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# First Congregational United Church of Christ



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, February 19</b>	9:00 Bible Study: Mark 9:2-9 10:15 Sister Circle - Soup Kitchen 10:30 Worship/Communion 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 4:00 Installation Service/Dinner 8:00 Men's Basketball	<b>Thursday, February 23</b>	4:30 Worship Team 4:30 Confirmation 5:00 Upward Basketball Practice 5:30 Way We're Wired 7:00 The Net Basketball Game 7:00 Weight Loss Class 7:00 Zumba 7:30 Choir 8:15 Intensity Elite
<b>Monday, February 20</b>	5:00 Upward Basketball Practice 6:00 Upward Cheer Practice 6:30 Boy Scout Mtg. 8:00 GB Cats	<b>Friday, February 24</b>	5:00 Upward Basketball Practice 8:30 Sherba Basketball
<b>Tuesday, February 21</b>	9:15 Bible Study: Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15 5:00 Upward Basketball Practice 6:00 Upward Cheer Practice 6:00 Pastoral Relations 6:00 Fellowship Team 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Forgiveness Practice 8:15 McKeen Basketball	<b>Saturday, February 25</b>	7:00 Upward Game Day 9:00 7th-Day Adventists 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Wednesday, February 22</b>	10:00 Chapel 5:00 Upward Basketball Practice 6:00 Upward Cheer Practice 6:00 Admin Board Mtg. 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 7th Day Adventists 8:15 Intensity Elite	<b>Sunday, February 26</b>	9:00 "Have a Little Faith" Series 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Lenton Luncheon-Orphanage Project Kick-Off 2:00 GB Cats 4:00 FABE 5:00 The Net 6:30 Net Basketball Practice 8:00 Men's Basketball

# **Last Sunday after Epiphany / Transfiguration Morning Worship Celebration - February 19, 2012**

178 Years of Reaching Up in Faith - Reaching Out in Love

FOR HEARING ASSISTANCE, PLEASE SEE AN USHER.

**Prayer Requests** Prayer requests are received by writing down prayers on the card found as an insert in this bulletin. These cards are passed down the pew, to the aisle, and collected by the Ushers during the Hymn of Praise. Then, during Time for Meditation and Prayer, these prayers are lifted up by the Congregation.

## **GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD**

### **The Bell Calls Us to Worship**

### **Welcome to Worship**

### **Announcements**

**Prelude** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Johann Sebastian Bach  
Arr. Joel Raney

**\*Hymn** "Now Let Us All, in Hymns of Praise" 362  
*(receive prayer requests)*

### **\*Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Leader: God speaks and the world is created!

**People: Glory, alleluia!**

Leader: God shines forth with a beauty beyond our comprehension.

**People: Glory, alleluia!**

Leader: God calls us to be people of faith.

**People: Glory, alleluia!**

### **\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**O God, it is good that we are in this place, in this sanctuary. Sometimes we are afraid and don't know what to say. Sometimes we are afraid and say too much. Sometimes we are afraid and don't know what to do. Sometimes fear leads us to unhelpful actions. Forgive us our fear and empower us with your strength that we might do what builds up our community, our world. Give us the words that guide our actions. We long to be your faithful people. Amen.**

**LOOKING FOR A GOOD READ?** Well look no further than the pew in front of you! The Spiritual Growth Team would like to inspire you with a good book. Please take a look around the sanctuary and find a book that interests you--*and take it home with you!* Can't find what you're looking for? The church library is located in the Welcome Center with many more titles to pick from!

### **Our Stewardship Thought:**

*The most important act of giving is to first give ourselves to the Lord. "... They gave themselves first to the Lord"*

*2 Corinthians 8:5*

### **CHURCH STAFF**

<b>Senior Pastor:</b>	Joe Schulte	<b>Ministers:</b>	All the Members
<b>Director of Youth &amp; Educational Ministries:</b>	Tracy Loomis	<b>Organist:</b>	Lavonne Bomeli
<b>Church Secretary:</b>	Wanda Kitchen	<b>Learning House Director:</b>	Susan Arnould
<b>Chief Financial Officer:</b>	Carla Meier	<b>Parish Visitor:</b>	Barb Benson
<b>Director of Music:</b>	Brandon Sanders	<b>Custodian:</b>	Tom McLaren

