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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of PATERNON
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Elder Diane Anderson, Liturgist
Deacon Sherry McGhie, Lector
Elder Alfred Johnson, Lector
Sunday, January 23, 2011 at 10:45am
3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
(Enter Silently to Worship God)
ORDER OF WORSHIP
(*Those who are able, please stand)

(A Guide to Worship: Enter reverently, Meditate quietly,
Worship devoutly, Lease gratefully, and Serve Christ faithfully)

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE
INTROIT

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:
Liturgist: “Let Us Pray.”
All: Gracious Lord and Savior, we praise your name for the gifts of life, love,
fellowship forgiveness, hope and salvation. We worship you this day with the full
awareness that you are worthy to be praised. As we gather in this sanctuary this morn-
ing, we ask you to guide our lips, our hearts and our thoughts so that nothing un-
worthy will take away from the precious time that is yours and yours alone, Lord, equip now for
worship and praise, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: Blessed be the Lord who has called us from darkness to light.

People: It is a blessed thing to walk in the light of God’s word
Leader: Blessed are those who not only walk in the light but bear the light to those in
darkness

People: We want to become beacons of light to all who stumble in the dark: Lord
help us to help them.
Leader: There is gladness in the hearts of God’s people: Today the light is kindled in
our midst and we have HOPE, JOY, PEACE; yes, we have JESUS!

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever: Hallelujah! Amen
*Hymn of Praise # 120 (AAH) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)
Liturgist: Let us confess our sins together aloud.
All: Savior Christ, you take upon yourself all of our burdens. You free us from all that weighs us down, so that we constantly begin anew. Lord, you lead us on, with lightened steps, from worry towards the vision of your coming kingdom. Make us servants of your gospel, that we may know your peace and the world be bright with the light of hope that you bring. Lord, receive our prayers: Lord forgive and cleanse us from our sinfulness.

Leader: Lord have mercy
People: Christ have mercy
All: Lord have mercy.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)
Pastor: The Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. For all who confess their sins, Christ is willing and able to forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness. I declare to the contrite in heart that in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.
RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 27:1,4-9

Liturgist: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh - my adversaries and foes - they shall stumble and fall.

Liturgist: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

People: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

Liturgist: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

People: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Liturgist: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

People: “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.

All: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

* Gloria Patri

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.
THE FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Mrs. Deborah Huffin and Family

GREETINGS:

The Passing of the Peace
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you!
People: And also with you!

Pastoral Prayer for the People of God
Lord’s Prayer (Said in unison)
Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: United Choir

Offertory Response: #592
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*DOXOLOGY
PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in Unison)

All: We thank you heavenly Father for the gifts of life, love and lasting joy. We thank you for Jesus Christ who turns darkness into light, sadness into joy, weakness into strength and death into life. We offer to you, dear Lord, these tokens of appreciation and pray that you would bless them and us for the work being done on earth to bring light of hope to those in dark places. Amen.
Prayer of Illumination (In Unison)

All: O God, through the words that shall be spoken this day, and through the stirrings of your Spirit in our thoughts and hearts, remind us of your power and authority, that we may newly commend ourselves into your hands, and open our minds to the teaching of your Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-8
Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Preparation #380 (AAH) “Trust And Obey”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-24
Pastor: Here end the readings from God’s Holy Word
Congregation: To His Name be glory, honor and praise. Amen!

Sermon: “Your Light Has Come” Rev. McFarlane
Responding to the Word

INVITATION

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: “Let us say what we believe” (Apostle’s Creed-Traditional)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn: #378 (AAH)                                    “Just A Little Talk with Jesus”

*COMMISSIONING (unison)

All: O Creator and mighty God, You have promised strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy and undying love. O Creator and mighty God, help us not only to continue in your promise but to be your transforming, healing and comforting presence to everyone we encounter today and this week. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Depart purposefully to serve God!
• **Prayer Meeting:** is on Wednesdays at 6pm in the Library; it will be followed by Bible Study at 7pm.

• **Session Meeting:** The Session will meet on Friday, January 28 at 6pm.

• **The UPC 20th Anniversary Committee needs you!** All interested parties should join us as part of the Steering Committee. Sub-committee Chairs will be actively recruiting members to help with smaller tasks. We look forward to full participation of all members of any age.-Diane Anderson, Chairperson

• **Attention All Youth** Come one, Come all to a night filled with laughter, games, fun, food and of course **NO SLEEP!** UPC is presenting its first **Lock-In** on Friday, January 28, 2011 starting at 7pm until Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 8am. Tickets are $15 and will be sold at the door. It will definitely be a night to remember. For further information see Monete Cockburn or Elder Diane Anderson for a registration form.

• **Healthy Happy New Year!** Please join us on Wednesdays from 11:30 to 12:30 for our **Wellness Sessions.** How could you not want to exercise? All are welcome! and it is free. Certified Personal Trainer-Tamara Mingo

• **Flowers for the Altar** - The flowers for each Sunday is a beauty to our sanctuary and a glory to our church. The cost is $35.00 each, and the thought to honor a loved one is forever. Please see Doris Gale or B.J. Ross to reserve a Sunday for Flowers.

• **Per Capita** for the year of 2011 is $35.00 due by March 1, 2011

• **Fellowship Hour:** sponsored by the Sunday School immediately after service today.
EXTENDED ANOUNCEMENTS

- **Black History Month:** February is celebrated as Black History Month. If you would like to show off your talent by highlighting a piece of Black history on any Sunday in February, please see Elder Al Johnson of Elder Cheryl Duncan of the worship committee. On February 27, 2011 the celebration will culminate with a Special Fellowship hour. You are also invited to show off your talent then, in the form of a poem, song or dance.

