

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Dieterich Buxtehude
Savior of the Nations, Come

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Geoff and Kathy Duggan

(11:00) Jerry and Scott Carley

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 80 Bill Wiesehuegel, Liturgist (9:00)
Renee Wiesehuegel, Liturgist (11:00)

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, stir up your might and come to save us!

People: **Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

People: **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

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.**

READING FROM PROPHECY Isaiah 64:1-9
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson

Children age 4 through 2nd 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 Mark 13:24-37

SERMON "Morning Side Forward" Rev. John Linton Muntz

"O that you would tear open the heavens and come down..." – Isaiah 64:1

*HYMN NO. 11 (blue hymnal) O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? *Valet will ich dir geben*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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. Though 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) Verbum caro factum est Hans Leo Hassler
And the Word Was Made Flesh trans. Peter Van Eenam
Brass Choir

(11:00) Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending *Helmsley*
(The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the third verse.)

Jesus comes with clouds descending; See the Lamb for sinners slain! Thousand, thousand saints attending Join to sing the glad refrain: Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign!

Every eye shall then behold You Robed in awesome majesty; Those who jeered and mocked and sold You, Pierced and nailed You to the tree, Shamed and grieving, Shall their true Messiah see.

Charles Wesley, altered
Tallis' Canon

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)
(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. 15** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers *Llangloffan*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** People, Look East French folk melody

***POSTLUDE** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Johann Gottfried Walther

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Kristi Gordon and Dave Dupper

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOVEMBER: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Joseph Hutzenbiler and Max Yates

GREETERS (11:00): Renee Wieseuegel and Sue Caradine

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Kim and Gary Hagan, Emma Adamcik and Clara Oakes

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wieseuegel

USHERS:

(9:00) Suzanne Graham and Marty Pryor

(11:00) Scott Brunger, John Chang, Beth Chang, Sue Caradine

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC FOR BRASS was originally scored for voices and has been sung at Westminster several times by the Chancel Choir. Hassler was one of a number of German composers to study in Venice and be influenced by the polychoral style of the vocal and instrumental music there. A friend of Giovanni Gabrieli and a student of Andrea Gabrieli, Hassler's motets show this Venetian influence. The rich harmonic language and sumptuous six-part texture make this piece most enjoyable to perform and to hear! It will be repeated at the 11:00 service later this Advent season.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Please join us for dinner and fellowship November 29th at 6:00 p.m. We'll meet at Puleo's Grill in the Deane Hill Center across from West Town Mall. **RSVP by tomorrow** to Jan Gross at 584-0762 or tennyballj@aol.com.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of Wednesday, 140 of our 238 potential giving units have pledged **\$563,639.50**.

Thank you for supporting our stewardship campaign!

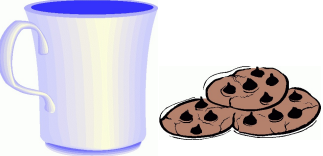
We Need Your Help

The College Age/Young Adult Team is sending care packages to our college students for finals in December, and we are seeking monetary donations to help purchase goodies for the packages. Contributions will be received today and may be dropped off at the church office or placed in the offering plate. Please mark checks for college care packages. Thank you!

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is Wednesday. Please send your articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

SONGS AND CAROLS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS will be presented by Waterfriends on Friday, December 2nd at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy the music of Bach, Handel, Praetorius and modern composers, with a carol sing-along. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit Living Waters for the World.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE collection is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Donations of clothing, household items, toys and furniture will be taken to the thrift store, where they may be purchased inexpensively by those in need. If you would like to volunteer to help with these ministries, please call Community Chest (971-4417) or the Northwest FISH Hospitality Pantry (588-9200).



PLEASE JOIN US for cider, cookies and donuts in the Schilling Gallery on Sunday, December 4th following both services. This event is sponsored by the Fellowship Ministry Team.

THE FLOWER DEDICATION CHART FOR 2012 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.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be collected Sunday, December 18. Fifty percent of this offering supports racial ethnic education at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges, helping students develop their gifts and find their calling. The other fifty percent of the offering helps families of active and retired church workers meet unexpected needs through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. Please see today's bulletin insert for more information.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Advent Study

From Longing to Receiving

Writer Patricia Tull leads participants through the Old Testament and the Gospel lectionary texts, tracing important Advent themes of longing for God's help, anticipating God's presence among us, recognizing God's work among us and receiving God's new gifts to us. Materials for the first week are available in the office and the Narthex.

McKinnon Room

November 27-December 11

Christmas Stockings for the Salvation Army

Elementary Sunday School children will be filling Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army on Sunday, December 11th. Last year, with your help, we were able to fill 47 stockings that were given to children in our own community.

A collection box will be just outside the kitchen door for donations of items that will be needed or enjoyed by a child between the ages of 0 and 12. Suggestions include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, socks, hats, gloves, hair bows and barrettes, balls, small books, crayons, pencils, jump ropes, Play-doh, yo yo, small dolls, lip gloss, cars, nerf balls, puzzles, happy meal toys, kleenex, baby bottles, onesies, rattles, pacifiers, etc. The items need to fit into a large stocking.

Thank you so much for helping us with this very special project.

DONATIONS are being accepted for the Advent floral decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey* edition of December 21st. Donations 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:

Mark Your Calendar for These December Events

Friday, December 2	8:00 p.m.	Songs and Carols of Advent and Christmas
Saturday, December 3	6:00 p.m.	Young Adult Dinner
	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out
Sunday, December 4		Cider and Cookies hosted by the Fellowship Ministry team, following both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services
Sunday, December 11	6:00 p.m.	Children's Play - <i>A Charlie Brown Christmas</i>
Wednesday, December 14	5:45 p.m.	Christmas Craft Night and Potluck Dinner
Sunday, December 18	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Brunch
	3:45 p.m.	Christmas Caroling
Saturday, December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship