

The Order of Worship
December 13, 2009 –Third Sunday of Advent

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

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

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

Gathering Before God

Prelude		Debbie Mink
* Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Candles		
* Opening Hymn	<i>Rejoice, the Lord is King</i>	No. 715
* Opening Prayer		Rev. Adams
* Songs of Praise	<i>Emmanuel</i>	No. 204
* A Time for Personal Greetings		

Hearing God's Word

A Time for our Children

Chorus of Preparation	<i>Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet</i>	(Chorus twice)
Scripture Lesson	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Julie Paxton
Gospel Lesson	Luke 1:5-25	

(after the Gospel is read, the following response)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *In the Bleak Midwinter* Greta Gilbert, Rebecca Haywood, Debbie Walker

Today's Message	Rejoice With God?	Rev. Adams
Special Music	<i>Cover Him, Joseph</i>	Chancel Choir, Dr. Gary Brown, Solo

Responding to God

* Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to your call to costly discipleship; We have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another. In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve you with joy all the days of our life. Amen.

Offertory		Debbie Mink
* Doxology	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	

Serving God in the World

* Benediction and Sending Forth

* Final Song *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today:

 Noon Church Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 14

 6:00 Financial Peace University

Wednesday, December 16

 6:00 Bible Study

 7:00 Choir

Thursday, December 17

 10:00 Sewing Circle

 6:00 G.S. Leaders

Nursery Volunteer for Dec. 13 – Susan Spurlock
Children's Church for Dec. 13 – Kristin Garrett
Acolytes for Dec. 13 – Lilly Smith, Beth Burchett
Greeters for Dec. 13 – Helen Neeley, Becky Derosssett
Ushers for December – Eddy Clark, Paul Honeycutt, Josh Turner, Neil Turner
Nursery Volunteer for Dec. 20 – Amy Burchett
Children's Church for Dec. 20 – Christmas party – all volunteers
Acolytes for Dec. 20 – Reece Hamilton, Owen Greene
Greeters for Dec. 20 – Ann & David Brown

Record of our Faithfulness: Sun., Dec. 6 Morning Worship-130, Sunday School-39
General Fund-\$3987.00, Building -FLC-\$265.00, Total Giving- \$8003.00

Today we will have a Christmas Dinner after morning worship.

The Sewing Circle has Schermer pecans for sale at \$8.00 for one- pound bag. See any member to the Sewing Circle to get yours for Christmas!

Remember the Wall of Honor? *This project is up and running again! We have bricks that will be going up on the wall very soon and if you would like to purchase one in memory of, in honor of or for your family, contact the church office. The cost of each brick is \$500.00.*

God's Shepherds: *At this most blessed time of the year we are asking for your help in providing Christmas for our children and mothers. Christ reminds us throughout His word to take care of his children. God has blessed us with this wonderful opportunity to do just that. With your help we can provide Christmas for our families who otherwise go without. Contact Julie Paxton, 886-6451, Betty Roberts, 886-2539 or Shyla Meece, 886-6650 for more info.*

December 24th, 11:00 pm will be our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Please plan to join us for this special time of worship and fellowship.

On December 30, 6:00 pm, there will be a church-wide leadership meeting.