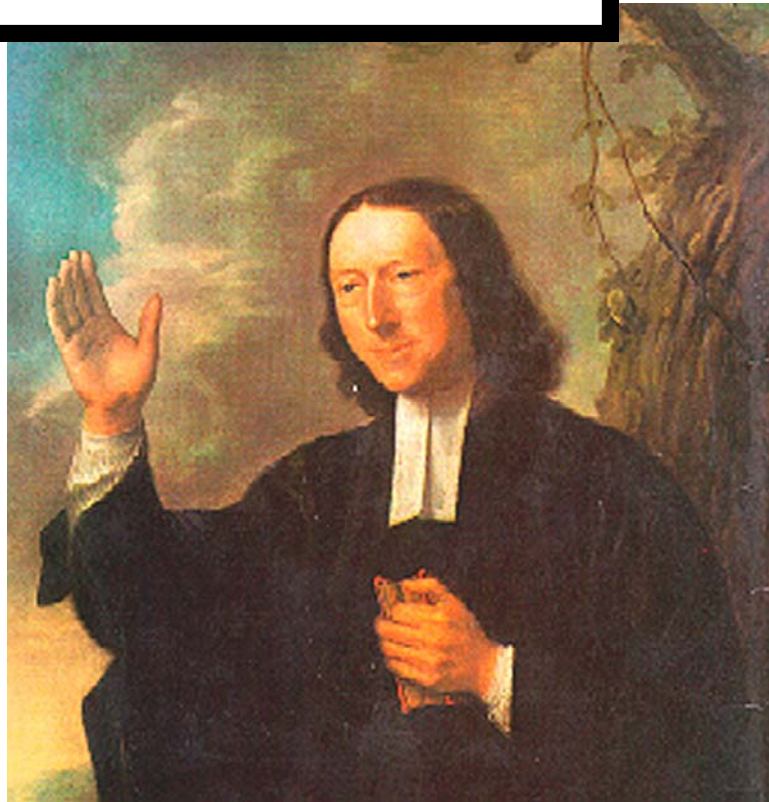

January 1, 2012 - 11:00 am
Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service



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John Wesley

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First Sunday after Christmas
Liturgical Color – White

WESLEY'S COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

What Star Is This

- Franklin Ritter

THE PEOPLE GATHER

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 250

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

WORDS OF WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul Kottke

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE PEOPLE OFFER THEIR PRAISE AND PRAYERS

CHORAL INTROIT

OPENING PRAYER

Susan Card, Liturgist

God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people
and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge
your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you,
reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress
your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of
our Mediator Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Susan Card

Let us give thanks for all God's mercies.

O God, our Covenant Friend,

you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives.

We thank you for your loving care,

which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

Response: We praise your holy name, O God.

You have given us life and reason,

and set us in a world filled with your glory.

You have comforted us with family and friends,

and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit

And the witness of your Church.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have been our light in darkness

And a rock of strength in adversity and temptation.

You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys

And the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You remembered us when we forgot you.

You have followed us even when we tried to flee from you.

You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you.

For all your patience and overflowing grace . . .

We praise your holy name, O God.

CHORAL SCRIPTURE ACLAMATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:34-40

Rev. Debby Lawrence

Leader: May God bless the hearing and understanding of these words.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BAPTISM OF ELISE ELLEN JOHNSON, daughter of Julie & Kevin Johnson

*[In honor of Elise, you may contribute to our endowed Baptism Fund
for children and youth of University Park United Methodist Church.]*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Duane Buys

[As the children leave, let us join in singing]

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

All the shades from dark to light, they are precious in his sight,

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

HYMN 465

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Canterbury

REFLECTION

Covenant: A Divine Relationship

Rev. Kottke

PROCLAMATION

Rev. Ryan Canaday

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the Christian life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God. Through baptism, we have entered this life and have been admitted into the new covenant of which Jesus Christ is the Mediator. He sealed it with his own blood, that it might last forever.

On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ, the Source and Perfecter of our faith.

On the other side, we are pledged to live no more for ourselves, but only for Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave himself for us.

From time to time we renew our covenant with God, especially when we affirm the Baptismal Covenant and gather at the Lord's Table.

Today, however, we meet as the generations before us have met, to renew the covenant that binds us to God as we enter into this new year.

Let us make this covenant our own.

ANTHEM

While Angels Sing

- Mexican Folk Tune/

[text: Melva Rorem]

arr. Paul Christiansen

THE SERVICE OF CORPORATE PRAYER AND CONFESSION

Invitation: Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants.

