

**Duke Memorial
United Methodist Church
604 West Chapel Hill Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701**

VOL. XXXIII Sunday, January 2, 1994 NO. 1

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
WESLEY COVENANT SERVICE
HOLY COMMUNION**

**The cross and light precede us from the world into the sanctuary and from the sanctuary into the world.
The cross symbolizes the triumph of Christ. The light signifies God's presence with us.**

**TOWER BELLS 10:30 a.m.
WORSHIP 10:55 a.m.**

**GATHERING
ENTRANCE AND PRAISE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY "The Old Year Now Has Passed" J.S. Bach

GREETING

**Let us dance with delight in the Lord.
AND LET OUR HEARTS BE FILLED WITH REJOICING,
For eternal salvation has appeared on the earth.
ALLELUIA!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 383 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" BEGINNINGS

OPENING PRAYER

**O GOD, SEARCHER OF ALL NEW HEARTS, YOU HAVE FORMED US AS A PEOPLE AND CLAIMED
US FOR YOUR OWN. AS WE COME TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SOVEREIGNTY AND GRACE,
AND TO ENTER ANEW INTO COVENANT WITH YOU, REVEAL ANY RELUCTANCE OR
FALSEHOOD WITHIN US. LET YOUR SPIRIT IMPRESS YOUR TRUTH ON OUR INMOST BEING,
AND RECEIVE US IN MERCY, FOR THE SAKE OF OUR MEDIATOR, JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVES
AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER.
AMEN.**

***LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

Let us give thanks for all of God's mercies. O God, our Covenant Friend, you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives. We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

WE PRAISE YOUR HOLY NAME, O GOD.

You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

WE PRAISE YOUR HOLY NAME, O GOD.

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you, and have given us your peace. You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of your spirit and the witness of your church.

WE PRAISE YOUR HOLY NAME, O GOD.

You have been our light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation. You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

WE PRAISE YOUR HOLY NAME, O GOD.

You remembered us when we forgot you. You followed us even when we tried to flee from you. You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you. For all your patience and overflowing grace,

WE PRAISE YOUR HOLY NAME, O GOD.

ANTHEM

"Epiphany Alleluias"

John Weaver

Alleluia. We have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him.
Arise shine. For thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LORD, OPEN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT, AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE READ AND YOUR WORD PROCLAIMED, WE MAY HEAR WITH JOY WHAT YOU SAY TO US TODAY. AMEN.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3: 1-12

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 2: 1-12

MEDITATION

Mark W. Wethington

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE (see insert)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

J.S. Bach

WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

INVITATION

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants. Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable, others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.

Let us, therefore, go to Christ and pray:

LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT, UNDER YOUR COMMAND. I WILL NO LONGER BE MY OWN. I WILL GIVE UP MYSELF TO YOUR WILL IN ALL THINGS.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

LORD, MAKE ME WHAT YOU WILL. I PUT MYSELF FULLY INTO YOUR HANDS: PUT ME TO DOING, PUT ME TO SUFFERING, LET ME BE EMPLOYED FOR YOU, OR LAID ASIDE FOR YOU, LET ME BE FULL, LET ME BE EMPTY, LET ME HAVE ALL THINGS, LET ME HAVE NOTHING. I FREELY AND WITH A WILLING HEART GIVE IT ALL TO YOUR PLEASURE AND DISPOSAL.

Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants. He is the source of all salvation to those who obey. Christ will have no servants except by consent; Christ will not accept anything except full consent to all that he requires. Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing.

Confirm this by a holy covenant. To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:

First, set apart some time, more than once, to be spent alone before the Lord; in seeking earnestly God's special assistance and gracious acceptance of you; in carefully thinking through all the conditions of the covenant; in searching your hearts whether you have already freely given your life to Christ. Consider what your sins are. Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual they are, and whether you, after having carefully considered them, are willing to choose them all. Be sure you are clear in these matters, see that you do not lie to God.

Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God's covenant, rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength, so you can keep your promise. Trust not your own strength and power.

Fourth, resolve to be faithful. You have given to the Lord your hearts, you have opened your mouths to the Lord, and you have dedicated yourself to God. With God's power, never go back.

And last, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord. Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven, open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

COVENANT PRAYER

O RIGHTEOUS GOD, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST, SEE ME AS I FALL DOWN BEFORE YOU. FORGIVE MY UNFAITHFULNESS IN NOT HAVING DONE YOUR WILL, FOR YOU HAVE PROMISED MERCY TO ME IF I TURN TO YOU WITH MY WHOLE HEART.

