

My
SOUL
magnifies
the LORD,
and my
SPIRIT
rejoices
in GOD...

Luke 1:46-47

ORDER OF WORSHIP

“Mary’s Song—And Ours” First Sunday of Advent Dr. Ric Neese, Pastor

December 3, 2006

Ten o’clock

Good Morning!

We welcome all of you to our worship service this Sunday!

Enter in stillness . . . know that the Lord is God. Listen in reverence . . . it is God who has made us.

Sing with delight . . . it is God who hears. Speak with conviction . . . there is no other God.

Depart in peace . . . it is God’s gift for you. Serve with joy . . . it is your gift to God!

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Silent Prayer — We invite you to warmly greet one another until the *Prelude* begins — then please observe the discipline of silent prayer to prepare to worship God.

Music to Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

David Jordan

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming
Jeannine Jordan, Organist

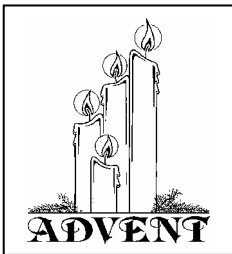
arr. Diane Bish

Choral Introit

Air for Advent

arr. Tom Fettke

Words by Charles Wesley/*Air for the G String* by J.S. Bach



Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,

Born to set Thy people free;

O let us find our rest in Thee.

Hope of all the earth Thou art,

Joy of ev’ry longing heart.

Welcome and Church Family News: If you are a member, friend of the church or a guest today, please PRINT your name, address, and phone number in the registration book.

We invite you to join us for coffee, refreshments and conversation following the worship hour.

*Those who are able are invited to stand

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

MEDITATION — A day of great glory is forecast. The people are told to watch for it at all times. Signs will precede its coming, as trees in leaf declare that summer is near. Advent is a time of such expectancy; its sign is a babe full of promise and hope. Therefore, “look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”
James G. Kirk, *When We Gather*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Merv & Marcia Nerling

Please join and read responsively from the bulletin insert and then sing the song, *I'm Waiting*, during the lighting of the Advent candle

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 25
Bob Lind, Worship Assistant

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
In you I put my trust.

**People: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.**

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

**People: According to your steadfast love remember me,
for you goodness' sake, O Lord!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

WE PRAISE GOD

*SONGS AND PRAYER OF PRAISE *All who are able are invited to stand*

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates #8 Weissel/Williams

All sing Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!

Choir sing Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.

All sing

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

Let's Worship and Adore Him

Let's worship and adore Him,
Let's worship and adore Him,
Let's worship and adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy,
Christ the Lord.

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Deliverer, we entrust to you our confession of sin. We are easily discouraged when our good deeds do not make things better. We fear harm to ourselves if we take too firm a stand. Portents of danger arise about us, and we doubt the future you have promised. We close our eyes to the signs and live for the moment. God, in Christ, forgive our cowardice and blindness, for the sake of him who endured the cross for us.

MOMENTS FOR SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

See Psalm 25:1-10

Leader: The words of the psalmist remind us that the Lord is upright and good. God instructs sinners in the way of righteousness and leads the humble along paths of steadfast love. So wait upon God all the day long, abide in the covenant, and rely on the truth: God is our salvation and worthy of trust.

Congregational Response *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* *Nettleton*

Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, Healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands With the very bread of peace.

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WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:39-56, page 1013 in the pew Bible

SERMON

“Mary’s Song—and Ours”

Pastor Ric Neese

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Only a Baby Came
Chapel by the Sea Choir

Natalie Sleeth
arr. Jerry Rubino

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table — Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread — Pouring of the Cup — Communion of the People

IN RESPONSE TO THE WORD WE OFFER OURSELVES WITH OUR GIFTS

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER & GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**God of promise, you cause the branch of hope to bud and flower; we offer
you the fruit of our labor. May what we do bring reassurance to those
seeking evidence of your goodness. Use our gifts as signs of what
deliverance can mean. We join with the Christ in the struggle for justice;
we commit ourselves to the quest of peace. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

The King of Glory Comes

arr. Wayne Wold

*DOXOLOGY

Angels We Have Heard on High #23

French carol

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION and *THE LORD'S PRAYER* (page 16 in the Hymnal)

PRAYER RESPONSE

Let All Mortal Flesh

arr. Fettke

WE GO OUT TO WORSHIP AND SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

****Benediction Song**

In the Bleak Midwinter #36

Rossetti/Holst

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him?
Give Him my heart.

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*POSTLUDE

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following today's service.

Worship aids from James G. Kirk, *When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship for Years A, B, and C* (Louisville: The Geneva Press, 2001), pp. 253-54.



