

The Order of Worship

**December 18, 2011
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, Verse 2 Heinrich Scheidemann
Praise Be to Thee, Jesus Christ
Partita II (from the chorale partita on *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*) Georg Böhm
O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful
(11:00) Fum, Fum, Fum Spanish carol
arr. Patricia A. Sanders

Handbell Choir
Robert Adamcik, Tambourine
John Johnson, Claves

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Andrew and Kristi Gordon, Maggie and Lucy Gordon
(11:00) Scott and Ashley Porter, Kara and Macy Porter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96, adapted

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; for the Lord is coming.
Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.
People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; for the Lord is coming.
Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before Him, all the earth.
People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; for the Lord is coming.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 28** (blue hymnal) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice *In dulci jubilo*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Drawn by the lights of this season, Gracious God, our lives are illumined by your love. Your light attracts us, but in its radiance we also see the darkness around and within us. The intensity of these pre-Christmas days heightens our joys and magnifies our sorrows. Search us, O God, and remove anything that prevents us from acknowledging our need for you. Take away the fear that makes us draw inward and cling to things, and give us the trust to open ourselves to others and to you. We know you accept us as we are, but we also pray that you continue to transform us through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and renew us in your love. 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 Hymn No. 116 (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High *Gloria*
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Jean Bonnyman

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46-55

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“Lady Madonna, children at your feet, wonder how you manage to make ends meet”
–The Beatles

***HYMN NO. 38** (blue hymnal) It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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) Fum, Fum, Fum Spanish carol

(11:00) A Babe Is Born William Mathias

A babe is born all of a may, To bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. *Veni Creator Spiritus.* [Come, Holy Spirit, Creator.]

At Bethlehem, that blessed place, The child of bliss now born he was; And him to serve God give us grace, *O lux beata Trinitas.* [O Light, Thou Trinity most blest!]

There came three kings out of the East, To worship the King that is so free, With gold and myrrh and frankincense, *A solis ortus cardine.* [From lands that see the sun arise.]

The angels came down with one cry, A fair song that night sung they In worship of that child: *Gloria tibi Domine.* [Glory be to Thee, O Lord.]

Noel! Anonymous, 15th century

***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. 22** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Angels, from the Realms of Glory *Regent Square*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Partita XI (from the chorale partita on *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*) Georg Böhm

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leslie Rotella and Bill Wiesehuegel

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR THIS WEEK: Linda Rutherford

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Jake Tidwell and Ellie Tidwell

GREETERS (11:00): Ibbie Muntz and Deborah Phillips

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Amy Theiss, Anna and Leah Milam

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Bonny Naugher

USHERS:

(9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and David Woodall

(11:00) Rob McKeegan, Trish Groves, Nancy Cundall, Danielle Mathews, Rick Rawe

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS is a traditional Spanish carol arranged in a most interesting way. Aside from using our somewhat new extended range of four octaves, the composer employs a number of special ringing techniques that are both fun to play and to watch. These include various forms of martellato (ringing the bell into the table's padding), thumb damping, and playing the bells with mallets. These create a vivid and varied texture enhanced further by the addition of tambourine and claves.

OUR THANKS to Bob Adamcik and John Johnson for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Handbell Choir.