Rev. Kottke

Let us, therefore, go to Christ and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your own command.

I will no longer be my own.

I will give myself to your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what you will. I put myself fully into your hands:

put me to doing, put me to suffering,

let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,

let me be full, let me be empty,

let me have all things, let me have nothing.

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**I freely and with a willing heart give it all
to your pleasure and disposal.**

Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants. Open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not know ourselves as you know us.
Sometimes we esteem ourselves too highly,
heedless of the hurt we cause to you and to others.
Sometimes we esteem ourselves too little,
failing to rejoice in the gifts you bestow on us.
Forgive us our illusions of grandeur or self-hatred;
free us to be the persons you intend,
through your Spirit at work among us. [Ruth C. Duck]**

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would let him. God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as a path and means of coming to God. And so we pray:

Rev. Lawrence

**Soul of Christ, heal me.
Body of Christ, redeem me.
Blood of Christ, empower me.
Water from Christ's side, cleanse me.
Passion of Christ, make me strong. O good Jesus, hear me.
Hide me in your wounds, never let me depart from you.
Call me at the hour of my death, bid me come to you,
That with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. [Ignatius of Loyola]**

Jesus said we are to love God and our neighbors as ourselves. Therefore we pray:

**O God, bless us with discomfort at easy answers,
half-truths, and superficial relationships.
Bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and
exploitation of people and the earth.
Bless us with tears for those who suffer.
Above all, give us holy foolishness
so that we might know we can make a difference
in this world, and do the things that others say cannot be done.**

Covenant Prayer: The Almighty God searches and knows our hearts.
So let us pray in one voice, saying:

Rev. Canaday

**O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today
without guile or reservation.
If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright.
And now, glory and honor be to you, O God the Father,
Creator of all possibilities.
Glory be to you, O Jesus Christ, our Redeemer
who shows us the path of compassion.
Glory be to you, O Holy Spirit,
the Sustainer of our faith who turns our hearts from sin.
O mighty God, you have become my covenant friend and I,
through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant.
So be it. And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven.
Amen.**

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SILENT PRAYER

CHORAL INTERCESSORY

LORD'S PRAYER 895

CHORAL OFFERTORY PREFACE
OFFERTORY

Christmas Hymn

- arr. Hugo Jüngst

[Text: English by Dr. Theodore Baker]

Quartet: Petra Meyer-Frazier, Janet Vanden Bosch, Bob Penn, Tom Vanden Bosch

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND DOXOLOGY**

**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!**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

As United Methodists, we serve an open table. We invite all regardless of age or church affiliation to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Meal. Freely, God's grace is extended to all. The people will come forward as instructed. Distribution of the elements is by intinction, dipping the bread into the chalice of juice. If you so desire, you may kneel at the railing for prayer. [Wafers free of gluten, wheat, dairy, corn, and soy are available.]

Almoners Offering: As you come forward, you are invited to give a free-will offering which is used for the emergency assistance of persons in our community.

THE PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 399**

Take My Life and Let It Be

Messiah

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

From Heaven Above, to Earth I Come

- Friedrich Zachau



WORD OF WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS: We celebrate that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider this faith community. You will be able to make a meaningful difference here in your personal life and in the life of this church and in the world. If you are visiting from out of town, we wish you Godspeed and blessing. Please sign the welcome pad as it is passed to you. We invite you to join in fellowship with us in the East Parlor adjacent to the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Greeters: Lois Anderson, Marcia Williams, Carolyn Junod, Mary K Egan

Ushers: Ron Justiss, Joann Beicler, Embra Daylie, Bill Hausler, Hugh Alexander, Jonathan Nahil

