



ST. FRANCIS
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

January 13, 2013 – 10:00 AM

First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (↑ indicates when to stand)

Prelude

Call to Worship

↑Gathering Song #1: God of Wonders

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky, the heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

(Chorus:) God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy; the universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy; Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light. When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. *(Chorus)*

↑Gathering Song #2: Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto the Ancient of Days; From every nation, all of creation bow before the Ancient of Days. Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory, Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship; You will be exalted O God, And Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth! Sing unto the Ancient of Days! For none can compare to Your matchless worth, Sing unto the Ancient of Days! Sing unto the Ancient of Day! Sing unto the Ancient of Days!

↑*All:* Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated) **A Reading from Isaiah**

(43:1-7)

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑**Song of Praise: Fairest Lord Jesus**

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations. Son of God and Son of man. Glory and honor, praise adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

↑**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke**

(3:15-17, 21-22)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message (please be seated)

↑**Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: 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.

↑ Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

All: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

All: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

All: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

All: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

All: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

All: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Please feel free to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.

Leader: Seeking the rightness that comes from you, we pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy on us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Priest: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

↑**Prayer for the Selection of a Vicar:**

All: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a vicar for this parish, that we may receive a faithful evangelist who will grow this church, care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

↑**Exchange of Peace**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

↑ **Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

↑(Remain Standing) **Eucharistic Prayer from A New Zealand Prayer Book, 1989** (adapted)

Priest: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed.

Priest: Lift your hearts to heaven.

People: Where Christ in glory reigns.

Priest: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Priest: It is the joy of our salvation God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who

surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

All (Sung): Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You; Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory; Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy I want to see You (2x)

Priest: Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me." After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: "Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me." Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us:

People: God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Priest: Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

People: Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

Praise, glory and love be yours this and every day from us and all people here and everywhere *Amen*.

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: The gifts of God for the people of God.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: Your Grace Still Amazes Me

My faithful father, enduring friend. Your tender mercies like a river with no end. It overwhelms me, covers my sin. Each time I come into your presence, I stand in wonder once again.

(Chorus:) Your grace still amazes me. Your love is still a mystery. Each day I fall on my knees. Your grace still amazes me. Your grace still amazes me.

Oh patient savior, you make me whole. You are the Author and the Healer of my soul. What can I give you? Lord what can I say? I know there's no way to repay you, Only to offer you my praise.

(Chorus:) Your grace still amazes me. Your love is still a mystery. Each day I fall on my knees. Your grace still amazes me. Your grace still amazes me.

It's deeper, it's wider, it's stronger, it's higher... It's deeper, it's wider, it's stronger, it's higher, Than anything my eyes can see. Your grace still amazes me. Your love is still a mystery. Each day I fall on my knees. Your grace still amazes me. Your grace still amazes me.

↑Post-Communion Prayer (please stand): Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

↑Blessing

↑Song of Dismissal: Grace Like Rain

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

(Chorus:) Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away. They're washed away. Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away. They're washed away.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun.

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests and Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Make yourself comfortable!

Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with the people of St. Francis Church.

There is no "one right way" to participate. Join in as much as you want.

If you wish to sing, all our music is included in the bulletin. We have a lively contemporary band and music is a significant part of our worship experience. However, we recognize that visitors may not know the music. If you and your family are among these, we encourage you to hum along or simply sit back and enjoy the sound.

Filling out a name tag and placing it on your person will permit us all to greet each other by name while visiting here at St. Francis. Likewise, signing our guest roster will permit us to follow-up with you following this Sunday's worship.

If you are a guest today, don't feel obligated to make a financial contribution to the offering.

Rest rooms are located in the entrance Narthex and in the mobile office/classroom building adjacent to the worship hall.

"We are a welcoming community seeking to share God's unconditional love with all."

Today's guest priest is The Rev. Doug Burgoyne

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin
Other Members: Peter LeViness
Larry Kidd
Wayne Conners

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford
Nancy MacNaughton
Ann James

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalcers for October, November and early December. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Service Leaders</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalicer Names</u>	<u>Greeters/ Ushers</u>
13-Jan	Rev. Doug Burgoyne	Peter LeViness	Bill Weatherford	Peter LeViness, Bill Weatherford	John and Libbie Clark, Larry Kidd
20-Jan	Missy Rand	Peter LeViness	Kathy Gammon	Ann James, Jack Martin	Paul and Ann James, Larry Kidd
27-Jan	Rev. Bob Friend	Bill Weatherford	Kathy Gammon	Bill Weatherford, Kathy Gammon	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
3-Feb	Rev. Pegram Johnson	Larry Kidd	MJ Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Susan Kidd	John and Libbie Clark, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Friday, January 18	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 20	Bible Study with Missy Rand	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 27	Communion Service (Rev. Bob Friend)	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, February 3	Communion Service (Rev. Pegram Johnson)	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

St. Francis Co-Sponsoring Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing Haiti Mission Trip:

The Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing (BSMCON) is planning a mission trip to Haiti, May 8–15, 2013. Their mission team is composed of six nursing students from their school (Jenna Nelson is one of these six), three faculty and one alumni. They will be offering the people of Haiti a chance to receive health care for their families that we often take for granted. The Bon Secours team hopes to serve thousands of individuals and families in one week’s time? Their team will care for a variety of needs including simple wellness check-ups, and those who have life-altering diseases. Right now, they are looking for monetary donations to go toward the trip expenses including housing, translators, travel fees, meals and community donations (to be given to organizations in the local areas for food and clothing). These individuals are very excited about this opportunity to serve the people of Haiti and are hopeful this will make a difference in that part of the world.

St. Francis has agreed to support this humanitarian effort and asks that our members consider supporting it as well. If anyone would like to make a donation, checks can be made out to “BSMCON – Mission Fund”, with Jenna’s name on the bottom memo line for reference. This group appreciates all donations and asks for your prayers as they prepare for this medical mission trip.

Financial Update—If you have any questions about any of this data, please don’t hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

2012	Operating Funds		Net Gain or (Loss)
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
1st Quarter	\$26,280.00	\$24,024.09	\$2,255.91
2nd Quarter	\$19,478.50	\$20,245.44	(\$766.94)
3rd Quarter	\$21,893.19	\$20,030.74	\$1,862.45
October	\$6,125.00	\$6,219.13	(\$94.13)
November	\$6,603.00	\$6,217.18	\$385.82
December	<u>\$9,219.00</u>	<u>\$7,307.51</u>	<u>\$1,911.49</u>
4th Quarter	<u>\$21,947.00</u>	<u>\$19,743.82</u>	<u>\$2,203.18</u>
Year-To-Date	\$89,598.69	\$84,044.09	\$5,554.60
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2012	\$27,073.38	\$32,627.98	\$5,554.60

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