

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: the Rev. Dr. M. Davies Kirkland
Organist: Dave Kirkland

Cantor: Linda Miller

Acolytes Jade Taylor
 Alexandra Marple

Lector Susan Riggs

Ushers Bob Miller
 Bill Bigler

Coffee Talk Beth Smith

Counters Steve Sprague

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week are given by the Taylor family.
"Blessed be the Lord"

Nursery Is Available

During worship services, Sunday School and special church events.

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Marjorie Bailey, Millie Barwick, Madgel Boone, Mary Frances Cox,
Virginia Harrison, John Johnson, Louise LeDane and John Tyler

Pray for Our College Students

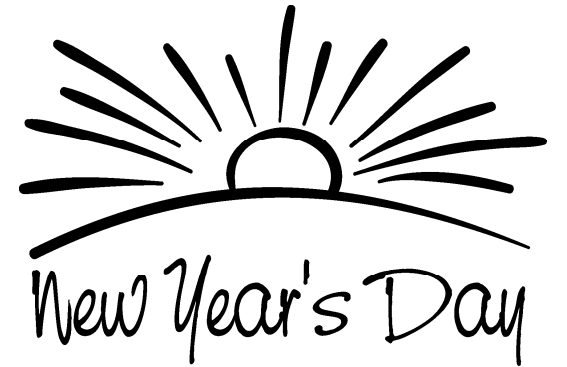
Eric Bomgardner, Evan Clinton, Kevin Clinton, Alex Colvard,
James Garrett, Eva Greene, Mary Jean Harford, Brady Hatfield, Cynthia Henderson,
Cameron Herbolsheimer, Courtney Herbolsheimer, Mitchell Hirsch, Rebecca Jackson,
Samuel Jackson, Devon Kalbaugh, Josephine Lewis, Wyatt McMullen, Morgan Moscati,
Tim Norland, Maggie Rank, Peter Riggs, Crawford Taylor,
Harper Thomas, Elizabeth Verrecchia



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January 1, 2012
Covenant Service
New Year's Day
10:00 a.m.

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OUR MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

Our Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

Dulin Church is a caring congregation empowered by the Holy Spirit
to bring God's ministry to all people and serve Jesus Christ with love.

GREETING & OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Leader: Come let us worship the Lord who established a new covenant
through his Son Jesus Christ.

People: We come in spirit and in truth.

+ HYMN UMH 57

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 581)

+ GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:31-46 (Pew Bible, New Testament, page 27)

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOMILY "Covenant People" the Rev. Dr. M. Davies Kirkland

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE COVENANT

Leader:

In the old covenant, God chose Israel to be a special people and to obey the law. Our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death and resurrection, has made a new covenant with all who trust in him. We stand within this covenant and we bear his name.

On the one side, God promises in this covenant to give us new life in Christ. On the other side, we are pledged to live not for ourselves but for God. Today, therefore, we meet to renew the covenant which binds us to God.

(the people stand)

Leader:

Friends, let us claim the covenant God has made with his people, and accept the yoke of Christ. To accept the yoke of Christ means that we allow Christ to guide all that we do and are, and that Christ himself is our only reward.

Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, others are difficult; some make others applaud us, others bring only reproach; some we desire to do because of our own interests; others seem unnatural. Sometimes we please Christ and meet our own needs, at other times we cannot please Christ unless we deny ourselves. Yet Christ strengthens us and gives us the power to do all these things.

Therefore, let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves completely to God, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.

People:

I give myself completely to you, God. Assign me to my place in your creation. Let me suffer for you. Give me the work you would have me do. Give me many tasks or have me step aside while you call others. Put me forward or humble me. Give me riches or let me live in poverty. I freely give all that I am and all that I have to you.

And now, holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue for all eternity. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE "Covenant Prayer" Covenant
Sanctuary Choir

SILENCE

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC "Jesu, Gentle Savior" S. Farrar
Vocal Solo—Linda Miller

+ PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

+ DOXOLOGY UMH 94 Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*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 THANKSGIVING

DEPART TO SERVE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ HYMN UMH 413 "A Charge to Keep I Have" Boylston

+ INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

+ OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

+ DISMISSAL AND BENEDICTION

+ ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Join us for "Coffee Talk" in the Wesley Room immediately following the service.

+Stand, if you are able.