God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

I HERE FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART RENOUNCE THEM ALL, COVENANTING WITH YOU THAT NO KNOWN SIN SHALL BE ALLOWED IN MY LIFE. AGAINST YOUR WILL, I HAVE TURNED MY LOVE TOWARD THE WORLD. IN YOUR POWER I WILL WATCH ALL TEMPTATIONS THAT WILL LEAD ME AWAY FROM YOU. FOR MY OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS IS RIDDLED WITH SIN, UNABLE TO STAND BEFORE YOU.

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would let him.

BEFORE ALL HEAVEN AND EARTH, I HERE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS MY LORD AND GOD. I TAKE YOU, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, FOR MY PORTION, AND VOW TO GIVE UP MYSELF, BODY AND SOUL, AS YOUR SERVANT, TO SERVE YOU IN HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as the way and means of coming to God.

JESUS, I DO HERE ON BENDED KNEES ACCEPT CHRIST AS THE NEW AND LIVING WAY, AND SINCERELY JOIN MYSELF IN A COVENANT WITH HIM. O BLESSED JESUS, I COME TO YOU, HUNGRY, SINFUL, MISERABLE, BLIND, AND NAKED, UNWORTHY EVEN TO WASH THE FEET OF YOUR SERVANTS. I DO HERE, WITH ALL MY POWER, ACCEPT YOU AS MY LORD AND HEAD. I RENOUNCE MY OWN UNWORTHINESS, AND VOW THAT YOU ARE THE LORD, MY RIGHTEOUSNESS. I RENOUNCE MY OWN WILL, AND TAKE YOUR WILL AS MY LAW.

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

I DO HERE COVENANT WITH YOU, O CHRIST, TO TAKE MY LOT WITH YOU AS IT MAY FALL. THROUGH YOUR GRACE I PROMISE THAT NEITHER LIFE NOR DEATH SHALL PART ME FROM YOU.

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

I DO HERE WILLINGLY PUT MY NECK UNDER YOUR YOKE, TO CARRY YOUR BURDEN. ALL YOUR LAWS ARE HOLY, JUST, AND GOOD. I THEREFORE TAKE THEM AS THE RULE FOR MY WORDS, THOUGHTS, AND ACTIONS, PROMISING THAT I WILL STRIVE TO ORDER MY WHOLE LIFE ACCORDING TO YOUR DIRECTION, AND NOT ALLOW MYSELF TO NEGLECT ANYTHING I KNOW TO BE MY DUTY.

The almighty God searches and knows your heart.

O GOD, YOU KNOW THAT I MAKE THIS COVENANT WITH YOU TODAY WITHOUT GUILE OR RESERVATION. IF ANY FALSEHOOD SHOULD BE IN IT, GUIDE ME AND HELP ME TO SET IT ARIGHT. AND NOW, GLORY BE TO YOU, O GOD THE FATHER, WHOM I FROM THIS DAY FORWARD SHALL LOOK UPON AS MY GOD AND FATHER. GLORY BE TO YOU, O GOD THE SON, WHO HAVE LOVED ME AND WASHED ME FROM MY SINS IN YOUR OWN BLOOD, AND WHO IS MY SAVIOR AND REDEEMER. GLORY BE TO YOU, O GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO BY YOUR ALMIGHTY POWER HAVE TURNED MY HEART FROM SIN TO GOD. O MIGHTY GOD, THE LORD OMNIPOTENT, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, YOU HAVE NOW BECOME MY COVENANT FRIEND. AND I, THROUGH YOUR INFINITE GRACE, HAVE BECOME YOUR COVENANT SERVANT. SO BE IT. AND LET THE COVENANT I HAVE MADE ON EARTH BE RATIFIED IN HEAVEN. AMEN.

"WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER"

*I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee;
let me be full, let me be empty;
let me have all things, let me have nothing;
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.*

Signed: _____

Date: _____

REMEMBER IN PRAYER - JANUARY 2, 1994

Hospital

Glen Goodyear - Duke N 9129
Louise Laughridge - Duke N 6329

Home

Charles and Julia Johnson
Adrian Carroll
Gen. James and Ruth Holsinger
Tamela Davis
Melanie Gray
Astor and Margaret Fowler
Lottie Lawrence
Sid and Julie Allen
Raymond Postlethwait
Virginia and Norman Massey
Louise Rollins and Carlton Louise
Winston Montgomery
Shane Torrence
Helen Lawson
Veora Hoyle
Beth Hilliard
Shane Broadhurst
Linda Riley
Gayle Young
Maureen Oakes

Coble

Fannie Harris - Rm. 205

MRH

Juanita Stott - Rm. 123
Isabel Engelhart - Rm. E9
Mary Hix - Infirmary - 49
Gladys King - Rm. 238

