

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 13, 2008
11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

29 Psalm

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

People: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Leader: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in His temple all say, "Glory!"

People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King forever.

ALL: May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!

*+Hymn of Praise #618 (RIL) "Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN

HYMN

Prayer of Confession

29 Psalm

Almighty God, we know how wonderful and truly awesome You are. We marvel at Your creativity, Your strength, and Your care. You have given us resources and abilities to do Your will. But too often we neglect to do Your will. We act as if we are the center of the universe, and not You. We use our resources for our own gain, forgetting the needs of others. We use our abilities to further our own ends, and not for the greater good. We are wrong, Lord. Help us to remember

that our allegiance is not to ourselves, but to You. Strengthen us to do Your will, so that Your kingdom comes here on earth, now, as it already has come in heaven. We ask this in Jesus' strong name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Ephesians 1:15-

19

Summary of the Law

Ephesians 4:1-

6

*+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 with end. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon

Kim

Cole

*+Hymn of Preparation #244 (RIL)

"With Joy We Contemplate the Grace"

CONTEMPLATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament

Isaiah 42:1-9

p.

584

New Testament

Mark 1:1-13

p.

812

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Confession of Faith

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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: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made Man. 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Offering *(Please fill out the red pew pads at this time. Remember to PRINT your name.)*

Offertory "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" Georg Philipp

Telemann

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below, praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of Gifts

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (see insert)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication #416 (RIL) "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM
RHONDDA

Verses 1-4

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM
RHONDDA

Verse 5

Postlude

*Congregation (those who are able) will please rise.

+Latecomers and returning worshipers may be seated.

Hymns this morning are from "Rejoice in the Lord".

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WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00AM (10:00 A.M. Father's Day through Labor Day) Nursery Provided

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30A.M. Classes for Pre-school through adult (September through June)

Infant Nursery Provided

Our Invitation

We welcome you as we join together in prayer, in song, and in praise to God. It is our prayer that the blessing and fellowship you find here will enrich your life so that you will truly feel that you are a part of this historic, caring church. May God bless you in a very special way!

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Above all, we exist to worship God. Through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will make the love of Jesus Christ tangible by caring for one another and those around us and will go out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ

The Rev. Cathy Gumpert, Pastor
The Rev. Donald A. McCabe, Pastor Emeritus