

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

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SERVICE OF THE WORD
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 31, 1995
WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

TOWER BELLS
WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

10:55 a.m.

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY "The Old Year Now Has Passed"

J. S. Bach

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.

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. 234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

*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.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

Jan Irvine

*HYMN NO. 221

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

CRANHAM

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23

MEDITATION

"Our Nazareth"

Lisa Brown Cole

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE (see insert)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SOLO

"The Kings"

Peter Cornelius

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 245

"The First Noel"

THE FIRST NOEL

*BENEDICTION

*GOING FORTH

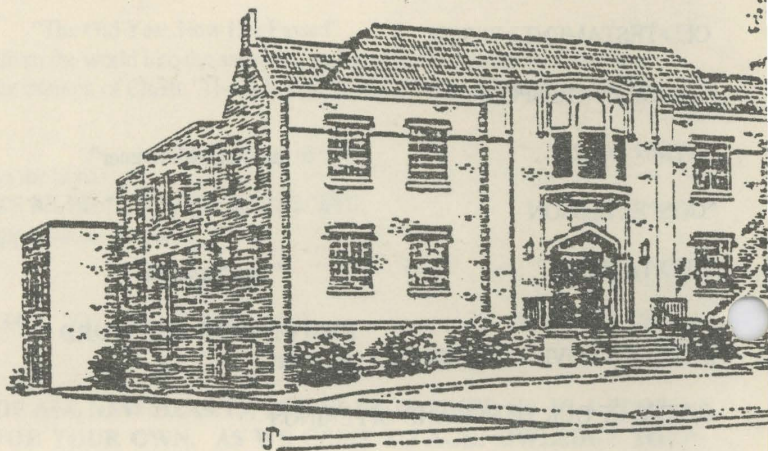
*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Lord God, Unlock Your Heaven"

J. S. Bach

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

*Congregation is invited to stand.



We Are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Randy Blanchard, Financial Secretary
Mary Anne Holmes, Receptionist/Secretary
Louis Robinson, Operations Coordinator

Al Buehler, Chimer
Stuart McCracken, Chimer
Eric McFall, Sound Technician

Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Friday

Church Office Phone (919) 683-3467
Church FAX Number (919) 682-3349

COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP
1996
SIGN-UP

Just as the early Methodist classes and class leaders followed John Wesley's General Rules in shaping their discipleship, covenant discipleship groups of today use a General Rule of Discipleship as their guiding principle for Christian formation: To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The only requirement is "to watch over one another in love" by meeting with a small group (5-7) of Christians for one hour a week to offer mutual support and accountability in forming holy habits of Christian living.

If you are interested, please fill in the reverse side of this form and put in the offering plate or return to the church office. CD groups will begin in January. Assignment to a group will be according to the when one can meet. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this experience of Christian growth.

COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP SIGN-UP

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (home) _____
(work) _____

Mark below the best times for you to meet:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Early AM							
Afternoon							
Evening							

"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: _____

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

IN SENATE
January 1, 1901
REPORT
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AND
LABOR
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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 GUILF 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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER - DECEMBER 31, 1995

Hospital

Chick Craig - Duke 8127

MRC

Anne Garrard - Rm. 231

Edna Green - Rm. 250

Mary Hix - Rm. 238

Anna Marlow - Rm. 237

Morris Williams - Rm. 62

Coble

Isabel Engelhart - Rm. 215

Louise M. Thomas - Rm. 331

Nursing Homes

Margaret Daniel - Carver Living Ctr.

Willie Gates - Hillhaven Rehab., Ch. Hill

Inez Gunter - Hillcrest

Bessie Sue Harris - Treyburn Nursing

Veora Hoyle - Spring Arbor, Rocky Mt.

Daisy Norton - Brunswick Cove, Leland

Maude M. Reade - Hillcrest

Eva Dell Turner - Malin Health Care Center,
Wytheville, Va.

Virgie Whitten - Treyburn Nursing

Birthdays

Dec. 31 Lee Ann Gelinne

Jan. 1 Kathryn Howlett
Juanita Stott

Jan. 2 Pat Coman

Jan. 3 Narda Croughwell
Cindy Legge

Laura Lombardo

Jan. 4 Chip Browning

Jan. 5 Emily Allen
Jonathan Moore

Jan. 6 Becky Carver-McLain
Jordan Searles

If your name or that of someone you know
should have appeared on this list and did not,
please contact the church office with this
information.

Home

Charlotte Allen

Catherine Barnhill

Elizabeth Bookhout

Sophie Cole

Dora Crutchfield

Rubye Haywood

Julia Johnson

Virginia & Norman Massey

Raymond Postlethwait

Ellen Sewell

Margaret "Gibby" Williams

Libby Younts

Extended Family

Georgia Baker (Rubye Haywood's sister)

Ann Cantrell, McComb, MS (Lynn Guerrant's
mother)

Marian Clark, Hobe Sound, FL (Marge's mother)

Doris Hedberg (Barbara Self's mother)

Hans and Irma Koch, Lakeland, FL
(Monika Bollinger's parents)

Tony Lupparello (Gloria Johnson's step-
grandson)

Mary McFall (Dick's mother)

Annabelle Morrison (Charlie Medlin's mother)

Bessie Overman (Ann Knight's grandmother)

Rev. C. C. Washam (Pat McConnell's father)

Patsy Wiggins (PMO Worker)

Susan Williams, Knoxville, TN

(Becky Carver-McLain's sister)

Edward Lee Womble (Mary Lee Bailey's father)

Missionaries

Bob and Hazel Terhune (Japan)

Herbert and Mary Zigbuo (Liberia)

Lynn and Sharon Fogleman (Kenya)

NEXT SUNDAY'S CALENDAR, JANUARY 7, 1996
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

(See your "INSIGHTS" for weekday events.)

8:45 a.m.	Early Worship	Bradshaw Room
9:30 a.m.	Logos Class	Bradshaw Room
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
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.	COM Mini-Retreat	Whitford Hall and Kitchen
4:30 p.m.	Ring for Joy Youth Handbell Choir	Handbell Room
5:30 p.m.	DMYF	Whitford Hall
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.	Community Life Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1995

Attendance	Sunday School	188
	Worship	364

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1995

General Fund	\$ 6,361.50
Good Samaritan	\$ 26.00
Memorials	\$ 30.00
Heifer Project	\$ 60.00
1996 Prepayment	\$ 4,050.00

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY:

Preacher:	Mark W. Wethington
Organist:	Robert J. Irvine
Choir:	Sanctuary Choir
Greeters:	Helen Harrell
	Metta Metcalf
	Andrea Moore
	Hannah Moore

Liturgist:	Lisa Brown Cole
Acolytes:	Andrea Moore
	Emily McCracken
Cross:	Adult
Altar Guild:	Allen and Carolyn Browning
	Joyce Musselwhite
	Dorris Rodenhizer
	Linda Wilson

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.**

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY MEAL

Please call the church office, 683-3467, before noon on Monday if you plan to be here for Wonderful Wednesday Supper and are not on the Regulars List. If you are on the Regulars List and are not able to be here, please call to cancel. The menu for this Wednesday, January 3, is Spaghetti, Salad, Roll, and Dessert. **Following supper this Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. our Fourth Annual Christmas Love Feast will be held in Whitford Hall. On Wednesday, January 10, our regular schedule of Wednesday activities and rehearsals will be back in full swing.**