

Traditional Service Order - 9:30 a.m. November 27, 2011

WE GATHER

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.

WELCOME Abby Warneke
MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD “Emmanuel” – Arr. Larson Letta Fraccaro
INTROIT “Prepare Ye, the Way of the Lord” Chancel Choir
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Schreiber Family
Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
“Waiting for Peace in our Lives” Dialogue
Lighting the First Candle
Prayer by Robert C. Oliphant Unison

**Gracious God,
Your vision of peace and wholeness comes to us
in sweeping revelations and in tiny signs of hope.
Kindle our hearts that we may be a hopeful people.
Keep us from growing weary of waiting
lest we miss the glory of your appearing.
Even so, come quickly, O God. Amen**

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*HYMN OF PRAISE “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” No. 196
THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH Mike Warneke
*Children are invited to the chancel for this time. Following it,
children ages 3 through 5th grade may leave for Kid’s Club.*

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

MESSAGE IN MUSIC “The Promise of Advent” - D. Besig & N. Price Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 7:7-25 Abby Warneke, Liturgist
SERMON “The Gift of Going Second” Mike Warneke

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Prayer Hymn “In the Bleak Midwinter” No. 221

Ushers will collect prayer cards, or you may bring yours up when you pray at the altar.
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
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.**

Prayer Response “Emmanuel” No. 204

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Announcements and Invitation to Share
The Offertory “What Child Is This?” – Arr. Young Organ

*Presentation Chorus

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He’s given, Jesus Christ His Son. [repeat once]**

**And now, let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say I am rich,
Because of what the Lord has done for us. [repeat once]**

Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD’S WORLD

*SENDING HYMN “What Child Is This” No. 219
*BENEDICTION Mike Warneke
POSTLUDE “Von Himel Hoch” – Arr. Bedford Letta Fraccaro

Casual Worship Service - Family Life Center *(Going on simultaneously)*
Patti Wright leading service of: “Our Favorite Carols”

December 4: Invite a Friend Sunday

Combined Service at 9:30 a.m. & Advent Brunch at 10:45 a.m.
Theme: “Waiting for Peace in our Relationships”
Rev. Easley preaching, Choir singing & Communion celebrated
Sermon: “Between a Rock and a Hard Place” - Scripture: Genesis 32:3-12

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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 Streets. 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.

2011 CHURCH GOAL: Growth in Membership, Discipleship, and Service through Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

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Waiting for Peace in Our Lives

“The Gift of Going Second”

Romans 7:7-25