

The Order of Worship

December 4, 2011

2nd Sunday of Advent

Minister: Rev. James Adams
Lay Leader: Gary Brown
Music Director: Rebecca Haywood

Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink
Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd
Secretary: Vickie Ellis

The Invitation to Holy Communion
Prayer of Confession
Silent Meditation - Pastoral Prayer
Offertory

* Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

* The Great Thanksgiving

Serving the Bread and Cup

Projected

Bold Print indicates a congregational response * Indicates to stand, if able

Gathering Before God

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles Debbie Mink
* Call to Worship Projected
* Hymn *Savior of the Nations Come* (vss. 1-4) No. 214
Tune: For the Beauty of the Earth
* Opening Prayer – Lord’s Prayer All
* Litany for the Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle
* Song of Praise *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vs 1) No. 211
* Time of Greeting and Fellowship

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Song *Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet*
First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 Doug Herman
Special Music *The People Who Walk in Darkness* Chancel Choir
The Gospel Mark 1:1-8 Rev. Adams
Today's Message “Making Straight the Way” Rev. Adams

Responding to God's Word

* Hymn of Response *The First Noel* (vss. 1-3) No. 245

Serving God in the World

* Prayer after Communion and the Sending Forth

* Postlude

Calendar:

Today- 10:55 Worship
4:30 Children’s Bells; 5:00 Wesley Bells
Tuesday - 6:00 Upward Evaluations
Wednesday – 7:00 Choir
Thursday – 10:00 Sewing Circle
4:30 Girl Scouts
Friday - 6:00 District Clergy/spouse Christmas Dinner
Saturday - 10:00 Upward Evaluations

Today's Volunteers

Nursery Volunteer – Kristin Garrett
Children’s Church – Erin Burchett
Acolytes – Beth & Anna Burchett
Greeters – Gypsie Jones, Julie Paxton

Next Week's Volunteers

Nursery Volunteer – Susan Hamilton
Children’s Church – Brad & Jenny Burchett
Acolytes – Reece Hamilton, Owen Greene
Greeters – Madelyn & Bryan Allen
Ushers – Eddy Clark, Paul Honeycutt, Josh Turner, Neil Turner

Other Announcements:

Record of our Faithfulness: Sun. Nov. 27 Morning Worship-103?, Sunday School-27

Thanks for your support of our College Students. I know they appreciate your kindness. – Debbie Mink

Today is deadline to order your Poinsettias for Christmas. Forms are on the tables in the vestibule.

Please remember God's Shepherds when you are shopping for groceries or home needs. Some things that are always needed are: paper towels, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes (for adults and children), toothpaste, dishwashing detergent, can openers, kitchen spoons, kitchen knives. Gently used or new items are also appreciated, such as: sheets, blankets, towels, dishes, cookware. And of course, God's Shepherds graciously accepts monetary contributions that can be put in the offering plate or mailed to the church, made out to "God's Shepherds." Thank you so much for your prayers and support for this mission of our Church. – *Julie Paxton*

TIME FOR THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE! Choose an ornament from the Angel tree in the sanctuary and help provide Christmas gifts for children from local schools. Sign your name on the clipboard located near the tree corresponding to the name/school on the ornament. Please bring your presents back to the church by 12-11-11. Tag the gifts with the child's name (if given) and the school name. It would also be beneficial if all of the gifts for your child were placed in a large bag and labeled. If you have any questions, please call Keane at 886-8740. **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** December 17, 2011 in the FLC.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

5 – Shirley Callihan

6 – Benjamin Moore