- **Pre-Valentine Night of Jazz:** Honoring (Ma Carrie) Mrs. Carrie Wilson. from 7pm to 11 p.m. February 12, 2011, in the Fellowship Hall. Price is $20.00. Refreshments will be served. (The ‘Fun’ Raising Committee).

- **Congratulations!** Morgann Alyssa Duncan has been accepted into the Regina Mundí Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Membership in the National Junior Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded a middle school student. Morgann will be inducted on Wednesday January 26, 2011, at 7pm. Congratulations Morgann! Keep up the good work!

- **End of Year Reports:** All Committee Chairs are to send or bring in your reports typed or Email: to Office@upc-paterson.org by February 11, 201.
  Attention: Maggie Buie. Thank you.
Liturgists for the Month of January, 2011

January 02 - Siobhan Simpson                     January 09 - Willa Mae Taylor
January 16 - Doris Gale                                January 23 - Diane Anderson
January 30 - Elijah Page

To Each of our Celebrants:

We say a prayer for you, and we ask the Lord above
to keep you safely in his care and enfold you in his love-
blessings to surround you in the Savior’s Holy Name,
and inner joy to fill your heart with peace and happiness.
Amen

January Birthdays and Anniversaries!

January 01 - Micheline Moody-Stephens
January 01 - Aubrey Boucher
January 05 - Markeetah Anderson
January 12 - Evan Moody
January 12 - Tiffany Horton
January 14 - Valerie Lewis
January 15 - Denise Davis-Miller
January 18 - Marcia Green
January 22 - Raul Munoz
January 26 - Allard Moody Jr.
January 26 - Brandon Palmer
January 30 - Willa Mae Taylor
January 30 - Mark Ramsey
January 30 - Jessica Horton

Anniversaries:
THIS WEEK AT UNITED
January 23, 2011
Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 23, 2011

9:30 AM – Sunday School (All Ages)

Monday January 24, 2011
Office Closed

Tuesday January 25, 2011
Office Open

Wednesday January 26, 2011
11:30 AM - Senior Class
3:30 PM - City Recreation Program
5:45 PM - Pioneers Girls Recreation
7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Thursday January 27, 2011
11:30 AM - Narcotics Anonym
3:30 PM - City Recreation Prg.

Friday, January 28, 2011
3:30 PM - City Recreation Program

Saturday, January 29, 2011
10:00 AM - Girl Scouts

Please Remember The Following With Your Prayers, Cards and Visits

Recuperating at home:
Annette Baldwin - 400 Broadway-Apt. 3F, Paterson, NJ 07501
Islin Lewis - 342 12th Ave., Paterson, NJ 07514

Living in Nursing Homes:
Willie Langston - Regency Gardens, 296 Hamburg Tpke., Wayne, NJ

Homebound or Having Difficulty Leaving Home:
Marcellus Melson - 451 East 40th St., Paterson, NJ 07504
Harriet Hocutt - 705 East 27th St., Paterson, NJ 07504
Gloria Latibeaudier - 703 East 23rd. St., Paterson, NJ 07504

In Military Service:
Johnel Pipkin - 33 Warmsprings Rd., Apt. 1210, Columbus, GA 31909
Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
"As we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back".

“There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality”.

“And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"
WHO ARE WE

Our congregation is a human family.
By the living Spirit of God,
Ministering together for one purpose:
To love and serve God and to practice the love of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in our family and our community.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission focuses on individuals and family life.
We teach and strengthen the spiritual, educational, and social skills necessary for survival in this world.
We seek to enrich and empower others through The liberating theology of Christ and demonstrating Renewal through prayer.
CHURCH OFFICERS
THE SESSION
The Rev. Dr. Adrian Anthony McFarlane (Moderator)
Clerk of Session: Nicole Moody
Manse Telephone: 973-754-0320

2013
Barbara Jean Dantzler-Ross
Shawn Regina Jones
Jason Kelly
Vincent Moody

2012
Beverly Cooke
Doris E. Gale
Alfred Johnson
Christine Sellers

2011
Cheryl Duncan
Lawrence S. Stephens 111
Willa Mae Taylor
Henry A. Williams 111

Meets 4th Tuesdays, 7PM

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

2013
Barbara Battle
Sherry McGhee

2012
Clare Colclough-Cunningham
James Kelly, Vice Moderator
Kellyann Phillips, Secretary

2011
Clinton Cooke
Micheline Moody-Stephens, Moderator
Elijah Page, Treasurer

Meets Second Sundays, 12:15 PM

STAFF
Suzanne La Robardier, Organist/Choir Director
Frank McLaurin, Head Custodian
Maggie Buie, Secretary

Marion Sims, Custodian
Muriel Leonard, Custodian

VOLUNTEER FINANCIAL OFFICERS
Theresa Langston, Financial Secretary
Barbara J. Dantzler-Ross, Asst. Financial Secretary

Jack Duncan, Treasurer
Kellyann Phillips, Asst. Treasurer

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS
Sunday School……………………………………………………………………….Siobhan Simpson, General Superintendent
Meets Sundays 9:30 AM (September to June)

Women’s Service Group……………………………………………………………Elder Denise Davis-Miller, President
Meets 4th Saturdays, 12 Noon

UPC Choir …………………………………………………………………………………Meets Thursday, 6:30 PM (September to June)

CHURCH SPONSORED PROGRAMS
Girl’s Scouts……………………………………………………………………….Elder Doris Gale, Director
Meets Saturdays, 10 AM - Noon (September to June)

Youth Self Development……………………………………………………………..Maxine Sims, President
Meets 3rd Sundays (September to June)

COMMUNION SERVICES
Trinity Sunday in June
1st Sunday in August
World Communion Sunday in October

1st Sunday in Advent
Christmas Eve