

**December 24, 2011**

**7:30 p.m.**

(\* Denotes the congregation should stand if able)

**PRELUDE** **A CAROL FANTASY - WILSON**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Liturgist**  
**(PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER.)**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** ***“Lift Up Your Heads”*** **#8 v. 1**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** **Scott Chapman Family**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **Liturgist**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**People: We will sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of the horn.**

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**People: We will sing you a new song, O God, for the marvelous things you have done!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**\*OPENING HYMN** ***“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*** **#29**

***“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*** **#31**

**OPENING PRAYER** **Pastor**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** **Liturgist**

When the light of God’s glory shines on us, we may be terrified as were the shepherds on a hillside near Bethlehem. Light reveals our secret sins, our unfaithfulness, our stubborn pursuit of our own agendas. Yet the light beckons us with the hope of a better way. Let us seek it as we make our confession.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** **(UNISON)**

**O Lord, we seek status and a higher social standing by seeking the company of those that we are comfortable with, and those capable of benefiting us. Yet, the arrival of our Lord and Savior was announced by the glory of the Lord and His angels, to ones who smelled of sheep, and sleep outdoors. We look after our own cares and comfort, carefully accumulating material things and wealth from which we find comfort and security. When we are not hiding from the problems of the world and of our society, we place our hope and faith in our technology, and our own collective ingenuity. We place our faith in the might of our military, the power of our economy, and the pride of our past, yet we fail to trust in you, oh Lord. We seldom seek you, or choose to include you in our lives, O God, let alone thank, praise and honor You. We seek glory and praise for ourselves – not for you. We repent of**

**our ways, and seek our forgiveness in Christ. Hear us Holy God.**

*(Time of silent prayer)*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**LITURGIST**

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to rescue sinners. There is now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** ***Gloria Patri #579***

**SPECIAL MUSIC** **“MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS”** **ROSEMARY MASON,  
MATT TAN Creti,  
AND JOHN TAN Creti**

**OT READING: ISAIAH 9:2-7** **PG 489**

**EPISTLE: TITUS 2:11-14** **PG 844**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 2:8-20** **PG 725**

**CAROLS** **“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”** **#38 v. 1, 2**  
**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** **#44 v. 1,2**

**SERMON:** **“If You Only Believe…….”** **Pastor Seefeldt**

**THE OFFERTORY** **MANGER LULLABY - MARTIN**

**DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY** **#592**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**COMMUNION HYMN** **“Away in a Manger”** **#25 v.1**

***THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION*** **(Insert)**

**THE CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

**(The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another. The worshipers’ candles shall be extinguished when the minister’s candle is extinguished.)**

**THE CAROL**                      **“Silent Night, Holy Night”**                      **#60**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      **“Joy to the World!”**                      **#40**

**\*CHARGE**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**                      **JOY TO THE WORLD - RITTER**

**Liturgist: Marilyn Jepsen**

**Organist: Ann Voggesser**

**Audio: Bob Irwin**

**Video: Bob Irwin**

**Choir Director: Kristy Zenk**

**Ushers: Gayle & Scott Chapman**

**Greeters: Beth & Dean Argotsinger**

**Assisting in Communion today are: Harold & Elaine Chapman, Scott & Gayle Chapman**

**Announcements**

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 25, 2011**

**WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 25, 2011 AT  
10:30 A.M.**