

ORDER OF SERVICE

"I scarcely remember counting upon any Happiness—I look not for it if it be not in the present hour—nothing startles me beyond the Moment. The setting sun will always set me to rights—or if a Sparrow come before my Window I take part in its existence and pick about the Gravel." - John Keats

PRELUDE **Scarf Dance** - C. Chaminade

INTROIT **Enter Into These Gates** - Tom Benjamin

CHALICE LIGHTING Number 435 - Kathleen McTigue

* HYMN Number 126 (standing) **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

* RESPONSIVE READING Number 556 (standing) **These Roses**

* SONG OF EXALTATION (standing) Genevan Psalter, 1551

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing ye to God with cheerful voice;
Come serve with mirth, God's praise forth tell.
Join ye together and rejoice. Amen.**

OBJECT LESSON FOR CHILDREN (As the children gather the Choir and River Ringers sing *Come Sing a Song with Me* and leave with *Go Now in Peace*.)

* INTERLUDE **Prelude Op. 28 No. 7** - F. Chopin

READING from The Happiness Myth by Jennifer Michael Hecht

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

MOMENTS OF SILENCE (A time for contemplation and prayer.)

ANTHEM **Amazing Grace** - arr. Walter Rodby and Joseph Roff

OFFERTORY **Consolation No. 3** - Franz Liszt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN 20 (standing) **Be Thou My Vision**

SERMON **How to be Happy in the New Year**
The Reverend Burton D. Carley

CHORAL RESPONSE **Spirit, Give Thy Benediction** - John Carter

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Swingin' Them Jingle Bells** - Pierpont, arr. by Carmichael

* Persons arriving late may be seated at these times.

Large Print or Braille Hymnals, and Assisted Hearing Devices may be requested from the ushers.

Web Site: Check out our web site at www.churchoftheriver.org. You will find relevant information about our church, including a calendar and the weekly newsletter.

To receive the newsletter and/or have a nametag, please visit the welcoming table at the back of the church to sign our guest register.

A Crying Room is available in the Beacon Room (library) of the Channing Wing. You can hear the service while rocking the little one.

The Care Coordinator for January is Mary Jo Miller at 327-7930.

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS: The Quest Group meets in the Beacon Room at 9:30 a.m. to ponder "The Bible - Down and Dirty." **Questions of Faith** Sunday morning group will begin the study of Malcolm Gladwell's *Blink* on Jan. 10. There are no more classes until then. For information contact Carol Straughn at 387-4850.

What are you called to do? Four opportunities: (1) Soup Kitchen (Dan Bing at 763-2384); (2) COR meals-on-wheels (Jeane Umbreit at 374-9114); (3) Shady Grove Elementary School (Juliet Wischmeyer at 219-5817); (4) Hospitality Hub (Ellen Klyce at 323-0123).

SERMONS AVAILABLE: CD's for \$5 or on loan from the library. Print copies on the Welcome Table. PODCASTS on the website by Tuesday.

GREEN TIP FOR JANUARY: Use the MLGW&W resources on-line (www.mlgw.com) and learn how to save on your utility bills.

THE ALLIANCE will tour the special 30th anniversary exhibit "Re-Make Re-Model" on Tuesday, Jan. 12, by meeting at the church 10:30 am to carpool to the Ornamental Metal Museum with lunch served afterward in the MS River Room. All are invited.

Interested in being a Census Taker? More information is found in the church office.

The Choir practices on Wed., Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.