

ORDER OF SERVICE

"He who confronts the paradoxical exposes himself to reality." F. Durrenmatt

PRELUDE *Arau* - Vincent d'Indy

INTROIT *Enter Into These Gates* - Tom Benjamin

CHALICE LIGHTING Number 458 - Walter Royal Jones, Jr.

* HYMN Number 33 (standing) *Sovereign and Transforming Grace*

* UNISON READING Number 477 (standing) - Vivian Pomeroy

* 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.**

READING "The Secret of Happiness" by Garrison Keillor

* INTERLUDE *Child Falling Asleep* - Robert Schumann

READING from Bright-sided: How the Relentless Promotion of Positive Thinking Has Undermined America by Barbara Ehrenreich

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

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

ANTHEM *Long Time Ago* - Aaron Copland

OFFERTORY *Prelude, Op. 23 #6* - S. Rachmaninoff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN 298 (standing) *Wake, Now, My Senses*

SERMON *The Gospel of Delusion*
The Reverend Burton D. Carley

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Important Event* - Robert Schumann

* 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 meets at 10 a.m. in the Beatrix Potter Wing for 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 Tues., Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Shakespeare Readers meet on Wed., Jan. 13, at the central library to read *Coriolanus*. Contact Gale Mason for information at 725-7924.

We are within \$16,000 of our canvass goal. Can you help close the gap? Commitment cards on the Welcoming Table.