## Ministries & Special Events

**THE FLOWERS** in honor of the Installation of Rev. Joe Schulte.

**GREETERS:** ..... Kathy & Dave Rembowski  
**USHER TEAM:** ..... Donley Voth  
**OPEN & CLOSE CHURCH:** ..... Kay Gibson  
**PRAYERS:** ..... Barb Benson  
**ACOLYTES:** ..... Tom Ermiger & Cayden Fairman  
**HOST:** ..... Bethany Sly  
**COFFEE HOUR HOST:** ..... The Setera Family  
**TALLY TEAM:** ..... Dawn Bentley  
**PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM:** ..... Bob Troop  
**COMMUNION SERVERS:** ..... Lee & Richard Hockstad  
Fred Loomis & Dan Richardson

**IN OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:** Norma & Deloy Burrow, Joan Duff, Madeline Dunlap, Bryan Merkel, Helen Jewett, Owen Mooney, Wilma Palmer, George Smith, Howard Weaver, & Dale Wells

**SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Paul Engard and Shirley Wells for their talent in this service.

**SISTER CIRCLE** is volunteering this morning at the North End Soup Kitchen in Flint. The Outreach team is thankful for Sister Circle supporting this outreach program. If an individual or a group is interested in volunteering at the soup kitchen, please contact Georgette Engard at (810) 655-2734.

**"HAVE A LITTLE FAITH"** book study begins Sunday, February 25th at 9:00 AM. If you would like to join this class, sign up in the Fellowship Hall after church today so that we know how many books we need to order.

**ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION PARENTS** - mark your calendars, *The Way We're Wired* class began **January 19th and will continue through February 23rd**. This six-week class is for the parents of all confirmation students and will be held Thursdays, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. See Tracy Loomis for more details.

**THE NET'S NEW BASKETBALL TEAM** is coached by Laryn Butzler. Practice on Sundays from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. **The next game is on Thursday, February 23rd in the CLC.**

**MOM 2 MOM SALE** on March 24th. If you would like to rent a table for this event or you would like to help, please contact Jamie Zannetti.

**UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING** welcomes all who are called to serve on Upward Game Day Saturdays.

**\*Words of Assurance**

**\*Response of Praise** (sung)

**Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a**  
**Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a**

**\*A Time of Greeting**

### GIVING GOD PRAISE

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Jesse David Urogdy** (See Insert)

*(Elementary children may leave for Sunday School)*

**Anthem** Hush

### LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK

**Scripture Lessons**

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2-9 (p. 876)

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

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**Invitation to the Offering**

*(Please sign the attendance pad located at the center aisle end of the pew.)*

**The Offertory** "Simple Gifts" A Shaker Hymn

Joseph Bracket

**\*Praise Response** (Sung)

Majesty worship His Majesty  
Unto Jesus, be all glory,  
honor and praise  
Majesty, Kingdom authority  
Flow from His throne,  
Unto his own, His anthem raise.

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

**O God, we dedicate these gifts of money to your ways of healing, justice and reconciling love in the world. May we choose to offer ourselves in service of your way of healing, justice and love each moment of each day. Amen.**

**Prayer Response** (Sung)

**In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied,  
In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**All: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.**

Pastor: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ in the community of God's people.

### Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, Holy One, almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, through Jesus Christ. . . therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: For in the night of betrayal Jesus took bread. . . Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Holy One, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your entire church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our risen Savior may be one in Jesus Christ. . . may we remain faithful in love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm.

**All: Gracious God, accept with favor this our sacrifice of praise, which we now present with these holy gifts. We offer to you ourselves, giving you thanks for the perfect offering of the only one begotten by you, Jesus Christ our Savior: By whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, eternal God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Prayer of Our Savior

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.

### Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

#### Call to the Supper

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

#### Sharing the Elements

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Hymn "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life" 222

#### \*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction Response "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,**

**In the Lord I will rejoice!**

**Look to God, do not be afraid.**

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,**

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

\*Postlude "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Nettleton

*\*Please stand if able.*

Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall.