

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#579, The Hymnal

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Reason for the Season

Hearing God's Word

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Light a candle in the darkness, Light a candle in the night, Let the love of Jesus light us like a candle in the night. (*Lights the first candle*)

People: **He did not come in wealth and grandeur. He did not stand with men of power. He had no status to commend him. He was homeless, he was poor.**

(Children may come forward for worship bags.)

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

She Flies On!

#86, Lift Up Your Hearts

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Isaiah 64: 1-9

pew Bible pp. 652-653

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Mark 13:24-37

pew Bible pp. 47-48

THE ANTHEM

And the Glory

G. F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

THE SERMON

"Show Yourself"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and of the manifestation of his own glory.

—Chapter 1, 3:01, Scots Confession

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

About The Affirmation of Faith

The PC (USA) Book of Confessions is a collection of Confessions from the church in many ages and many different situations. Therefore, its expressions of faith cover a multitude of theological opinions, many of which are obviously influenced by who participated in their preparation and the times and customs of their era. While not necessarily agreeing with every statement precisely, our Ministers, Elders, and Deacons swear to be guided by its principles and truths. We select a passage from one of these Confessions each month to experience and explore the breadth and depth of our heritage.

For the month of November, we will be using an extract from the *Scots Confession*. The *Scots Confession*, charter document of the Church of Scotland, emerged from a protracted period of political and ecclesiastical turmoil during which religious leadership often proved a risky business. In 1560, the Scottish Parliament commissioned six prominent ministers (John Douglas, John Knox, John Row, John Spottiswood, John Willock and John Winram) to write a statement of Protestant Christian faith. Knox, who during periods of exile had studied in Geneva with John Calvin and also ministered to the English-speaking congregation there, is generally thought to have exerted a strong influence over the document.

Music Notes

The Music for this First Sunday in Advent reflects the Season and the Expectation of New Life. "And the Glory" is the familiar and most loved chorus from G.F. Handel's "Messiah." Based on only one verse of Scripture, Isaiah 40: 5, this stirring chorus is imitative in structure and culminates on the word of the "Lord."

Advent 2008 Worship Schedule

November 30 th	1 st Sunday of Advent
December 7 th	2 nd Sunday of Advent, Communion "Las Posadas" Children's Pageant
December 14 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent Sanctuary Choir Special Music
December 21 st	4 th Sunday of Advent Lessons and Carols Christmas Joy Offering Received
December 24 th	Christmas Eve Services 6:00 pm: Service of Bells Service of the Bells. Bring your favorite bell to ring! Jingle bells will also be provided. 11:00 pm: Traditional Candlelight Service
December 28 th	1 st Sunday after Christmas (no Sunday School)



What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (30)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Adult Sunday School Class in Chapel
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, First Sunday of Advent
Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC

MONDAY, DECEMBER (1)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
No Learning Tree Nursery School
- 10:00 AM Pastor's Book Study
- 4:30 PM Hanging of the Greens Open House

TUESDAY, DECEMBER (2)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 5:30 PM Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Baltimore St. YMCA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER (3)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 6:00 PM Middlers & Girls Teams Basketball Practice
- 6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Sr. High Boy's Basketball Practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER (4)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School

FRIDAY, DECEMBER (5)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School

SATURDAY, DECEMBER (6)

- 10:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal