

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 3:7-13

7. "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These are the words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens:
8. "I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.
9. I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.
10. Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.
11. I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.
12. If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.
13. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks Be to God.**

### NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE

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## SERVING IN THE LORD

Liturgist: Carol Becks  
Ushers: Jim & Sally Brozzo, Curt & Beth Moe  
Greeters: Verna Gould, Vicki Sharp  
Counters: Sharon Arvidson, Verna Gould, Ruth Ann Wrona  
Trustee for Jan.: Gary Boots (back-up Leonard McJames)  
Communion Stewards: Brenda Boots & Ruth Ann Wrona  
Sunday School Teachers: Ruth Sutton

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 3 Patricia Coveart



*Altar flowers are given by  
Pat Gruber in  
Memory of her husband  
Darrell Gruber*

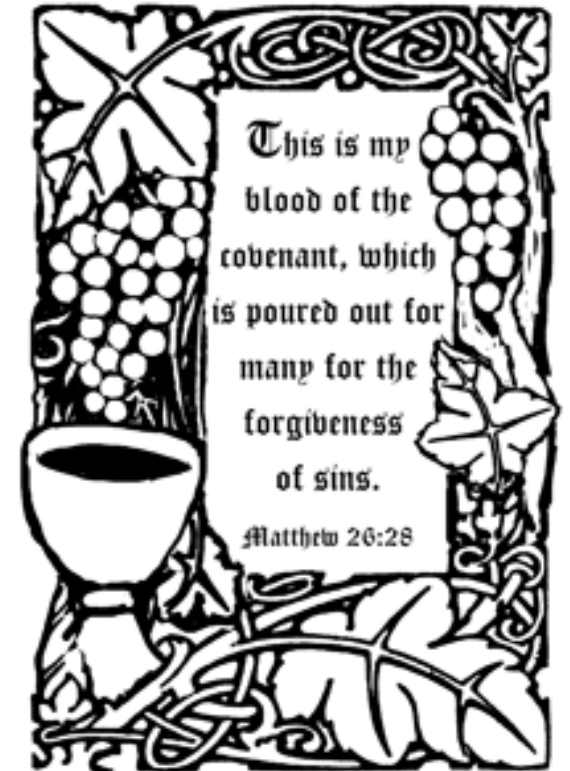
### Sanford United Methodist Church

*Check out what's happening on [www.sanfordumc.org](http://www.sanfordumc.org) and  
Pastor Cutting's Blog.*

#### OUR STAFF

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*The Order  
Of  
Divine Worship*

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*Epiphany Sunday*

*January 1, 2012*

*10:30 A.M.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* THE HYMN No. 117 (stanzas 1-3)  
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

\* THE ACT OF PRAISE

A new year has dawned; the old is past and gone.

This is a time for beginnings, a time to encounter God.

**O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning  
and the end.**

Look to the heavens and wonder at the magnitude of space.

Look around you at the amazing variety of creation.

**You have made everything suitable for its time.**

**You have made us and crowned us with glory and  
honor.**

Ponder the meaning of our days in the face of eternity.

Consider again what God has called us to do and to be.

**You have given us dominion over the works of  
your hands. You have called us to minister to the  
least of your children.**

Amen. Amen.

THE HYMN No.117(stanzas 4-6)  
"O God, Our Help in a Ages Past"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**God of creation and newness, we bring to you our  
past, that it may teach us. We bring our future, that it  
may be blessed with vision and hope. We bring this  
present moment, that you may fill it with your trans-  
forming presence. We want to be part of your new  
heaven and new earth. We seek to enjoy your creation  
without destroying it, to take pleasure in our toil while  
making of it a ministry, to learn to live together in**

**peace, reaching out to assure that all are benefiting  
from your good gifts. Feed us, clothe us, welcome  
that we may do the same for others. Amen.**

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD Revelation 3:7-13

THE ANTHEM Chancel Choir  
"In The Bleak Mid Winter"

GREETING

(Please place your prayer cards in the baskets at this time)

THE MESSAGE The Rev. Anthony N. Cutting  
"The Open Door"

THE HYMN "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" No. 509

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who  
earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with  
one another.

Therefore let us confess our faith as contained in the  
scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

**I Believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**Was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**Is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The holy catholic church,**

**The communion of saints,**

**The forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

....And so, with your people on earth and all the company  
of heaven we praise your name and join their unending  
hymn;

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
(Repeat)**

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat)**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat)**

....And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in  
Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanks-  
giving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with  
Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of  
faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come  
again.**

....All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now  
and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

**Uplifting the bread and cup**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

(Communion Hymns Nos. 467, 462, 452)

\* GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD No. 94 (UMH)

\* THE CLOSING HYMN No. 555

"Forward Through the Ages"

\* THE DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING