

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**December 18, 2011**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**           “Silver Bells”                           Eusung Choe  
                          Trombone

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Call to Worship**   (sung by all)  
**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!**

**Announcements and Affirmation of Community**

**Hymn**           “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”                           #29  
                          (Praise Band)

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised kingdom. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us the wisdom to seek things that will endure. May we welcome the coming of Christ into our world and into our hearts in this season of Advent and always.**  
(silent prayers) Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Congregational Response** (Sung, from hymn #23)

**Glor .o...o....o...o..ria in excelsis Deo;**  
**Glo .o ...o....o.. o..ria in excelsis De—o.**

**Dedication of Life and Substance**

**Offertory** “Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming” Catharine Weiss  
Piano

**Doxology** (#593, Avery and Marsh)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low**

**Praise God, a-bove, ye heaven-ly host,**

**Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.**

**A-men, A-men. A-men.**

**A-men. A-men. A-men, A-men.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Concerns of the Church**

**Prayers of the People**

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

**Hymn** “Away in a Manger” #25  
**Recognition of Departing Staff Member** Lori Ann Amons

**“Christmas in Bethlehem”**

Church School children and friends

[Adapted from a pageant written by Jane Boldenow and produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service.]

**Old Testament Prophecies**

**Anthem** “Pat-A-Pan” arr. Hopson David & Carol Carpenter  
Piano/Organ Duet

**The Forerunner**

**\*Hymn** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #41

**The Nativity**

**Anthem** “Mary Did You Know” Praise Band

**Shepherd’s Dialogue**

**Shepherd’s Poem** “The Shepherd and the Lamb”

**Angel Choir** “Angels We Have Heard On High”

**The Story of the Wise Men**

**Hymn** “We Three Kings of Orient Are” #66  
(vs. 1 & 5 only)

**Wise Men Dialogue**



## **PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK OF December 18, 2011**

Alan & Jennie Booth

Bob & Helen Booth

Kit & Sally Booth

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Linda & Al Tripp

Arthur Newgarden

Laura Zehr

Jaimie Svenson

Audrey Walker

Christina King

Joel Keltner (in Afghanistan)

Candy & John Wagner

Joe Krugler (in Afghanistan)

Davin Blow

Connor Marvin

Tim Blow

Marilee Patnode

The family of Louise Long

Wally Hauver (Kay Haupt's brother)

The family of Russ Clark

### **This Afternoon:**

**Christmas Candlelight Concert** – Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

The Adult Choir is proud to present their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The choir will sing a lovely selection of seasonal anthems which are sure to prepare your hearts for the coming of the Messiah.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please invite a friend or neighbor to come with you. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall following the concert. Won't you take time out from your busy holiday schedule and join us for this performance? You'll be glad you did!

**Christmas Caroling – Tuesday, December 20** Directly following the Family Meeting here at 5:30, we will meet at Lake Forest at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of Christmas Caroling with our church members. Bring a dozen cookies to share for refreshments afterwards at the home of Stuart and Linda Voss at 38 Hillcrest Avenue from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

### **Christmas Schedule**

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Candlelight Concert 4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Caroling 7:00 p.m. at Lakeforest

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Eve Children's Service at 4:00

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**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** - Service of Lessons and Carols at 9:30 a.m.

This morning we will receive the **Christmas Joy Offering** for our denomination. Proceeds from the offering are divided: 50% goes to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and 50% to racial ethnic PC (USA) schools.

**Youth Groups:** Monday, December 19th will be one meeting time for all youth from 5:00-7:00. In honor of Christmas time we will light the Advent wreath one last time, play games, and end with white elephant gift exchange. Dinner will be potluck.

**Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** will be held on Saturday, January 7th from 5:00-7:00 PM. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under age 6, and \$10 at the door that night. Take out will again be offered. Youth will sell tickets during coffee hour each Sunday, or they can be purchased during the week from Marianne Wilson in the office.

