



The Give-Away

A Christmas Story

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Morning Worship December 6, 2009
2nd Sunday in Advent

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM: Meditation (quiet meditation)

11:00 AM: Chiming of the Hour

Drums

Prelude

Recording

Introit

Heleluya

Native American (Muscogee)

He-le-lu-yan, he-le-lu-yan; he-le, he-le-lu-yan; He-le-lu-yan, he-le-lu-yan; he-le, he-le-lu-yan.
(translated al-le-lu-ia)

Entering God's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Genesis 1:1-4 and John 1:1-5

Leader: In the beginning of creation,
when God made heaven and earth,
the earth was without form and void.
Darkness was over the face of the deep,
and a mighty wind swept over the waters.
God said, "Let there be light",
and there was light.

People: **God saw that the light was good,
And God separated the light from darkness.**

Leader: When all things began, the Word already was.
The Word dwelt with God.
and what God was, the Word was.
Through him all things came to be;
no single thing was created without him.
All that came to be was alive with his life,
and that life was the light of the world.

People: **The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness has never put it out.**



* HYMN OF PRAISE #271

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Things

Dakota Hymn

PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE & AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We pray for peace on earth, but commit acts of violence in our daily lives which make peace impossible. To protect ourselves and our reputations, we maintain the corrupt and unjust status quo. We can be self-righteous and controlling, and are quick to judge and exclude. When communication fails and when we break trust or promises, we push away the people closest to us. When we are poor listeners, react too quickly, and fail to express ourselves, we hurt those who want the best for us. We destroy our communities every time we miss an opportunity to help. Our consumption is exploitative and oppressive. When we refuse to reduce and don't reuse or recycle like we should, we destroy Creation. We find it easy to spend too much on what we don't need, but difficult to defend the lives of people who produce what we do. We abuse our power every time we close our eyes and choose to ignore those without the privilege of choice. We turn our heads instead of offering even our spare change, much less comfort or love.

With every act of violence we commit, we hurt ourselves. We deny ourselves opportunities, the kindness of others, and Sabbath. We are swallowed by guilt, self-doubt, and isolation. We ask for help in becoming better stewards of this life we have been given. Fill us with grace that makes our words more thoughtful and our actions more intentional, so that your hope and peace can flow out into the world. We pray in the name of all-loving Jesus, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#63, Lift Up Your Hearts

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

Heleluya

#595, The Hymnal
Native American (Muscogee)

He-le-lu-yan, He-le-lu-yan; he-le, he-le-lu-yan; He-le-lu-yan, he-le-lu-jan; he-le, he-le-lu-yan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Reason for the Season



Hearing God's Word

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Leader: Light a candle in the darkness, Light a candle in the night,
Let the peace of Jesus light us like a candle in the night.
(*Light the first and second Advent candles.*)

**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.**

**But he came to heal the wounded and he came to heal the scars of a world
that's bruised and broken where the image has been marred.**

ANTHEM

Ding Dong Merrily on High!

Children's Choir

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #61

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Native American (Huron)

THE LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

Pew Bible p. 54-55

THE MESSAGE

"The Give-Away: A Christmas Story"

Our Response to God's Love

SACRAMENT OF THE LORDS SUPPER/ WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS

When you are asked to come forward to receive communion, please bring your offering and any books, mittens/hats you wish to donate. Those who cannot come forward will be offered communion at their seat.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.



- * HYMN OF PARTING #60 *Silent Night* Dakota
(Choir sings first verse in Lakota, Congregation sings vs. 2-4 from the Hymnal)

Han-he-pi, wa - kan - kin, En O-was wi-you-skin-yan,
Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright,

Hun-ku Cin-ca, kdu-ha, yan - ka, Christ wa-kan-yan ton-pi kin on,
Round 'yon Virgin, mother and child, Holy Infant so tender and mild,

Wan- kan wo-o-ki-ye! Wan-kan wo-o-ki-ye!
Sleep in heavenly peace! Sleep in heavenly peace!

- * SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Wowahwa!

People: **Wowahwa!**

- *BENEDICTION *Rejoice! Rejoice* "Veni Emmanuel"
(We will not be holding hands during the flu season)

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

Going Forth in God's Love

- * THE POSTLUDE Recording

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand



The **Prayer of Confession** is a compilation of the responses of youth who went on a prayer walk around Cumberland on September 20. They were asked to silently think about and then write down those places where they saw themselves committing violence against their friends and families, communities, the earth, the poor and powerless, those people unlike them, and themselves.

The **Prayers of the People** are based on the prayers of youth who attended the prayer walk on September 20th. The youth prayed together, individually, through song, and through Power Point presentation in thanksgiving, confession, and intercession for the world around them. They were guided by prayers such as a "Prayer for World Peace" (Joan D. Chittitster, PaxChristi USA), a Franciscan blessing, a prayer written by a group of Brazilian young people, and the song "Travelers on a Journey."



What's Happening This Week:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER (6)

9:00 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 Goes to the Union Rescue Mission

MONDAY, DECEMBER (7)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
4:30 PM Finance & Admin. Mtg in Parlor
5:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Mtg. in Parlor
7:00 PM 200th Anniversary Committee Mtg. in Parlor
7:00 PM Cumberland Choral Society Rehearsal

TUESDAY, DECEMBER (8)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
6:00 PM BB/BS Holiday Dinner in Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Westside School

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER (9)

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 (10)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
7:00 PM Session Meeting in Library

FRIDAY, DECEMBER (11)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

SATURDAY, DECEMBER (12)

8:00 AM Youth Volunteer at Union Rescue Mission
9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM JoyBells Rehearsal