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11:00 A.M.

January 15, 2006

WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church.

A supervised nursery is available for children age four and under.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

CHIMES AND LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMNS** - # 6 "We Praise Thee, O God" (vs. 1,2,3)

13 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" (vs.1 & 2)

***RESPONSIVE READING** - # 347 "Joy In God's House"

PASTOR: How I love your temple, Almighty God! How I want to be there! I long for the courts of the Lord's temple. With my whole being I sing with joy to the living God.

PEOPLE: **Even the sparrows have built a nest, and the swallows have their own home; they keep their young near your altars, Lord Almighty, my king and my God.**

PASTOR: How happy are those who live in your temple, always singing praise to you!

PEOPLE: **How happy are those whose strength comes from you,**

UNISON: **As they pass through the dry valley it becomes a place of springs; the early rain fills it with pools. They grow stronger as they go;**

PASTOR: One day spent in your temple is better than a thousand anywhere else.

PEOPLE: **I would rather stand at the gate of the house of my God than live in the homes of the wicked.**

UNISON: **The Lord is our protector and glorious king, blessing us with kindness and honor. He does not refuse any good thing to those who do what is right. Happy are those who trust in you, Almighty God!**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA PATRI** - #295

ANTHEM

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***DEDICATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE READING: *Luke 10:25-37*

ARMENIAN SERMON: *The Good Samaritan*

***HYMNS** #57 "What A Wonderful Change In My Life" (vs. 1, 2)

#85 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

ENGLISH SCRIPTURE READING: *Colossians 1:15-23 (Pg. 1832)*

ENGLISH SERMON: "The Son Of His Love."

***HAYR MER** - # 133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** "Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er"

QUIET MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2006 immediately following the morning worship service. All boards and organizations are requested to submit their reports.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS' January meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, following the fellowship hour in the Christian Education room.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTER AND THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY are sponsored by Mrs. Nella Lommert, in loving memory of her husband. Jan Lommert.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY Come and join us every Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education building as we study the book of James.

NURSERY NEWS. Thank you to all who helped with cleaning and painting the nursery and pre-school rooms. Both rooms look wonderful! We also thank everyone who made donations to this project.

CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS. Please continue to pray for Jack Rullitis and Christian Correy.

DEATH: Vartan Mashigan, uncle of Carol Basmadjian passed away on January 12, 2006. Funeral service will be held on Monday at 10:00 a.m. at ACC. May the peace and grace of our Lord be upon the Mashigan and Basmadjian families, and all their relatives and friends during this time of mourning.

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING DATE: Friday, February 10, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. for our Family Night. All ages are welcome. Donation are \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12 years old; no charge for children under 6 years. Come enjoy delicious menu, games, Armenian Folkloric dances. Please write your names on the sign up sheet on the bulletin.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

(Luke 10:25-37)

Have you ever wondered how you can love God? The answer to that question could be found in this parable of the Good Samaritan. A man came to Christ, seeking the way to inherit eternal life. His question was, "What must I do." Being a Jew, and an expert in the law, he understood the attaining of eternal life through doing things for God. Performing certain religious acts, and good works. Jesus answered this man with a question that was meant to shift his thinking in a different direction. He asked this expert in the law about what the law teaches. The answer was,

- **Love God your Lord with all your heart (emotions)**
- **Love God with all your soul (spiritual being)**
- **Love God with all your strength (physical being)**
- **Love God with all your mind (mental life)**
- **Love your neighbor as yourself (loving others)**

The man not understanding what Jesus was trying to teach him, wanted to know *who is his neighbor*. So, Jesus gave him a practical example that teaches how if we love God whom we can't see, surely we can love our neighbor whom we can see. As Christians we must be willing to help those in need. Though salvation is not by good works, salvation will produce good works. If we want to love God, we need to love our neighbor. For in loving our neighbor whom we can see, we come to love God whom we don't see.