

The Order of Worship

December 13, 2009

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.

PRELUDE Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (I) Johann Gottfried Walther

Sleepers, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Rejoice in the Lord Always (11:00) Richard W. Gieseke
Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice! Let your moderation be known to all people. The Lord is at hand.

Philippians 4:4-5

Boys' and Girls' Choirs

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) John and Martie Ulmer

(11:00) Jeff and Jessamyn Hazard

RESPONSE (11:00) The Best of Rooms Gerald Near

Christ, he requires still, wheresoe'er he comes to feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:

Give him the choice; Grant him the nobler part of all the house: The best of all's the heart.

Robert Herrick

INTROIT (9:00) People, Look East *Besançon*

harm. Martin Shaw and Peter Van Eenam

People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

Eleanor Farjeon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice, give thanks; call on God's name; the Holy One is in our midst.

People: How good it is to come home to God's house! How good it is to gather in Christ's presence!

Leader: Sing aloud! Exult with all your heart; the Lord our God has done glorious things.

People: We offer up our anxieties, seeking God's peace. We face our plenty, eager to share.

Leader: Shout your praise! Express your joy! The God of our salvation welcomes us.

People: God's love is renewing us in these moments, and we open ourselves to the leading of God's spirit.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 11** (blue hymnal) O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

Valet will ich dir geben

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we are told that this is supposed to be a joyful time, so why do we often feel joyless? We hear the summons to rejoice, but why do we struggle so to respond? Absorbed in the needs of the day, we have lost sight of you. Beaten down by cares and burdens, we neglect the means of grace through which our hearts might be lifted. We pray partly and worship half-heartedly and serve grudgingly. Sin prevails and joy eludes and we drift farther away. Gather us in. Forgive us. Restore us. Bring forth a new spirit within us, that we might discover the joy for which you created us, the deep joy made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

Healey Willan

(Congregation singing— music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gloria

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Linda Judge-McRae

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's

Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:7-18

SERMON

"What Then Should We Do?"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 10** (blue hymnal) On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry *Winchester New*
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

(During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.)

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. As many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Rejoice in the Lord Always Richard W. Gieseke
(The text is found at the Prelude)

(11:00) Song of Mary Harold Friedell
Bring not a crown to wear, upon His head so fair, He needs no gold upon His shining hair, Place not a sceptre in his hands, For This my babe no glory understands, Nor shall He reign o'er earthly lands.

Bring not your incense sweet, to lay before His feet, For thrones shall pass and kingly joys are fleet. Greet not my babe in homage deep, Let no praise break upon His sleep, Like guarding angels, silence keep.

Bring Him your hearts alone, to God such gifts are known, The poor and meek the Father calls His own, Only your love and service bring, At gifts so sweet the Heavens sing, O enter now and greet your King!

Leonard Young

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 34** (blue hymnal) (11:00) In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born *Discovery*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*
O come, thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

***POSTLUDE** Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr Andreas Armsdorff
All Glory Be to God on High

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Anne Dungan and Don Byerly.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR DECEMBER: Georgann Byerley

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Leah Woehr and Laura Mjekiqi

GREETERS: Georgann and Tom Byerley

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Gary and Kim Hagan, Chelsea Hagan and Megan Milam

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs

(11:00) Boys', Chancel, and Girls' Choirs

SENIOR USHER: George Lane

USHERS:

(9:00) Carol Beilharz and Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Buz Johnson, Bill Holt, George Lane, Bob Murrian, Randolph McCartha

THE BIRTH CANDLE today is in celebration of the birth of Frances Alexa Smith, daughter of Robert and Kathleen Smith. Her proud parents and sister, Caroline welcomed her arrival on November 3.

HAROLD FRIEDEL (1905-1958) was one of this country's finest church musicians, having studied organ and improvisation with David McK. Williams and composition with Roger Sessions. Friedell went on to serve on the faculties of Juilliard and the Guilmont Organ School, and he taught composition at the Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music. In 1946 he succeeded David McK. Williams at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York City.

WAMS AND SHOW will join members of the church to go caroling this evening. Meet at WPC at 4:00 p.m.

COME CAROLING WITH US! We will meet at church this evening at 4:00 p.m. to go out and deliver some Christmas cheer.

Put on your hats and coats, join your friends and clear your throats.

Bring your favorite cookie treat, for all to share when we meet.

Gather in our carpool choirs, Christmas spirits fill evening hours.

Show our family how much we can love, even if our tune's a key below or above.

Sing if you can, sing if you will, sing with us from Westminster hill,

sing up high, sing down low, sing regardless wherever you go.

We need many faithful to spread Christmas tidings, the more the merrier, if that cliché likens'.

There are many to visit and we need your assistance, so be there on Sunday, fight the resistance!

You'll never know how much joy you can bring, until you join us caroling!

-Peter Trofatter

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS are needed for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery for our one remaining slot on Friday, December 18 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Dillard's West Town Mall Montvue entrance.



THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is collected throughout the Advent season.

Fifty percent of your gift goes to the Board of Pensions to support retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian related racial ethnic education through the General Assembly Council. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

THE 2010 FLOWER CHART has been posted in the Schilling Gallery. Please stop by and sign up for your flower dedications for next year. The cost is \$60, payable on the date of your dedication.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE WOMEN IN TOUCH CLASS topic for today is part 2 of "Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited." The class meets in the Prayer Room.

THE ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES examines the history behind some of our favorite carols and helps us encounter the rich wording anew. Today we'll study "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", led by Ellen Anderson.

ANNUAL CRAFT NIGHT AND POTLUCK DINNER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16



Mark your calendars for a night of fun, great food and time to just enjoy each other and get into the Christmas spirit. Dinner will begin at 5:45 p.m. We will provide chicken tenders and potato casserole, and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share.

You don't have to have children to come, and you don't have to be "crafty" to enjoy making a gift for a friend or neighbor, or to hang on your tree. Invite your friends or relatives. It is a really nice tradition that folks look forward to each year.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to make donations for the Advent floral decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. Donations for can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory/honor (circle one) of:

Given by:

Pledges Received \$ 594,906.00 for 2010 Operating Budget

