

## Start the Year Off in Common Life

A new group forming for 2011, gathered  
around the book *Common Prayer*

We exist to bless the Highland neighborhood with the love of Jesus  
through community partnerships

**Pot Luck Dinner Tonight**--5:30PM--Bring a favorite dish of food to share with others as we get to know each other better, hear what's coming up at CFTH and hear more about missional ministry teams.

**Nursery/Preschool Volunteers Requested**--our Nursery/Preschool area is now complete and we are putting together a list of volunteers for the new year. Contact Angel at 797-4380 to sign up.

**Get a Text**--To get text messages from the church, text "4highlands" to 25827

**Men of Highland Night Out**--Thursday, January 13, 7:00 PM Superior Grill

**Missional Ministry Teams**--everyone has the opportunity to make a difference in our neighborhood by serving on a team. To see the full list and to learn how to get connected, pick up a Team Sheet in the Chapel foyer.

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Worship  
The First Sunday after the Epiphany  
Sunday, January 9, 2010

\*Congregation Standing (if you are able)

\*\*\*Lights will be off until

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

A Silent Recognition of God's Presence

Reception of Epiphany

\*\*\*Hymn No. 297 "God of Mercy, God of Grace" HYMNAL  
Tune: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*Greeting of One Another

Isaiah 42:1-9 (video)

Prayers of the People

Missional Moment: Robyn Miller, VOA Haven House

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43

\*Song Medley "Spirit Medley" POWERPOINT

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Berry

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
Tune: "Jesus Shall Reign"

\*The Reading of the Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Message: "Dead Birds, Baptism and Epiphany"

\*Hymn of Response No. 255 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Opportunities for Service

Benediction

Postlude

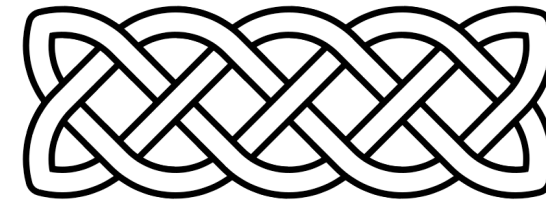


# Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-9

**W**here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.



Matthew 3:13-17

**W**hen Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."