Extended Family

Mr. James Whitehurst
(Arthur's father)
Beatrice Washam
(Pat McConnell's mother)
L.B. Carper
(Charles' father)
Elizabeth Sellers, Leland, NC
(Don Sellers' mother)
Ruth Veasey
(Lynn Guerrant's grandmother)
Lamelle Hatley - Coble
(Deborah Moore's grandmother)
Susan Williams
(Becky Carver-McLain's sister)
Mary McFall
(Dick's mother)
Ellen Wilson
(Jeff Byers' grandmother)
Marie Bromann
(Kathy Fitzsimmons' grandmother)

Nursing Homes

Willie Gates - VA ECRC
Margaret Daniel - Carver Living Ctr. - Rm. 127
Harriet Lyon - Carver Living Center - Rm. 104
Buster Poythress - Oakhaven

Missionaries

Bob and Hazel Terhune (Japan)
Herbert and Mary Zigbuo (Liberia)
Max Dagasdas (Philippines)
Lynn and Sharon Fogleman (Kenya) - Home

Birthdays

January 2	Denise Baker	
January 4	Charles Browning, Jr.	
January 5	Jonathan Moore	Lois V. Smith
January 6	Becky Carver-McLain	William King
	Jordan Searles	
January 7	Jansen Averett	Anne Garrard
January 8	Dottie Ritchie	Amy Sears

Sympathy

Family of Jessie Boyd

I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND THE LOVE FEAST

ON JANUARY 5. THERE WILL BE _____ ADULTS

AND _____ CHILDREN AGES 3-12

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

(Please place this slip in the offering plate or call the church office (683-3467) to make a reservation.)

DISCIPLINES

Wherever we are on our spiritual journey, this edition of The Upper Room Disciplines is meant to provide a map..... Disciplines is a collection of daily meditations by writers from a broad range of backgrounds. The combination of challenging scripture readings and fresh perspectives on those readings invites us into uncharted territory in our spiritual lives.

On that journey, daily contact with the Word means daily assurance that what God has God gives us. Assurance of God's generosity and abundant love frees us from requesting quick fixes and encourages us to consider our deep needs as well as the deep needs of the world in which we live. May Disciplines give you that daily assurance. (from the Preface)

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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Service of Word & Table III) p. 17

(The congregation is invited to join in the following hymns during communion:

Nos. 561, 399, 430, 638.)

SENDING FORTH

HYMN NO. 606

"Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine"

KINGSFOLD

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

GOING FORTH

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Lord God, Unlock Your Heaven"

J.S. Bach

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.

Congregation is invited to stand.

WELCOME: You are warmly welcomed to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Please sign the registration pad when it is passed to you. As it returns, note who is seated on your pew so you may speak to them after the service. Visitors, please give us your address so that we may share additional information about Duke Memorial with you.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED. FM SOUND ENHANCEMENT PERSONAL RECEIVERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED. PLEASE ASK ANY USHER FOR ASSISTANCE.

JUNIOR CHURCH is not held on first Sunday when we celebrate Holy Communion. Next Sunday Junior Church will be offered only for children in grades K - 1.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY:

Worship Leader: Mark W. Wethington
 Organist: Robert J. Irvine
 Choir: Sanctuary Choir
 Altar Guild: Holly Eggleston
 Maryellen Stone
 Patsy Whitehurst
 Messenger: Lois Funderburk

Liturgists: Clinton W. Spence
 Laurie Hays Coffman
 Acolytes: Mary Coffman
 Caroline Wethington
 Cross: Matthew Kaspar
 Greeters: Herschel Caldwell
 Mary John Caldwell

NEXT SUNDAY'S CALENDAR, JANUARY 9, 1994

(See your "INSIGHTS" for weekday events.)

8:30 a.m.	Men's Coffee	Parlor
8:30 a.m.	Confirmation	Whitford Hall
9:45 a.m.	Methodism Class	Whitford Hall
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages	
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ringling of the Tower Bells	
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	"INSIGHTS" information due (January 16 - January 22)	Church office Wanda's mail box
3:00 p.m.	January Workshops	
5:00 p.m.	Wesley Women - Shelter Meals	Kitchen
5:00 p.m.	Ring For Joy	Choir Room
5:00 p.m.	JOYBells	Handbell Room
6:00 p.m.	DMYF	Youth Lounge
6:00 p.m.	CROP Meeting	Parlor
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.	Community Life Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1993

Attendance	Sunday School	100	Pledges	TBA
	Worship	186		

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LOVE FEAST ON THE TWELFTH NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1994

DINNER - 5:30 P.M.

SING AND SHARE - 6:10 P.M.

Don't miss the second annual Christmas Love Feast at Duke Memorial on the "twelfth day of Christmas." Complete the Christmas season by singing your favorite Christmas carols with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Bring your friends, bring your children, bring your neighbors, and bring your praises! Make your commitment, make your reservation, and make your Christmas.

JANUARY WORKSHOPS 1994 **New Visions For God's People**

JANUARY 9, 1994

3:00 P.M.

Duke Memorial U.M.C.