

# Welcome!

**January 10, 2016 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.  
First Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jerry Dombrowski, lay leader

## PRELUDE

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Heather Cooper, organ

Wayne Wold

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

from *Re:worship* blog on the first Sunday after Epiphany

LEADER: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

**PEOPLE: From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.**

LEADER: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's  
Children

**PEOPLE: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us  
together.**

LEADER Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love

**ALL: God's love is everlasting. God anoints us and calls us find strength in the  
waters.**

## \*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Acolyte

## \*HYMN OF INTENTION

"The God of Abraham Praise"

No. 116

## +++ COMMISSIONING OF CONFIRMANDS

Matt Hart, Youth Director

## +++ CHILDREN'S SERMON

Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director

## FAITH STORY

Lorrie Goss

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

+ *Nutcracker Suite*

Celebration Bells; Jody Lindower, director

arr. McChesney

+++ *Sing Loudest Praises*

Gordon Young

*Sing loudest praises to our God! Sing Alleluia! Sing all ye nations, sing for joy!*

Chancel Choir; Daniel Parsley, director

## \*DOXOLOGY

No. 94 or See Below

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Selections from Genesis

## SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK IN OUR LIVES

## SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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 glory forever. Amen.*

## HYMN OF CENTERING

"Abide with Me"

No. 700

## ARTISTIC LESSON

From the *Refuge* resource *Close*

## SERMON

*Close*

Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

## + COMMISSIONING OF CONFIRMANDS

Matt Hart, Youth Director

## \*HYMN OF MISSION

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

No. 61

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CHRIST'S LIGHT TO THE WORLD

Acolyte

## \*POSTLUDE

*Praise to the Lord*

Max Reger

### **Piano Dedication Concert: Heather Cooper & Julie Sarver**

Join us on Sunday January 31, 2015 at 4:00 PM for our "88 Key Piano Dedication Concert" by pianist Heather Cooper and flautist Julie Sarver.

This concert also celebrates the kickoff of FUMC's *Soli Deo Gloria* music series. A free will offering will be taken and a reception follows the program. Our friends from the Steinway Piano Gallery of Cleveland will be joining us to answer any questions about this wonderful instrument.

## CLOSE WORSHIP SERIES

Do you have any close friends? Chances are you have other friends too. Maybe you move in the same social circles, work together or go to the same school. It's not that you *don't* like them. You just aren't that close. For most of us, our relationship with God feels like it swings between those two extremes. We all go through times when our relationship with God seems more "far" than "near", but what do we do about it? Thankfully, in scripture, God makes it clear that God's desire is to be close with us.

### Be on a journey back toward a place of 'CLOSE.'

Sunday January 17th—Being Close @ 8:30, 9:45 and 11

Sunday January 24th— Staying Close \* YOUTH SUNDAY \* @ 8:30, 9:45 and 11



## January 10, 2016

**Co-Pastors:** Revs. Cara & Steve Stultz Costello

**Organist:** Heather Cooper

**Liturgists:** + Debbie Wiley +++ Sam Purses

**Greeters:** +++Monica Lytle & Beverly Temple

*Today's altar flowers are given by Barbara & Len Terlizzi in honor of all couples that have been married over 50 years*

### **Next Sunday, January 17** **Close Worship Series**

**Scripture Focus: Selections from Genesis & Refuge resource Close**

Pastor Cara preaching

**8:30** Harmonia Sacra brass, Schola Cantorum & Heather Cooper, organ

**9:45** Special Music & Modern Worship Ensemble

**11:00** Harmonia Sacra brass, Chancel Choir & Heather Cooper, organ

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