

**December 11, 2011**

**10:30 a.m.**

(\* Denotes the congregation should stand if able)

**PRELUDE** CHRISTMAS MEDLEY – RINEHART

\*CHORAL INTROIT

**CHOIR**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Liturgist**

**(PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER.)**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

*“Lift Up Your Heads”*

**#8v. 1**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**Bob & Sharon Irwin Family**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Liturgist**

Leader: God is in our midst; do not fear. God rejoices to renew our lives in steadfast love.

**People: God gathers us for this time of worship. God claims us and promises us a home.**

Leader: Trust in God who is our strength and life. Give thanks to God, the source of our salvation.

**People: We will sing praises and exalt God’s name. With joyous shouts, we will tell of God’s glorious deeds.**

Leader: Rejoice in God, whatever your circumstances. Remember the good fortune God has shared with you.

**People: We will not worry as we seek God’s peace. We open our hearts and minds to God’s leading.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

**#44**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor**

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Liturgist**

God’s winnowing fork separates faithful ones from the unfaithful, honest ones from the dishonest, gentle ones from those who vent their anger against the innocent. God seeks to remove the chaff from our lives that we might recognize our one true worth as God’s children. Let us seek God’s healing.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**(UNISON)**

All-knowing God, we confess our worry and anxiety over unimportant matters. We admit the fears that make us defensive instead of loving. We acknowledge our resentment over losses we have sustained and oppression we have suffered. We recognize that we have been far more concerned for our own welfare than for the building up of Christ’s body, the church. In our congregation, we have focused on survival more than service. We look for what we can gain more than for what we can give. Re-establish your rule among us, we pray, and save us from ourselves. Amen.

*(Time of silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**LITURGIST**

God has good news of freedom for oppressed and captive people, of comfort for the brokenhearted and mourning ones, of hope for those who are devastated. God offers salvation and welcomes us into a covenant relationship. Surely our hearts will know joy, and our voices will ring with laughter. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.!

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri #579*

**SHARING OF BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

**LORD’S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)**

**RESPONSE** *Be Calm My Soul* (Insert in front of Blue hymnal) v. 1

**ANTHEM**

**SILENT NIGHT, SILENT WORLD – ALTHOUSE**

**CHOIR**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 2:8-15**

**PG. 725**

**CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**

**THE CAPE**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles’ Creed, traditional, Page 14)

**THE OFFERTORY**

**MANGER LULLABY - MARTIN**

**DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

\*Doxology **#592**

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN

**“Joy to the World!”**

**#40**

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE

*“Find Us Faithful”*

**on Screen**

\*POSTLUDE

**HERALD ANGELS - SIMONE**

**Liturgist: Jerry Boettger**

**Organist: Ann Voggesser**

**Audio: Bob Irwin**

**Video: Bob Irwin**

**Choir Director: Kristy Zenk**

**Greeters: Deb & Steve Fitzgerald**

**Ushers: Phyllis & Les Lewis**

## Announcements

Pray for those in the military: Brandon Burns, Tyler Prussing, John Torres, Derrick Franck, and David Franck.

REMINDER: We encourage all members to pay their per capita of \$26.10 to the church at your earliest convenience, if you have not done so. Thank you.

PLEDGE CARDS: If you have not returned your 2012 pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thanks!!

### THIS WEEK:

Rev. Seefeldt will be in the office and making calls Tuesday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. this week. If you need assistance, please give him a call at 263-5332 or 263-2971. If you prefer a pastoral visit, please contact the office at 263-4130.

Today, December 11<sup>th</sup>: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 10:30 a.m. followed by  
Christian Ed Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: Denison Community Blood Drive – Crawford County Memorial  
Hospital 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY at Family Table 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: MINISTERIAL MEETING – Presbyterian Church – NOON  
BINGO @ Denison Care Center 2:00 p.m.  
YOUTH GROUP at Methodist Church 6:00 p.m.  
DEACONS MEETING 6:30 p.m.  
CHANCEL CHOIR 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>: BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m.  
SESSION & DEACON TRAINING for new elders and deacons 6:00 p.m.  
SESSION MEETING 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>: CHOIR CANTATA during Worship 10:30 a.m.  
F&O HORS D'OEURVES & COFFEE 11:30 a.m.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Dorothy Pollock family. Her brother passed away on Wednesday, December 7 and his funeral was Saturday, December 10.

PRAYERS FOR: Laura Goettsch, Dale Kinney, Bob Irwin, Michele Olson, Ron Evilsizer, Charles Kruse, Fred Worrell, Barb Saunders, and Wayne McVicker(cousin of Lue Baker).

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Leo Burmeister, Putsy Powell, Dale Saunders, Mary Jean Rasmussen, Ron Bierma, Leona Philipp, and our church family.