

Welcome to the worshipping community of

Berea Friendship United Methodist Church.

If you are new to our community, you are welcomed by the God who welcomes us all, who in Jesus Christ calls us "friends." You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. You are invited to read aloud those passages that are printed in **bold**. Welcome to this assembly of the people of God!

1st Sunday after the Epiphany
January 11, 2009
10:30 am

THE PRELUDE **Be Thou My Vision**
(arr. Rokey)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND SERVICE NOTES
Bill Sherrill

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP **Fairest Lord Jesus** (German Folk Song)

*HYMN- No. 144 **This Is My**
Father's World

*OPENING PRAYER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan
You proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in-glory everlasting. Amen.

FIRST LESSON – pg. 1
Genesis 1:1-5

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
Matt Greer

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE **Three-fold Amen**
(Danish)

*GOSPEL LESSON - pg.990, 1551

Mark 1:4-13

CHORAL ANTHEM **When Jesus**
Came to Jordan
(Mendelssohn/Powell)

SERMON Baptism and Charisms Dr. Elaine Nocks

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT – No.185 **When Morning Gilds the Skies**

OFFERTORY **Priere**
(Dubois)

*DOXOLOGY – No. 95

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – No. 884
A Statement of Faith of The Korean Methodist Church

*HYMN – No.732 **Come, We That**
Love the Lord

*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* CHORAL BENEDICTION – No.665 **Go Now in Peace**
(N. Sleeth)

(The congregation is invited to sing)
Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.

*POSTLUDE **Toccata**
(Thygerson)

Welcome to Dr. Elaine Nocks

This morning we are pleased to welcome Dr. Elaine Nocks, Professor of Psychology and Director of Furman University's Center for Theological Exploration of Vocation. In that capacity, she plans and directs a variety of programs, ranging from a high school theology institute to programs for Furman faculty, students, alumni, and for persons in the local community who are interested in topics of faith development and vocation. Elaine is an active member of Monaghan United Methodist Church. Elaine received the B.A. in Psychology from Winthrop College, the M.A. in Psychology from the University of Florida, and the Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of North Carolina. In 1996, she completed the Master of Divinity degree at The Candler School of Theology of Emory University. We are delighted to have Elaine as our guest proclaimer this morning.

Pastor Keith is away teaching at the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies in Orange Park, Florida. He will return Wednesday night. If you need to contact him during this time, please call the church office or his home.



OTHERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER Claire Rebecca Philpot, Joe Philpot, Jay and Vera Hunt, Helen Yockey, Carolyn Hunter, Nick Nichols, Bob Donaldson, Libby Wingate, Georgiana Dougherty and her neighbor, (Bobbie Brown), Edith Bynum, and her sons Carl and Jerry, Margaret Rivers, Eunice Looper, Shirley Dickson's friend, (Marvin Lollis), Mildred Huckaby, Lucy Hughes, Rachel Palmer, Mildred Pollard, Steve Hester's mother, (Elva Hester), Jerry Smith, Benson McWhite, Jake Moorehead, Juanita Sherlin, Helen Stebbins, Mary Childs, Doris Williams, and Louise Davenport.
Louise Davenport has been released from the hospital and is at her home.
Jerry Smith was hospitalized on Wednesday and is hoping to come home on Friday or Monday.

Offering Envelopes for 2009 Please pick up your 2009 offering envelopes located on the back table, by doing this you will save us postage. The envelopes are in alphabetical order.

Bible Study Please come join us for Bible Study Class each Wednesday at 4:30 in the Huckaby Class. Our next class will be Wednesday, January 14th. For any questions call Bob Helms @ 295-2973.

Pastor Parish Relations Committee will meet this coming Thursday, January 15th, at 6:30 in the Ruth Bible Class.

Covered Dish Lunch Next Sunday, January 18th, following the morning worship, we will have a covered dish lunch. Please bring your favorite dish of food and join us. It's a great time to fellowship and enjoy a wonderful home cooked meal.