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The Reverend Mr. James A. McAllister, Pastor Emeritus

Pastor's Office Hours—

Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. to noon

Other times gladly by appointment

This Week's Volunteers & Church Staff are —

WORSHIP LEADER — Bob Lind

GREETERS —

REFRESHMENTS — Karla Hartley

FLOWERS — Advent Wreath

CLEANING — John & Barbara Elliott

MINISTERS OF MUSIC — Nita Arant & Myron Johnston

ORGANISTS — Jeannine Jordan & Estle Harlan

PIANISTS — Estle Harlan, David Jordan & Roberta Porter

CHURCH SECRETARY — Sandy Johnston

HEAD USHER — Bill Porter

PRAYER CHAIN COORDINATOR — Lori Hanson (764-4166)

OFFERING COUNTERS — Parmelee Perry

COMMUNION SERVERS — Dave & Parmelee Perry and Mary Rastler

Sunday, December 17 after worship



These items will be provided —

Turkey & Ham

Dressing & Cranberry sauce

Mashed potatoes & Turkey gravy

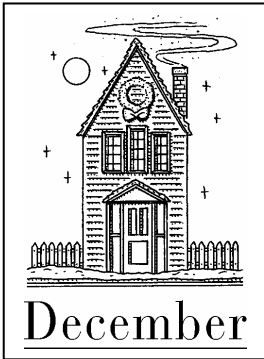
Dinner rolls

Please sign up on the easel in the narthex and bring the following to share—

Salad/vegetable

Sweet potatoes/yams

Dessert

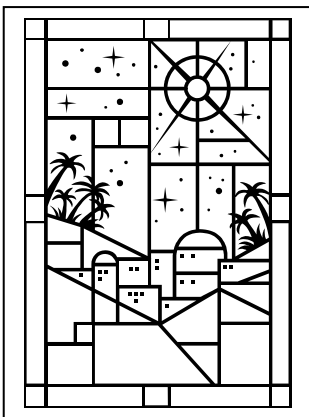


- 3 First Sunday of Advent
Chapel by the Sea leads worship
@ Dorchester House
- 10 Second Sunday of Advent
Handel's *Messiah* @ Salishan at 3 p.m.
- 12 Annual joint dinner meeting of
Elders & Deacons at the church @ 6 p.m.

15 Community Chorus @ St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

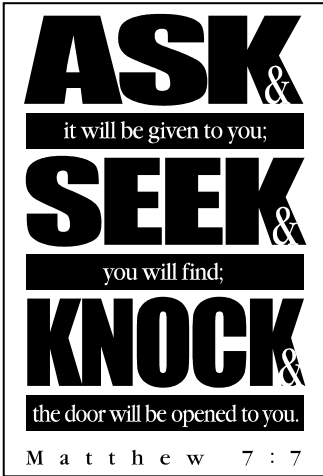
17 *Christmas Oratorio* by Saint-Saens
Chapel by the Sea Choir
Congregational Christmas Dinner after Worship

24 Christmas Worship @ 10 a.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service @ 6 p.m.



Thanks to Pat & Shirley Dunne for providing this year's Christmas tree from their back yard and to Merv & Marcia Nerling for arranging the nativity scene on the table in the narthex and the Advent Candles wreath for the sanctuary.





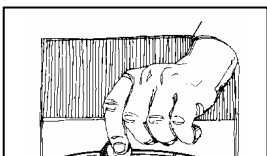
Immediately following today's worship service, an elder of the church will be available in the session room to meet with anyone to assist with these needs —

- ❖ Pray with those who feel led by God's Spirit to dedicate/rededicate their lives as followers of Jesus Christ
- ❖ Pray with you about special needs in your life or for the concerns of family members and friends

- ❖ Provide information regarding the mission and ministry of Chapel by the Sea
- ❖ Provide information about New Member/Inquiry Classes for those who desire to join the ministry and fellowship of Chapel by the Sea

If you have special requests or concerns to share with the pastor, please note them below. Fold this sheet and place it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Neese following the service.

Name (optional) _____



The Christmas Joy Offering will be received Sunday, December 24

What is the Christmas Joy Offering?

A Presbyterian tradition for more than sixty-nine years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need.

The receipts from the offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs and the National Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council to support the eight Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Through the Board of Pensions Financial Assistance Programs, the Christmas Joy Offering recognizes the faithfulness of current and retired church workers by providing funds to help them through difficult times.

To help retired church workers and their surviving spouses the board offers Income Supplements to raise incomes to a level where retirees can live modestly and continue to maintain their independence.

The Presbyterian Church has long promoted education through establishing and supporting racial ethnic schools. Christmas Joy Offering funds help with the basic operating costs in addition to providing scholarships to deserving students. These institutions develop leaders in the church and in society and enable students to pursue their professional goals. All Presbyterian Church (USA) related schools and colleges are open to any qualified student regardless of race. There are presently eight schools supported by the Christmas Joy Offering.

Envelopes will be provided
in the December 10 and 17 worship bulletins to receive the

Christmas Joy Offering
Sunday, December 24!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will coordinate the purchase of Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Plants can be purchased by completing this order form, attaching cash or check payable to Chapel by the Sea for the appropriate amount, and placing the form and payment in the container on the table in the narthex no later than Sunday, December 10.

Questions? Call Myron Johnston @ 996-4017. Profits from the sale of the plants will be used to purchase seasonal decorations for the sanctuary.

Name of Donor _____ Phone # _____

of Poinsettias _____ @ \$11.00 = Total \$ _____

(Make Checks payable to Chapel by the Sea)

Check the category you wish to match with your donation:

- In Loving Memory of ...
- In Appreciation of ...
- In Honor of ...

Print the name of the person you wish to honor/remember:

After today's service:

- Please distribute my poinsettia to a shut-in or to the hospital
- I will pick up my poinsettia after church on December 24
First Sunday of Advent

Lighting the First Advent Candle

Merv & Marcia Nerling

Leader I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope. Psalm 130:5

**Response Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.** Psalm 107:4-5

Leader Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

**Response The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.** Lamentations 3:22-23

Please join in singing the advent song — "I'm Waiting"
on the back side of this sheet
as we light the first candle of Advent

