

Order for Worship - 10:30 a.m. December 25, 2011

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 Pastor

MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" - Hayes

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 1:1-4
Dialogue and Candle Lighting The Conder Family
Opening Prayer Unison

God of life and light, as you came on that Christmas morning so many years ago, come to us today. Gather us into your light and love, and fill us with the brightness of your glory. Shine the light of your love into the recesses of our lives, that we may walk in darkness no longer. Amen

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*HYMN OF PRAISE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" - vv. 1, 3 & 6 No. 234

THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH Patti Wright

Children are invited to the chancel for this time. Following it, children ages 3 through 5th grade may leave for Kid's Club.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Hymn "The First Noel" - vv. 1 & 2 No. 245

Ushers will collect prayer cards, or you may bring yours up and/or pray at the altar.

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

Announcements and Invitation

Prayer of Dedication Pastor

The Offertory "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow"
(The ushers will collect & present the offering without a Doxology.)

Homily "Christ's Birth in God's Saving History" Pastor

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS adapted from earlier sources
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Carol "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" No. 224

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Carol "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18

Carol "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - vv. 1 & 2 No. 211

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Patti Wright

Fourth Lesson Micah 5:2-5a

Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" - vv. 1-3 No. 230

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38

Carol "The Virgin Mary" Chancel Choir

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Carol "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Chancel Choir

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16

Carol "Angels from the Realms of Glory" - vv. 1-3 No. 238

Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11

Carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are" No. 254

Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14

*Carol "Joy to the World" No. 246

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Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world.

Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins,

and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be

everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen

*BENEDICTION Pastor

POSTLUDE "Angels We Have Heard on High" - Balcombe

NEXT SUNDAY: New Year's Day (January 1, 2012)

One Service at 10:30 in the Family Life Center with Communion and Covenant Renewal

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 & Hebrews 10:11-18

Sermon: "Re-Newed Relationship with God"

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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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