

## Order of Worship - 9:30 A.M. December 20, 2009

### GATHERING MUSIC

Carolyn Howard

*Large print bulletins and hymnals (red cover) as well as FM receivers are available from an usher to help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible. If you want to share a prayer request, take a card from the pew rack, fill it out and during the prayer hymn hold it up for the usher to collect. \*Please stand as you are able at asterisk.*

### GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Welcome, Announcements and Special Celebrations

Pastor

MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD “Christmas Joy Fanfare” - D. Wagner Central Carillon

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor

\*HYMN OF PRAISE “Angels We Have Heard on High”

No. 238

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:47-55

GUIDED ADVENT REFLECTION ON READING by F. Richard Garland

### LITURGY FOR LIGHTING THE PROPHETIC VISION CANDLE

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things! Holy is God’s Name!

The Light of the World is coming.

*(First three Advent Candles are relit)*

**People: With Mary, our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.**

Leader: God’s mercy endures from generation to generation  
for those who are in awe of God.

**People: The proud, the rich, the mighty no longer have power over us.**

Leader: The lowly are lifted up, and the hungry satisfied.

**People: We see the light of God shining over the land.**

Leader: We light a fourth candle in anticipation of the wondrous birth.

*(Fourth Advent Candle is lit, as leader reads the line above.)*

**People: We will open our hearts that Love my have a place to dwell.**

### ADVENT RESPONSE & PRAYER HYMN

“What Child Is This”

No. 219

*During hymn children thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade my leave with Nancy Reid for Kid’s Club.*

*Also during it prayer cards collected and you may come to the altar for prayer.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Morning Prayer

### Lord’s Prayer

Unison

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Invitation & Prayer of Dedication

Pastor

The Offertory “Away in a Manger” Medley - arr. F. Bock/W. Mathis Central Carillon

“THE MYSTERY AND THE MAJESTY” Cantata by Joseph M. Martin Chancel Choir

Scriptures for Contemplation

“A Christmas Flourish” with Ned Conder, soloist & Central Carillon

“Carol of Longing” with Linda Sanders, soloist

“Advent Jubilation” with Central Carillon

“The Coming Joy” with Amanda Schreiber, soloist  
Laura Henry & Linda Sanders, descant

“Upon a Midnight Clear” Congregation sings at beginning with Choir

**It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of god;  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s gracious King.  
The World in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

“A Call to Christmas Joy”

“Journey to Bethlehem” with Carolyn Cooper, soloist & Children’s Choir

“The Beautiful Impossible” with Melissa Counts, soloist

“A Noel Proclamation” with Central Carillon; Congregation joins in as directed

**I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play,  
and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, goodwill to men.**

**The first Noel the angels did say,  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor

### POSTLUDE

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**We welcome all to worship today.** If you are a visitor, we invite you to stop by our Visitors Welcome Station.

**Access & Parking:** Our elevator is at the west entrance; handicapped parking is nearby off Franklin St. Other parking is across Mary St. from the church, around the Family Life Center and at Edgar & Michigan Sts. We may also use Deaconess Hospital and Berry Plastics' lots.

**Nametags** help members and visitors. Wear yours each Sunday; then leave it on a rack for next Sunday. If you need one, notify the church office.

**Have you remembered Central in your will?** Bequests show ultimate caring. You may designate your gift as you wish. Undesignated bequests go half to Endowment (earnings of which support building maintenance & local missions) and half to fund major needs.

**2009 CHURCH GOALS:** Radical Hospitality    Passionate Worship    Extravagant Generosity  
Intentional Faith-Development    Risk-Taking Mission and Service

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**"The Mystery and the Majesty"**  
by Joseph M Martin

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata