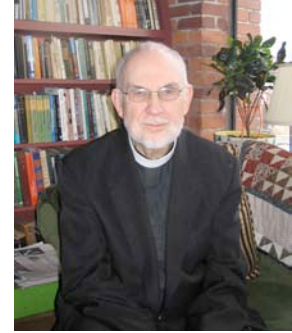




A message from the Pastor...

We welcome you into the worship of this congregation. This church is an extraordinary assembly of God's people.

We stand in the Reformed tradition of John Calvin's Geneva. Calvin's vision, and that of Martin Luther before him, was not to start a new Church or to set up a new religion. It was to restore the Apostolic faith and order of the first followers of Jesus.



This task was not finished in his generation, and it will not be in ours. In this vision, the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is as important as the Word of God that Jesus spoke.

The Nicene and Apostles Creeds testify to the catholicity of our faith. God wants us to be a people on fire, anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit, to witness Christ to this world. So we pray for one another, and for you. Lives are changed here. Join us in this exciting adventure and you will not be disappointed.



- Rev. Duke T. Gray, Interim Pastor
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