**Church Family Meeting:** Tuesday, December 20th from 5:30-6:30. All families are invited to join in the conversation and share their thoughts and any concerns. A soup and bread meal will be provided for dinner, we'll eat while we talk. Afterwards join us for caroling, a wonderful family tradition we all can share in. If you can't make it, please get an agenda ahead of time and fill in your thoughts so they can be shared at the meeting. See Marianne Wilson for questions, agenda, or last meeting's minutes.

Thank you to all who lent their card tables for the Tea and Bazaar – please pick yours up in fellowship hall!

The session has approved a request from the Nurture Council to change the schedule for Sunday School to provide more time for families and children to go to coffee hour after the 9:30 a.m. service, 10:45 a.m. Praise Time 11:00 -11:45 a.m. Sunday School.

The **Poinsettias** in the sanctuary today have been given by the following members and families to the honor and glory of God.

**In loving memory of:**

**DOROTHY H. RANSOM and MR. & MRS. KENNETH P. HINZ -**  
by the Stanley Ransom Jr. family.

**NATALIE SANDWICH and EDWARD & MARY WASHBURN -**  
Vicki & Ed Washburn.

**KIAH & MARY MAYNARD -** by Janora Stone.

**FRANK & ROSE CARPENTER, ALICE & VICTOR KELTNER**  
and **HATTIE ECKER -** by David & Carol Carpenter.

**NOELLA DIETRICH CRIGHTON -** by Rev. Kathleen Crighton.

**JANE & PAUL FROELICK and HENIETTA & GERALD**

**PENDLETON -** Richard & Sally Pendleton

**GEORGE CHANEY -** by Sharon Chaney.

**BEA HUNT -** by Thelma Douglas.

**LOVED ONES -** by Jim & Anne Bailey.

**JOHN H. SMITH -** by Marilyn Smith.

**MARILYN WILLIAMS -** by the Williams family.

**EARL MEISENHEIMER -** by Louise Meisenheimer.

**HELENA W. POTTER -** by the Laughlin family.

**JIM'S PARENTS & BECKY'S DAD -** Jim & Becky Amorelli.

**SARAH DAVIS & HARRIETT SHOEMAKER -** by Bob & Jeanne  
Davis.

The **wreaths** in the sanctuary today have been given by the following members and families to the honor and glory of God.

**In loving memory of:**

**BENJAMIN DAVIES and MELISSA DAVIES -** by Millie Davies.

**EDWARD A. and GLADYS MCSHANE -** by the Voss family.

**BILL PAULING -** by Jan Pauling

**FLORENCE & RUSSELL CAMPBELL and JOHN MAZUR Sr. -**  
by John & Joy Mazur.

**JESSE ALEXANDER, LEONARD VOSS, MARTHANN VOSS**  
and **VESTA VOSS -** by the Voss family.

**In honor of**

**JOHN & VEENA VOSS -** by Steven & Beverly Schacht

**MATTHEW & ERIN VOSS -** by Steven & Beverly Schacht

**BOB & MARIAN MERRILL and KEN & MARILYN WHALLEY -** by  
Bill, Karen, Russell and Laura Merrill.

## Pageant Cast

Narrator 1: Chloe Berry  
Narrator 2: Kaley DuBrey  
Narrator 3: Philip Yang  
Narrator 4: Quinn Stebbins  
Narrator 5: Andrew Baker

### **The Nativity:**

Gabriel: Emma Snook  
Mary: Hailey Moore  
Joseph: Andrew Baker  
Innkeeper: Carsen Coleman  
Baby Jesus: Evelyn Palma

### **Shepherds:**

1. Cade Berry
2. Caleb Moore
3. Lily Wilson
4. Bode Curilla
5. Joshua Burgin

### **Little Shepherds:**

Lucas Curilla, Luke Haley, Gabriel Snook, Landon Beckstead

### **Angels:**

Kaleb Pecoraro, Madison Bokus, Nycia Towle, Faline Yang,  
Abby Putnam, Rylee Provost

### **Wise Men**

- 1: Sally Blow
- 2: Neil Yang
- 3: Luke Moore

**King Herod:** Alex Wilson

### **Little Animals:**

Olivia Burgin, Tessa Coleman, Jacob Haley, Alan Desotelle,  
Grace Duley, Christian Sutton