we are very easy to please. We have certainly enjoyed some delicious meals!

Last week General Fund: Received: $5,223; Attendance: 113

Stewardship Corner

When we give to God, we are just taking our hands off what already belongs to Him.

New Members
A new member class is forming! A time and date will be announced in the coming weeks. If you would like to make St. John's your church home, please contact Pastor Tim through the church office or at pastortimbean@gmail.com.

Bible Study "The Four Acts of Prayer"
We will meet each Saturday in March (Lent) in the fellowship hall from 10:00AM-noon. The series builds each week from the previous week(s), so please commit yourself to attend each Saturday.

In sympathy
Denby Zimmerman's sister, ***Elaine Crawford*** passed away on Sunday, February 5. Her funeral was held at Bunch-Johnson on February 7. Please remember Denby and her family in your prayers.

Moved: ***Martha Webster*** as of this week, is living at Maple Leaf Nursing Home.

"Birthdays This Week

February 13	Myrna Van Ravestein
February 16	Deleta Hager
February 18	Alysa Taylor
February 19	Sue Hinson, Brandon Allison

Pastor:	Pastor Tim Bean
Cantor:	Chuck Lindler
Lector:	Brian Sutton
Communion Asst:	John Karriker (altar), Bill Coffey (nave)
Crucifer:	Tammy Combs
Acolyte:	Gavin Combs
Altar Guild:	Daniel Dunn
Nursery:	Patti & Steve Horinka
Ushers:	George Campbell Team: Billy Ray Compton, John Karriker, Gary Mull, Cletis Wooten, Randy Tedder, Sherry Tedder, Jo Murphy, Laura Dishman

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 12
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship
- 3:00 pm Installation Service for Pastor Bean
- 4:30 pm Installation Reception

Tuesday, February 14
- 7:00 pm Christian Ed Meeting

Wednesday, February 15
- 6:00 pm Youth
- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sunday, February 19
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, February 21 ~ Shrove Tuesday
- 6:00 pm Pancake Supper
- 6:45 pm Bingo

Wednesday, February 22 ~ Ash Wednesday
- 7:00 pm Worship

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