

Mendenhall Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2017

11:00 a.m.

*Welcoming all, we gather together as a caring church family to: Give thanks and worship God;
Learn and live the teachings of Jesus; Nurture faith and spiritual growth;
and Joyfully share God's love by serving others in the community.*

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship (The following prayer may be used to prepare for the service.)

“Amazing grace—how sweet the sound!” Thank you for the undeserved gift of salvation, Lord God.

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Look, here is the Lamb of God!
Jesus calls us: Come and see.
Let us worship God.

***Hymn #385**

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We adore the high and mighty and ignore your humble servant. We act with prejudice and partiality and fail to share your love for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out the power of your Spirit and renew us in our calling: to show the wonder of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Here each worshiper offers silent, personal confession.)

Hymn #415 (Verse 1)

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Light of the world, your good news is for all people. In this day's reading and proclamation, attune our ears to hear your life-giving Word. Open our hearts to receive your blessing, that we may bear your light in our lives, giving witness to your glory and strength. Amen.

1st Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anthem

2nd Reading

John 1:29-42

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

***Hymn #697 (Verses 1 & 2)** *“Take My Life”*

A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Installation

***Affirmation of Faith**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions for Ordination/Installation

Questions for the Congregation

(The clerk addresses the congregation.)

Do we, the members of the church, accept _____ as elders chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Prayer of Installation:

(Those who are to be ordained and or installed kneel, facing the congregation. Ministers of Word and Sacrament and elders stand behind the candidates.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Declaration of Installation

Welcome

***Hymn #697 (Verses 5 & 6)** *“Take My Life”*

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering

Offertory

Hymn #733 (Verse 1) *“We All Are One in Mission”*

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn #307** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

***All who are able please stand.**

Leading in worship this morning:

Kevin Kaufmann, Interim Pastor

Cindy Hagel, Organist

*Bev Casmev, Liturgist & Offering Counter
, Usher*

Tom & Cindy Barrett, Greeters

WE WELCOME, in the name of Christ, all who come to worship today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to sign the Guest book in the Narthex. Please be sure to write your full address and to introduce yourself to the Pastor following the service. Please worship with us again and join us prior to worship for fellowship downstairs at 10:30 a.m.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 15	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders
Monday, January 16	Church Office Closed	
	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	4:00 p.m.	Crafts
Wednesday, January 18	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	2:00 p.m.	Circle at Town Square
	3:15 p.m.	Youth Group
	5:40 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, January 22	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational & Corporation Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL & CORPORATION MEETING JANUARY 22, 2017: The meeting shall be for the purpose of receiving all official reports of boards and organizations of the church and any other business that may be brought before the congregation. The January meeting shall be designated as the time for the annual meeting of the corporation.

CIRCLE will meet at Town Square Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS Pastor Kevin will be in the office Monday - Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you need to get in touch with him after hours, his phone number is 701-351-3468 (this is a long distance number). Pastor Kevin's e-mail: kevin.kaufmann57@gmail.com.

EAST GRAND FORKS FOOD SHELF is in need of all non-perishable food items. Please put these items in the grocery cart in the narthex.

NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING — Monday, February 6 — The Session of Mendenhall Presbyterian Church encourages members with concerns or ideas to come to the open forum the first fifteen minutes of each stated Session meeting. The Session meets in the Session Room the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

OFFERING: As of January 9, 2017

	This Month	Year to Date
General Offering	\$ 4,657.00	\$ 4,657.00
Expenses	<u>\$ 1,462.61</u>	<u>\$ 1,462.61</u>
	\$ 3,194.39	\$ 3,194.39

Per Capita is \$44.00 per confirmed member for 2017. If you haven't already paid your Per Capita there are envelopes available in the Narthex for your convenience.

NOTES FROM PARISH NURSE – MARY BARRETT, RN, PN

“I am the one who answers your prayers and cares for you. I am like a tree that is always green; all your fruit comes from me.” Hosea 14:8 Changing old habits or creating new ones is hard but making healthier choices will improve your life by preventing heart disease, diabetes, and even some cancers. Choosing healthier foods and losing excess weight will also impact the physical problems you have from the added stress that weight adds to your joints. This year, make a vow to become healthier. Change your dietary choices, add movement and exercise to your day, and ask God for the strength to follow your plan. Change begins with baby steps which you add to as you see success. If you are committed to change, you will see a new and improved you by December.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOHN RITCHIE:

Brenda and I are excited for our coming move to East Grand Forks and our partnering with you in fulfilling God's purpose. Here is an update on what will be happening this coming week. The movers arrive on Monday to load our things. They have scheduled Tuesday as well in case they don't finish on Monday. We will leave Wabash for East Grand Forks on either Tuesday or Wednesday; we need to be in East Grand Forks by Friday when Johnny will fly back to school in Chicago. Sometime along the drive we will find out when our stuff will be delivered, they are estimating between the 20th and 23rd. We have made an offer on a house, but have still not heard back yet. So as I write this, we are not sure where we will land upon our arrival. If you would like to follow our adventure as we travel, follow me on Facebook, or check out the church's Facebook page, as I will be posting updates as we go. With 2 cars, a trailer, 3 people and 2 dogs I'm sure it will be exciting! Please pray for our safe travels, our housing situation in East Grand Forks, the sale of our house in Wabash, and our future shared ministry together. It's hard to believe we will be there in less than a week! God is good! Peace Through Faith, Hope, and Love! John

Peace Through Faith, Hope and Love
John



To watch over mouth and tongue
is to keep out of trouble. (Proverbs 21:23)

Session

Class of 2016

Cindy Barrett, Christian Education
Paul Stadem, Stewardship & Finance
Hazel Merdink, Worship/PW Rep.

Class of 2017

Bev Bredemeier, Personnel
Scott Love, Property
Shannon Vacura, Worship

Class of 2018

Gail Schrage, Christian Care & Outreach
Kathie Wirkus, Stewardship & Finance
Doug Twite, Property

Mary Barrett, Clerk of Session
Kevin Kaufmann, Moderator

Staff

Kevin Kaufmann, Pastor
Cathy Caskey, Office Administrator
Mike Lachowitz, Custodian

Cindy Hagel, Organist
Jace Erickson, Choir Director
Gloria Bancroft, Youth Director

HYMNS: #385, #415, #697, #733 & #307

SCRIPTURES: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 and John 1:29-42