Acolytes: Matthew Frazier, Lucas Frazier

* Please stand as you are able

Large-print hymnals available—please ask an usher

Staffed Nursery available

Hearing aids available—please ask an usher

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 1 <i>Wesley Covenant Service</i>	11:00 am	One Unified Worship Service w/Baptism of Elise Ellen Johnson	Sanctuary
Monday, January 2	<i>New Year's Holiday—Offices Closed</i>		
Tuesday, January 3	10:00 am	Men's Faith & Fellowship	Osborne Parlor
	10:30 am	Kindermusik	Room 302
	4:00 pm	Foundation Board	Conference Room
	7:00 pm	Troop 5 Boy Scouts	Noakes Hall
	7:00 pm	Trustees	Conference Room
	7:00 pm	BMCM	East Parlor
Wednesday, January 4	10:00 am	Staff Epiphany Brunch	East Parlor
	4:00 pm	Music Lessons	Room 304/EFH
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	8:00 pm	Forgiveness Al-Anon	Bryans Room
Thursday, January 5	7:00 pm	Sangha Eyes of Compassion Meditation	East Parlor
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life Committee	Osborne Parlor
	7:00 pm	D.U. Tango Club	Noakes Hall
	7:00 pm	Short-Term DISCIPLE Bible Study (Romans)	Cornerstone II
Friday, January 6	9:00 am	Lawrence University Auditions	Sanctuary/Choir Room
	Noon	Pastor's Bible Study	Osborne Parlor
Saturday, January 7	9:30 am	Food Addicts in Recovery	East Parlor
	9:30 am	Rocky Mountain Theatre for Kids	Noakes Hall
Sunday, January 8 <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	8:30 am	Informal Worship	Wasser Chapel
	8:45 am	Choristers	Room 302
	9:30 am	Sunday School	
	9:30 am	Howard Lay Committee	Conference Room
	10:30 am	Junior Choristers	Room 302
	11:00 am	Peniel Service	Wasser Chapel
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	12:15 pm	Potluck, Guatemala Report	East Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	Young Peoples AA	East Parlor



*Happy
New Year!*



JOURNEY WITH US AT THE PARK
UPark Christian Education Classes
January 1, 9:30 am



ADULT FORUM Bryans Room	We offer presentations from many speakers on diverse and interesting topics. Wilbur Moulton and Jim Fleet work together to facilitate this class which meets in the Bryans Room. January 1 – No class January 8 – Speaker from Kiwanis
CORNERSTONE II East Parlor	This class is geared to families with young children but is open to anyone. Family topics are generally discussed with an emphasis on sharing and fellowship. Led by Ross & Melane Theilen. January 1 – No class January 8 – Guatemala Mission Trip – Drs. Amy and Jeremy Long, Jeff Flynn
JOURNEYS IN FAITH JIF Room	This class meets in the JIF room on the basement level. Led by Rev. Debby Lawrence. We will discuss the DVD Series “A Place to Pray, Conversations on the Lord’s Prayer” by Roberta Bondi. January 1 – No class January 8 – Our Father
THE OSBORNE GROUP Osborne Parlor	This class meets in Osborne Parlor and will deal with subjects that are important to those trying to make biblical truths vivid and relevant for today’s world. It’s an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. Ryan Canaday leads. January 1 – No class January 8 – Living the Question – Icons
OPEN CONVERSATION Wesley Lounge	This is a class for adults seeking a richer understanding of issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology. Led by Mary MacDonald. January 1 – No class January 8 – No class, leader at Charge Conference
YOUTH CLASS 6th - 12th Grades (Meet in the basement Room BO3)	The youth Sunday School class (6th grade through 12th grade) will meet with Embra Daylie and Linda Schuyler in the youth room in the basement (Room BO3). They are asked to meet at 9:30 am. January 1 – No class January 8 – God’s Protection, Preserving the Family Life
CHILDREN’S CLASSES (Third floor)	All children from pre-school to grade five are asked to go directly to their respective classrooms at 9:30 am January 1 – No class January 8-29 – “Use It or Lose It” based on the Parable of the Talents
CHILDCARE Nursery (Level 2, Education Wing)	Quality care for newborn babies to three years or potty trained. Provided by Melissa Miles, Patti Jo Jeffers, and Brittany Singha. 8:15 am - 12:15 pm January 1 – Amber Rundle Kahn January 8 – (Early) Danielle Southwell; (Late) Danielle Southwell
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Noakes Hall	Children’s Church provided by Christina Pacheco, Deborah Slutz, and Rachel Wilson. Children ages 3-1/2 through 3rd grade will gather following the Children’s Message at the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

Parents, please sign your children in!

Welcome, First-Time Guests

University Park UMC is a dynamic community, and we are glad you chose to visit us today. We would like to take a moment to say hello, as well as offer you a **gift travel mug**. Please stop by our welcome area and introduce yourself to our Student Pastor Patrick Lewis. He will be available to answer your questions and give you a mug that you can use to join us for refreshments and get acquainted.

The travel mug contains information about programs and contact information, and it serves to reduce our impact on local landfills. We would invite you to come back and use your mug as you get to know more about others who choose UPark and its programs.

Note: The mugs are available for purchase in the Foyer for \$10 each.



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