Nominations Committee will meet next Sunday, January 18th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Administrative Council We would like to get all council members to meet Saturday, January 24th instead of January 14th. We will meet from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. and enjoy a soup lunch together as we make plans for the coming 2009 year.

Newsletter Deadline The deadline to get newsletter articles in will be January 20th. The Administrative Council will follow the deadline this month and that is when I get a lot of my information from each of you. It would be appreciated if you could get your articles in before the Council meeting. Thank you for your help.

Morning Circle will meet on January 20th, at 10:00 in the Quilters Room. We will make plans for 2009.

Shalom Circle will meet on January 21st, at 6:30 pm in the Ruth Bible Class. Please come join us as we continue to read "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World".

Inspiration Group meets January 22nd, at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. A.V. Huff will be the speaker and Vivian Day will do the devotion. Soup and Cornbread will be served with dessert.

Thank You so much for the monetary Christmas gift from the congregation. Also, the other gifts and cards I received were appreciated. I continue to be blessed with the opportunity of being a member of the Staff of our church. My wish for all of you is that the year 2009 will be filled with God's many blessings.
Love in Christ, Pat Teat

Thank You Many thanks to the congregation for the bonus and the opportunity to serve at Berea Friendship. It is a distinct honor for me, and I look forward, with you, to a wonderful New Year.
Bill Sherrill

Thank You I want to thank the congregation for the cards, money, and other gifts that you so graciously gave to me during Christmas. I am honored to serve you and to have such a loving group of people to work with. Thank you all for your love and support and have a blessed New Year ahead. In Christian Love, Debbie Capps

Staff

Pastor	Keith Ray II
Music Director	Bill Sherrill
Organist	Sibyl Thomas
Membership Secretary	Pat Teat
Youth Director	Matt Greer
Treasurer	Marsha Disher
Administrative Assistant	Debbie

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Liturgist	Bill Sherrill
Acolyte	Kevin Baker
Trustee	Ronnie Hunter
Stewardship	Jim Rawson
Altar Guild	Vickie Failor
Nursery	
Ushers	Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys, Ronnie Hunter, Corky Holman

For Your Information (and inspiration)!
 Received for 2008 Budget \$6,077.88
 Total received to-date for 2008 \$211,605.34
Attendance – Sunday January 4' 2009:
 Sunday School –61 Worship -152
Financial Report for Sunday January 4, 2009:
 Needed each Sunday for Budget \$4,732.23
 Received for Budget 1/4/09 \$6,657.15

Wednesday Night Supper
 January 14th
 Hot dogs/ pickle/ chips
 Baked Beans, Brownie

Tea, Coffee, Water


Happy Birthday

January 6	Nancy Neal
January 13	Blanche Creswell
January 17	Mildred Bray Kevin Wells

“The mission of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church is to glorify our Lord by serving all people equally; welcoming those in search of a loving and supportive church family.”

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Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Today is a special day on the calendar of the Church. We remember the story of the baptism of Jesus and, in doing so have the opportunity to renew our own commitment to God as those who are baptized.

Many early church Christians were embarrassed by the story of Jesus' baptism. Why? Remember John the Baptizer whose message to the crowd was, "Repent and be baptized!" Early Christians were troubled associating Jesus with a rite that signified a repentance. And yet when we read the story of Jesus' baptism we are reminded of what we celebrated during the days of Christmas: God is with us. Jesus did not stay up on the bank while others were being baptized. Instead, he joined humanity in the waters of repentance and shared life with us up close.

The baptism of Jesus also expands our understanding of baptism as not simply a rite of repentance and cleansing but one that signifies the coming of the Holy Spirit upon us to

empower us to live as the children of God. The Spirit comes upon Jesus in his baptism and he is declared to be God's very child. And the good news we celebrate here week by week is that we, too, are claimed as God's own beloved children, too.

So let us give thanks to God for our baptisms. And let us listen for God's own Spirit who claims us as God's beloved children, called to be witnesses of light and love in the world.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Keith