

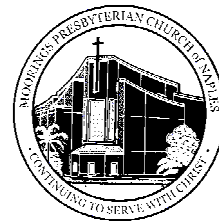
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Sunday, December 4, 2011 ☩ Traditional Worship: 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary ☩ 2nd Sunday of Advent



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

We welcome you as we would welcome Christ Himself, and greet all visitors with a sincere invitation to our programs. Please fill out the information called for in the Friendship Pad and greet one another before and after the service. Guests are encouraged to use temporary name tags available in the Friendship Pad and at the Visitor's Center. *Note: If you have not given us your e-mail address, please include it on the Friendship Pad so we can include you in our weekly e-mails announcing events and activities.*

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Jim Smith School Scholarship Fund (Glenn Haughie)

PREPARATION FOR THE SERVICE

A time of silent preparation readies all worshippers to hear and respond to the risen Christ.

Please silence all cell phones.

PRELUDE

Ave Maris Stella

Edvard Grieg

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Surprising God, Your word set wonder in motion. Like Mary, we are filled with amazement that You have found favor with us and that You choose to be present to the world through us. We join Mary in giving birth to hope, to love, to peace for all creation, and in all corners of the world. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, whom we follow. Amen.

INTROIT

Carol of the Advent

Besançon Carol Tune; arr. Philip Dietterich

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth: Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Leave your darkness at the door.

All: The season of light is dawning.

One: It is a time of celebrating:

All: The birth of hopes,

One: The flame of compassion,

All: The cradle of wonder,

One: The bud of peace.

All: The darkness is fading.

One: We are finished with waiting.

All: Bring in the season of light and joy.

***HYMN 22**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

- 1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*
- 2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

- 3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*
- 4. All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

Holy God, forgive us. In this season of anticipation, the voices of advertisers and culture compete for our attention, drowning out Your voice. We busy ourselves with tasks we *think* we're supposed to do and neglect those things we ought to do. Those things You call us to do, we do grudgingly and without joy. We lack the generous spirit of Mary, who heard Your call and assented without question. Instead of feeling put upon, she lifted her voice in a song of honor and wonder. Renew our spirits. Fill our hearts with joy and song so others see in us the grace and mercy You have given us through Your Son. Instill in us a spirit of gratitude. Open our eyes and ears, and prepare our hearts to receive the most precious gift of all. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (for all to sing) *Song of Mary*

MERLE'S TUNE

*My soul proclaims with wonder the greatness of the Lord;
Rejoicing in God's goodness, my spirit is restored.
To me has God shown favor, to one the world thought frail,
And every age will echo the angel's first "All hail."*

-Carl P. Daw

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Jim Kirk

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Comfort Ye My People

Carlton Young

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God.
Comfort, those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover and her warfare now is over.
Hark the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
Calling us to new repentance since the Kingdom now is here.

***DOXOLOGY** (592)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION and ILLUMINATION**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1: 26-38 (p. 49); Evyn Graefe

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

"REFUSING JOY"

Rev. Richard Hill

***HYMN 9**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*3. O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: O Lord our God, Creator and Ruler of the universe, the earth is full of Your knowledge and glory. You made all creatures to live in peace and safety, and sent a little child to lead us. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Baptized by John, Christ came to deliver us from sin, and to pour out the Holy Spirit upon Your church. By our faith in Christ, we have the hope of eternal life. Remembering Your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of His coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to Your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By Your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with Your Church in all the world. Fill us with wisdom and understanding, knowledge and power, and grant that we may live in harmony with one another as we await the coming of the kingdom of heaven.

All: **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SACRAMENT GIVEN AND RECEIVED

*As is our tradition, please partake of the bread immediately
but hold the cup until all have been served.*

COMMUNION HYMNS (for all to sing)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

Bob McGee

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Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Repeat twice

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Andraé Crouch

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

God of new beginnings, You draw near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen and renew us; kindle in us the fire of Your Spirit. May the songs of your angels resonate with joy in our hearts, souls and minds. We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel. Amen.

*HYMN 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

1. *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

Does its successive journeys run,

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,

Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

3. *People and realms of every tongue*

Dwell on His love with sweetest song,

And infant voices shall proclaim

Their early blessings on His name.

2. *To Him shall endless prayer be made,*

And praises throng to crown His head;

His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise

With every morning sacrifice.

4. *Blessings abound where'er He reigns;*

The prisoners leap to lose their chains,

The weary find eternal rest,

And all who suffer want are blest.

5. *Let every creature rise and bring*

Honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again,

And earth repeat the loud Amen!

*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE (for all to sing)

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*POSTLUDE

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Paul Manz

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for Him Who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light and grace!

*Please stand if you are able.