



**OUR COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of wonder and mystery, today we remember  
how you surprise us in every age.  
Into the gloom of fear and want, you bring light;  
into emptiness, you bring abundance;  
into the cold, you bring warmth.  
Into the hardness of the world,  
you bring the greatest power we have known,  
in the seemingly powerless form of an infant.  
Enter now, Holy One, among us and within us,  
cast out our sin, forgive us, and move us to the joyful  
adoration of your mystery and wonder made known  
in our Sovereign, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**KYRIE – SONG FOR MERCY**

RCC Worshipbook, p. 27

**\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS & SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE**

To each of us who knows that we have lost sight of the promise,  
or lost the way of our God, or lost hope,  
**God has a promise: “I am with you.”**  
**God gives a holy presence, and forgiveness,  
and new hope, in the Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.**  
In that holy presence, forgiveness, and new hope,  
let us offer one another a sign of God’s peace. Peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**\*OUR SONG OF PEACE**

*Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; and where there is doubt, true faith in you.  
Make me a channel of your peace, where there is despair in life let me bring hope,  
Where there is darkness only light and where there is sadness ever joy.  
O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love with all my soul.  
Make me a channel of your peace, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all men that we receive and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (pastor)  
**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 2:1-12

**MEDITATION**

“The Wise Man’s Journey”

**\*A FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROL**

Hymn # 140 “What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest” *Greensleeves*  
(The carol is found in *A Celebration of Carols* booklet.)

**OUR JOYS & CONCERNS**  
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**OUR SAVIOR’S PRAYER**

(We use the phrase, “And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.”)

**THE CALL TO A LIFE OF SHARING** (pastor)

**OFFERTORY TRIO**

“We Three Kings” by John H. Hopkins, Jr.  
Greg King, Phil Reynolds, Pastor Greg Rupright, Voice  
Ms. Kristin Barone, Organ

**\*OUR OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*To God, all glorious heav’nly Light,  
To Christ revealed in earthly night,  
To God the Spirit now we raise.  
Our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.*

**\*OUR PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (pastor)

**\*OUR COMMUNION CAROL**

Hymn Insert “Every Star Shall Sing a Carol” *Every Star*  
(The congregation sings verses 4-6.)

**\*COMMUNION LITURGY FOR EPIPHANY**

RCC Worshipbook, pp. 5-8

**\*COMMISSIONING & BLESSING** (pastor)

**POSTLUDE**

“All Beautiful the March of Days” *Frances W. Wile*

## OPEN AND AFFIRMING

The People of Rutherford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, embrace the loving and creative goodness of God. We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming church and welcome into full participation members and staff of every sexual orientation just as we extend the same loving welcome to people of every age, race, gender, physical and mental ability, ethnicity and marital and economic status. We affirm the gifts for ministry of all God's children and will not be silent when the rights and dignity of any are denied. We seek to be a congregation that welcomes and nurtures all people, that encourages respect, justice and compassion for all human relationships and that strives for wholeness in our city, country and throughout the world.

*We extend a warm welcome and hope you will find the Rutherford Congregational Church a place where your faith will be nourished. If you are visiting or with us for the first time we ask that you sign our guest register, which is located in the Narthex. We invite you to join in fellowship following our service in the community room.*

*We thank our greeters, ushers, acolytes, our Director of Music, Ms. Kristin Barone, and our trio: Greg King, Phil Reynolds, and Pastor Greg Rupright for enhancing our worship experience.*

**Pastor:** Rev. Gregory J. Rupright  
**Director of Music:** Ms. Kristin Barone

## **CALENDAR FOR THE OF WEEK OF 01/06/13-01/13/13**

**Sunday:** Worship Celebration/Holy Communion/Church School: 10:30 AM  
**Monday:** A.A. Meeting: 6:30 PM  
**Wednesday:** Narcotics Anonymous: 7:45 PM  
**Saturday:** Everyone's Fellowship Breakfast: 7:30 AM  
Nar-Anon: 10:00 – 11:30 AM  
**Sunday:** Worship Celebration & Church School: 10:30 AM  
**Please see Congregational Church Yellow Pages for more announcements.**

### **Last Sunday, December 30, 2012**

**Budgeted Weekly: \$1,566.00**

**Offering Receipts: \$1,247.00**

**Attendance: 22**

***Parking is Available  
At Boiling Springs Savings Bank  
280 Union Avenue***