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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany February 1, 2015

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

### Preparation Music

(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)

The Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

Mission Moment-Joyfa Kelly

Westmoreland Churches Committee for Emergency Aid Souper

Bowl Collection-Let's make this a Super Noisy Collection!!!!

\*Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Music-Please stand and join the choir in singing:

All: Christ is the light, Christ is the light.

Goodbye to darkness, goodbye to night.

In the Eastern sky the stars are shining bright,

Oh, glory hallelujah children, Christ is the light. (repeat)

Call to Worship

Pastor: *Brothers and sisters in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?*

People: **We bring hope for health and wholeness.**

Pastor: *What afflictions do you bring to worship? Physical pain?*

People: **From illness and injury.**

Pastor: *Emotional pain?*

People: **From sad and scary life situations.**

Pastor: *Mental pain?*

People: **From dis-ease of many kinds.**

Pastor: *With all of these afflictions, it's a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!*

People: **But where else would we be? We yearn to know God's powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible.**

Pastor: *In today's gospel, a person with an "afflicting spirit" interrupts Jesus*

People: **And Jesus frees him.**

Pastor: *And where does the miracle of his story and our stories begin?*

People: **When we bring all of who we are--Hopeful, afflicted, bold— into relationship with the Divine.**

Pastor: *So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves*

People: **Hopeful, afflicted and bold.**

Pastor: *Come, let us worship!*

**\*Hymn #46 "Hope of the World"**

**(Tune # 157)**

Scripture Lesson: Mark 1:21-28 (Please be seated)

Reader: Scott Hartung

Call to Reconciliation (Remain Seated)

Reconciliation Prayer

All: **O Divine Healer, we confess that sometimes we yearn for you to wave a magic wand on our wounded lives to remove our pain, illness, and suffering. We hear the gospel story of the one seeking healing from Jesus and assume you will perform a similar miracle for all of us – if we just pray hard enough! And we do pray!**

**Open our eyes to recognize the teachings and tools you have given us with which to seek healing in the midst of our afflictions and dis-eases.**

- You whisper to us that wholeness requires self-care and rest;
- You nudge us toward caregivers who can support and advise us;
- You breathe into us energy to move and stretch and reach toward health;
- You place in us an urgency to seek justice so that all may enjoy adequate health care;

**Renew our spirits in the midst of our dis-eases and afflicting spirits. Transform us, O Whole-y One, for the health of your creation. Amen.**

Kyrie # 750

**All: Lord have mercy upon us.  
Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance:

*Pastor: In the midst of struggle, dis-ease and affliction, know that you are made in God's image and God sees you as whole and good. So may you celebrate God in your midst through opportunities of wholeness and justice.*

\*Act of Praise..... #760

**All: Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)  
Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)  
Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!  
Amen we praise your name, O God!**

\*The Passing of the Peace

*Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

Children's Time: "The Lord's Supper"

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

**\*Hymn #330 "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

Sermon: "Authority"

## Hymn #506 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of USMC Sgt. Lynn Kinney and family, and as a prayer for all military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer "Pray"

Pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_ for peace within our world\_\_\_\_\_.

Pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_ for peace within our souls\_\_\_\_\_.

Pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_ for love and unity\_\_\_\_\_;

Quiet our busy hearts

Pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_ .

Pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_, pray\_\_\_

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer,

Prayer of Our Savior (sung)

**All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

Our Time of Sharing

Invitation to the Offering, The Sharing of Gifts

Offering Music

\*Offertory Response "We Are Giving in the Light of God" (526)

**All: We are giving in the light of God,**

**We are giving in the light of God** (Repeat previous 2 lines)

**We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,**

**We are giving in the light of God** (Repeat previous 2 lines)

Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Children are welcome to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents. Gluten free wafers are found in the center of the plates of bread.)

The Invitation : Choral Anthem-“In Remembrance”

The Communion Prayer

**All: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior’s presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ’s body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.]**

**\*Hymn: #347 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

\*The Benediction

**\*Benediction Response #136**

**All: “Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child”**

\*Postlude

**During the Mission Moment, please share your love change for the Souper Bowl. The funds will go to the Westmoreland Churches Committee for Emergency Aid (and not to St. Barbara’s as previously announced).**

**If you were not able to attend worship or the Annual Meeting last week, whether you are a member or not, please fill out the green survey that is in today’s bulletin.**

Did you know that we collected a total of **251** items with our Kitchen Shower for the Blackburn Center. Your generosity is overwhelming! If you bought something and have forgotten to bring it in, we will still accept it. Just put it in the back of the sanctuary.

Annual Report Booklets are on the back table of the Sanctuary. A HUGE THANK YOU to Rheba Salac, our administrative assistant for all of her hard work on this project.

This week:

Monday-Consistory 7:00PM

Friday and Saturday-Church Vitality Event at Antiochian Village

*These people will be attending: Dave Conner, Joyfa Kelly, Sylvia Duncan, Sallie Bradley, Robin Brautigam, Kelly Millar and Pastor Meredith.*

There is NO Bible Study on Saturday!

Looking ahead: **Women’s Fellowship will meet on February 11 at 7:30 PM.** All women are welcome to attend. Our women do amazing work in this church and this is a very important group and a blessing to be a part of it. Please mark your calendar with this date and time.

Attendance for January 25: 56

Offering for January 25: \$1,613.00

2014 Year-End Offering Sheet totals are in Church Mailboxes; if you have not received yours, please let the office know. Thanks to all for their generous giving to Denmark Manor UCC.

**We are mission partners** with Piddig United Church of Christ of the Philippines where the Rev. Samuel “Boggs” Bugnosen is Pastor. Our Penn West Conference is in partnership with the Northwest Luzon Conference of the Philippines, and this month we begin our ministry together! *Would you like to send a message to the Piddig church, as we pray for one another? Or perhaps a picture or a recipe.* Please let Pastor Meredith know.



**“God is still speaking . . . ”**