



SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE  
NEW YEAR'S DAY  
JANUARY 1, 2012



ON-LINE  
EDITION

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The Rev. Kelly D. Turney, Pastor  
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*a reconciling congregation*

As Christians, we believe that when we gather around the communion table to remember the last night Jesus was with his disciples in the Upper Room it is beyond just an “historical” remembering.

It is also a remembering “into the future.”

We gather around the table with all who have ever done so,  
who do now, and who ever will do so.

It’s a “little heaven below” that transforms us into the One Spirit.

As we stand on the precipice of the new year,  
we begin with a commitment to “break open” our lives to God’s future for us.

– Marcia McFee

## **gathering to praise**

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

INTROIT

WELCOME

\*HYMN

“What Feast of Love”

W&S 3170

## **listening for God’s word**

WORD OF GOD

Revelation 21:1-6a

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us, ***thanks be to God.***

OPENING THE WORD WITH CHILDREN “Circle Song”

***Come and join the circle, Come and take my hand.***

***Come and join the circle, Come and be my friend.***

***Gather 'round and see What the world can be.***

***Come and join the circle, Come and share God's word with me.***

MUSIC MINISTRY

BREAD, BATH AND BEYOND: METAPHORICAL MOMENT

\*HYMN

“There’s a Song in the Air”

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Gayle Lesure

### responding in trust

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*from the Prayer Journal*

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“Shepherd Me, O God”

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.***

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

\*DOXOLOGY

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***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

\*CONFESSING WHO WE ARE

*Worship Workshop*

“This is a Day of New Beginnings”

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\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with your spirit.***

HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive the bread and cup by intinction (dip the bread into the cup). Communion offering goes to *Human Relations Day*.

Please inform the ushers if you cannot come forward to receive, and the servers will bring the elements to you. A gluten-free alternative is available.

***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, forever. Amen.***

\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD AND SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE

\*congregation standing

congregational responses are in ***bold italic***

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**ushers** Julie Dunlop, Betty Edgett  
Linda McGrady

**lay reader** Louise House  
**security check** Mike Dodson

**nursery** Natalya Yazhbin



The flowers that beautify our sanctuary this morning are in memory of James William Johnston, Sr., and Robert B. Keith, given by Carol & Bill Johnston.

We're pleased to welcome back to the pulpit Helen's daughter, Gayle Lesure, who serves a church as a community worker with GBGM (General Board of Global Ministries) working in West Virginia.

## **prayer concerns, ministry opportunities, and notes**

Prayers for:

- Ellen P.'s family, who grieve her passing
- Florence P. - hoping she feels better after her fall- nothing broken.
- Ray K. at Wingate.
- Lois's son, Ed, who will be laid off as of January 20.
- Sal home from Baystate and going to dialysis 3 days a week; he is very tired and his heart is weak. Also Mike's mom, Teri, who is Sal's everything and this is a lot on her.
- Tom St. M. in recovery.

## An Invitation to Join the First Trip to Louisiana for the year 2012

Mary Ann and Skip Danforth, have a place for you, and about 30 other able and willing volunteers to spend the week of February 12-18, working in the Slidell/New Orleans area of Louisiana. We will be staying at The Epworth Project building located next to the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Slidell. Check your schedule for the week in February, and begin now, to decide if you will be able to journey with us. We probably do not need to remind you that there is still plenty of work to be accomplished... and, without your help it will not get done. With your help and the help of others, we will continue the work which was begun right after Katrina hit, on August 29, 2005. If you haven't been back to Slidell/New Orleans for awhile, this is your opportunity to reconnect with the people who still need what we can share with them, six years later.

If you have any questions you need answered before signing up, please get in touch with Skip and Mary Ann by phone 508-430-0778 or email [kitesky@comcast.net](mailto:kitesky@comcast.net).



## this week

**today**



11:15 am Fellowship Time – Hall

**monday, 1/2** Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Education Team – St. Marie Parlor

**tuesday, 1/3** PASTOR'S SABBATH  
4:30 - 7:30 pm Janet Stabile – Youth Room

**wednesday 1/4**  
6:30 pm LGBT Ally Training – St. Marie Parlor

**thursday, 1/5**  
7:30 pm AlAnon – St. Marie Parlor  
7:30 pm Recovery – Youth Room

**saturday, 1/7**  
8:30 - 11:30 am Janet Stabile – Youth Room

**sunday, 1/8**  
10:00 am Worship; Open Pantry Sunday  
11:15 am Fellowship Time – Hall

## visitor's corner

WELCOME! Blessing to all on this day of the Lord. A special welcome is extended to guests sharing worship with us. We praise God for everyone who has gathered here today at East Longmeadow United Methodist Church (ELUMC), and we pray that God's Spirit will rest on each person, member and visitor alike, as we worship together.

There are LARGE Print bulletins and hymnals available for those who would prefer to use them.

The ushers can assist with pocket hearing enhancers and childcare. There is a nursery for toddlers and babies, and rocking chairs in the rear sanctuary for parents with infants.

## safe sanctuary



This church is committed to providing a safe place for our children.

## our mission

As disciples of Jesus Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit, we welcome the risks involved in following God's call to engage in ministries that raise the level of hope for those who cry out for love and justice.

## statement of inclusion

We embrace God's good gift of diversity and believe all persons are of sacred worth. Therefore, we welcome people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability into the full participation of this congregation. Our passion for a wide welcome of all God's children moves us to participate in reconciling and justice ministries so that we might truly open minds, open hearts, and open doors.