

Morning Worship
November 29, 2009
First Sunday in Advent

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Gordon Young

THE INTROIT *To A Maid Engaged to Joseph* "Annunciation"

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 25: 4, 5

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me in your paths.

**People: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #9 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* "Veni Emmanuel"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Leader: In the beginning when it was dark, God said "Let there be light".

**People: Jesus said, "No one lights a lamp and puts it under a cover; instead it is
put on a lamp-stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the
same way your light must shine before others, so that they will see the
good you do and praise God."**

**We thank God for the people whose lives have been like a light in a dark
place to us. We pray that we ourselves shall shine bright in God's service.
May the light of God lead us and make us unafraid. May the power of God
protect us and make us strong. May the light of Jesus illuminate and make
bright even our darkest moments, thoughts and actions. Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#572, The Hymnal

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#18, v. 6, The Hymnal

**The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
Unto Zion we come with joy, For our God has come to save us.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION (Children may come forward for worship bags.)

Hearing God's Word

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Welcome children and elders, friends and strangers. (*Light the first candle*)

People: **We come to God's house.**

* SONG

There Is a Longing

#141, Lift Up Your Hearts

Anne Quigley

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Judges 9:6-15

pew Bible p. 217

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Luke 21:29-33

pew Bible p. 80

THE ANTHEM *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Gustav Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.
Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
At His feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence as with ceaseless voice they cry.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!

THE SERMON

"The Pursuit of Happiness"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO Prelude on "Vom Himmel hoch, de komm' ich her" Zachau

* THE DOXOLOGY #592 The Hymnal

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

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING #2 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* "Hyfrydol"

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* SUNG BENEDICTION *Rejoice! Rejoice!* "Veni Emmanuel"

(We will not be holding hands during flu season)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. (repeat)

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE Hyfrydol

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

Music Notes

The music for this morning's worship service reflects the theme of the Advent season. Gustav Holst's arrangement of "Let All Mortal Flesh" gradually builds in dynamics and triumphs on the last verse in text, dynamics and sound. Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712) composed three preludes on this familiar German chorale "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her" (From heaven above to earth I Come). The one heard this morning is the first in the series.



NEXT SUNDAY! "The Give-Away"

A Christmas Story

Pageant

December 6 at 11 am

Based on the children's book "The Give-Away: A Christmas Story" by Ray Buckley, this year's pageant has a Native American theme. The widespread practice of "the give-away" among Native people along with the restoring of humanity to "all our relations" (two-legged, four-legged and those who fly) reflect the deep richness in meaning of Jesus birth.



THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON is almost here! On **Saturday, December 5th** from **10 am to 2 pm** we will have our S.O.S. Mission Fair in the Fellowship Hall. Visit displays from 10 local non-profits, learn about our overseas mission projects and donate to any of these organizations in honor or memory of a loved one. Free notification cards for your gifts will be available. You can also purchase items from Ten Thousand Villages or stunning olive wood carvings from Bethlehem. And, don't forget to stop by the GAFOSAC table and grab a bite to eat. Bring your family and friends to this exciting event!



What's Happening This Week:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (29)

9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service, 1st Sunday in Advent
Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC
6:00 PM GAFOSAC Dinner & Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER (30)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
NO Learning Tree Preschool
6:00 PM Christian Ed Meeting in Pastor's Study
7:00 PM Cumberland Choral Society Rehearsal

TUESDAY, DECEMBER (1)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
6:30 PM Worship Committee Mtg. in Parlor
6:30 PM Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Westside School
7:00 PM Joint Mission Meeting in Library

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER (2)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
6:30 PM Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Cresaptown
7:30 PM Jr. High Basketball Practice at Cresaptown
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER (3)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
5:00 PM Potluck Supper
6:00 PM Hanging of the Greens

FRIDAY, DECEMBER (4)

Church Office Open
Learning Tree Preschool

SATURDAY, DECEMBER (5)

9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM S.O.S. Mission Fair

SUNDAY, DECEMBER (6)

9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service, 2nd Sunday in Advent
Communion, Children's Pageant,
Mitten & Hats Collected, Moment for Mission,
On the Air WCBC
12:00 PM Ten Thousand Villages Display in
Heritage Room
12:00 PM GAFOSAC Packaging Event