

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Prélude

Gabriel Pierné

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Jeff, Debbie, Will, Maggie, and RuthAnn Bendy

(11:00) Mark, Teresa, Lane, and Jake Palmer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:5&3

Leader: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

People: For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: Make straight in the desert a highway for our Lord.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 551** (blue hymnal) Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George’s Windsor

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

***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

READING FROM THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 2:1-5

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Phil Barnette

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.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

“As The Days Grow Short”

Rev. John Linton Muntz

“Do your best to come before winter.” II Timothy 4:21

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

Valet will ich dir geben

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The people uniting)

Traditional Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God

G. F. Handel

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, Thy truth unseal. Thy love reveal. Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee. Come in Thy might. Send forth Thy light. For Thee we long. Hear Thou our prayer. To Thee be glory now and evermore.

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

Tallis’ Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 15** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Llangloffan

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE People, Look East

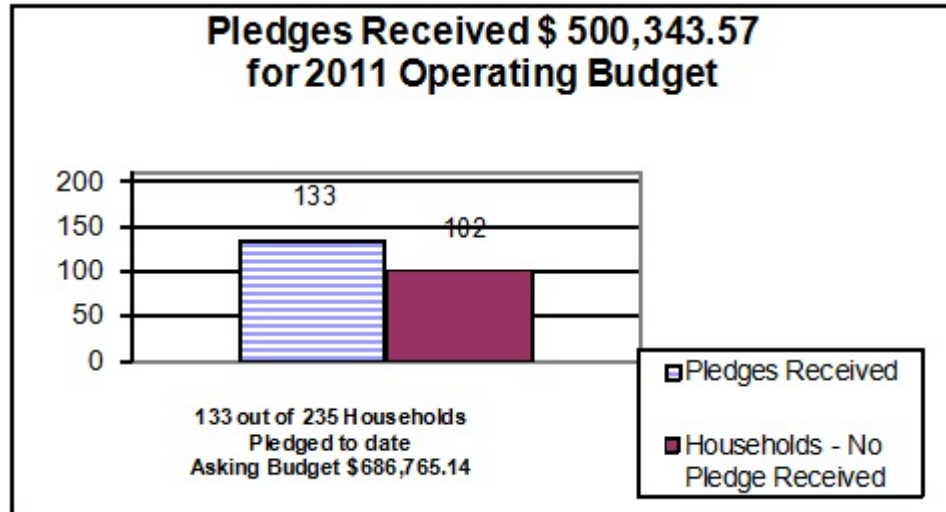
French folk melody

*POSTLUDE Scherzando

Gabriel Pierné

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS



ASKING BUDGET FOR 2011

Human Resources	\$445,578.72
Property	91,800.00
Worship, Music, Arts	16,300.00
Christian Formation	27,400.00
Communications	4,000.00
Office Expense	18,300.00
Congregational Care	2,050.00
Fellowship	1,400.00
Environmental	500.00
Community Service	2,9450.00
World Service	<u>49,986.42</u>
Total 2011 Asking Budget	\$686,765.14

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Judy Jorden and Brian Bonnyman.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Carlene Robinson

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Jake Tidwell, Sam Phillips

GREETERS (11:00): Dick and Joanne Steinle

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela and Mark Grobe, Anna Milam

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Suzanne Graham, Daniel Berry

(11:00) Scott Brunger, Tom and Georgann Byerley, Don Byerly, Rex Battenberg

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Advent Series: *It's a Wonderful Life* -- Frank Capra's beloved holiday classic is considered among the greatest movies of all time. Clips from the movie will be shown that demonstrate the power of prayer, the love and strength that exist in relationships we establish and in the community that surrounds us, and the wonderful gift of life that God has bestowed on us all. Questions for reflection and discussion will be presented after the film clips are shown.

The Bible Study class is offering an Advent series entitled "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!" Jesus came in His first advent to fulfill the old law, becoming our prophet, our priest, and our king. We'll read what the Bible says about each of these roles and discuss how our faith and life are shaped by Advent expectation. Join us in the Library at 10:00 on three Sundays - November 28, December 5, and December 12 for a joyful time with Advent scripture, meditations, symbols, music, and discussion. No advance reading is required.

On December 19 there will be no classes. That will be the annual Advent Breakfast.

THE FLOWER DEDICATION CHART FOR 2011 is 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. Donations for floral dedications 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:

OUR THANKS to Theresa Pepin for leading the choir this morning and serving as organist while Peter and Anne Van Eenam are with family in St. Louis.

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS will rehearse this afternoon at 5:00.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 12, at 5:00, followed by the Youth Christmas Drama "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Participating in the service will be the Boys', Chancel, and Girls' Choirs and the Westminster Choristers singing traditional carols arranged by David Willcocks and Peter Van Eenam as well as music by Guillaume Costeley and Eric Whitacre.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHY is underway. If you need to set or change an appointment, call Olan Mills at 800-866-2263, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. All families photographed will receive an 8X10 portrait and a church directory. The remaining dates that photos will be taken are December 2, 3 and 4.

SESSION DOCKETS for the December 5 Stated session meeting are available in the narthex for all current elders.

Songs and Carols of Advent and Christmas

November 30

On Tuesday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a concert of vocal music celebrating Advent and Christmas. Come and hear music of Handel, Bach, Hassler, Praetorius, Vaughan Williams, and others performed by *Waterfriends*, a group of musicians from Westminster and the Knoxville area. There will be familiar music, as well as music that may not be so well known to fill the sanctuary for this concert of songs and carols. The concert is free, and a goodwill offering will be received to support *Living Waters for the World*, a mission of the Presbyterian Church USA. *LWW* trains and equips teams to install water purification systems in communities that need access to clean water.

GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS – Join us starting Dec. 1st at 6:30 pm in the Prayer Room for a four week study of *The Uncluttered Heart* by Beth A. Richardson. We will reflect, pray and celebrate ways to include God in our daily lives at this very busy, overbooked and very commercial time of year. It will be calming, peaceful and nourishing, exactly what you heart is seeking. This could change your perspective on Christmas forever. We will be following the small group format for 4 sessions. Give yourself permission to take 1 ½ hours for yourself on Wednesday nights, you are worth it and so is God's gift that is waiting for you. See you on Dec. 1st at 6:30 p.m. The books have been ordered and can be purchased for \$13 in the church office prior to Dec. 1st or you can get yours at the first session.

FISH HOSPITALITY PANTRIES is providing an excellent opportunity for you to give gifts to family and friends while helping to end hunger in our community. When you participate in the FISH Christmas Gift Card project, FISH will send people on your Christmas shopping list an attractive gift card letting them know how many families are being fed in their name. Thanks to special purchases, a family of four can be fed for three days with just a \$5 gift. Make out your gift list and visit the FISH gift card table after worship today.



THE 2010 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 about the offering and to read a story about a minister who personally benefitted from this offering.