

Order for Worship - 9:30 a.m. December 4, 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 Pastor

MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD “Angels from the Realms of Glory” Central Carillon

INTROIT “Prepare, Ye, the Way of the Lord” Chancel Choir, joined by Congregation
(Choir will sing first two times; Congregation will join on third and fourth times)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES The Frazier Family
Epistle Lesson 2 Peter 3:8-15a
“Waiting for Peace in our Relationships” Dialogue

Lighting of the Second Candle
Prayer from the Church of Scotland (altered) Unison

**Ever present God,
you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand.
Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son.
Save us from undue love of the world,
that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord,
and so abide in him, that when he shall appear,
we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**
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*HYMN OF PRAISE “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” - vv. 1, 2 & 7 No. 211

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 “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” Choir, Children & Bells
Words by H.W. Longfellow, Music by J. Marks, Arranged by Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 32:3-12 Michael Eggleston, Liturgist

SERMON “Between Iraq and a Hard Place” Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Hymn “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” No. 204
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

INVITATION, CONFESSION, PARDON AND PEACE Hymnal pp. 12-13 Responsive

OFFERTORY Delshawn Taylor, Soloist
(The ushers will collect & present the offering without a Doxology.)

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER Responsive/Unison
from “A Service of Word and Table II”, Hymnal pp. 13-14

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to anyone. Everyone is invited to share in the sacrament of grace. All who are able are encouraged to come forward to receive communion by intinction today. Beginning at the front, the ushers will direct people to come forward by way of the side aisles. People in the center sections will take the center aisle back and side aisle forward. Those from the balcony may fall in line with those from the main floor. Take a piece of bread from the first server, then move to the person with the cup, dip the bread, and commune. Stop at the altar railing for prayer, if you wish, or return directly to your pew by way of a center aisle. Servers will bring the elements to those who wish to remain seated and commune in the pew. Partake as the elements are offered and place the empty cup in the pew holders.

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD’S WORLD

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

*SENDING HYMN “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” No. 218

*BENEDICTION Pastor

POSTLUDE “O’ Come All Ye Faithful” - Young Letta Fraccaro

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent - Combined Service at 9:30 a.m.

Theme: “Waiting for Peace in our World”
Original Children’s Musical Drama: “It’s Christmas Everywhere”

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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 Relationships

“Between Iraq and a Hard Place”

Genesis 32:3-12