

December 18, 2011

10:30 a.m.

(* Denotes the congregation should stand if able)

PRELUDE NOEL JOYEUX – YOUNG

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 Al & Michele Olson Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: Come away to this place of rest and renewal; Let your spirits rejoice in the presence of God.

People: We will sing of God’s steadfast love for all people. We will proclaim God’s faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: God looks with favor on the humble and lowly. God’s covenant does not focus on rank or position.

People: God strengthens those who are weak. The proud are scattered in the thoughts of their hearts.

Leader: Blessed are those who walk in God’s light. Blessed are all who say ‘yes’ to God’s call.

People: Let the heavens proclaim the wonders of God. Let all the earth rejoice in Christ’s coming.

***OPENING HYMN** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” #22

OPENING PRAYER Pastor

CALL TO CONFESSION Liturgist

The promises of God are meant for all to enjoy. Yet we have broken covenant and declared our independence from the Giver of Life. Then, when we are brought down from the thrones of our pretension, we wonder why. Let us confess the sin that separates us from God’s promises.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious God, in whom all things are possible, we confess that we have doubted what we cannot explain. We have sought strength and enjoyment apart from you. We have taken pride in ownership more than giving praise through stewardship. We have neglected to thank you, either in good times or when you have supported us during days of uncertainty. We have resisted the newness you offer. Forgive us, we pray, for installing ourselves as reigning deities. Lead us, rather, in paths of trust and obedience. Amen.

(Time of silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LITURGIST

God does not turn away from steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful. The rock of our salvation keeps covenant with us despite our iniquity. God’s mercy is for all who humbly seek it. God fills the hungry with good things, but the rich are sent away empty. If we have chosen to receive forgiveness and to move away for self-absorption, we will understand God’s pardon and live joyously within it. Jesus said: “The one who comes to me, I will never cast out.” 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

The Offertory ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID’S CITY – GAUNTLETT

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

***Doxology** #592

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PROCESSIONAL “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #41

THE CANTATA “Shout the Good News!” **CHOIR**

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** IN EXCELSIS DEO - ELLIS

Liturgist: Jerry Boettger

Organist: Ann Voggesser

Audio: Bob Irwin

Video: Bob Irwin

Choir Director: Kristy Zenk

Greeters: Betty & Ken Davis

Ushers: Elaine & Harold Chapman

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 18th: CHOIR CANTATA during worship at 10:30 a.m. followed by
F&O Hors d'oeuvres and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 20th: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY at Family Table 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 21st: YOUTH GROUP at Methodist Church 6:00 p.m.
CHANCEL CHOIR 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 22nd: NO BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, December 24th: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE/COMMUNION 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th: CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 26th: OFFICE CLOSED

The United Presbyterian Church was pleased to be able to donate three complete Christmas turkey dinners to three families in this community, thanks to Deb Wieman, daughter of Kenny Buck. Deb's generosity is much appreciated by the Presbyterian Church and the families who will enjoy the meals.

THANK YOU – I wish to thank Marilyn for getting my groceries for me. I really appreciate this very much.
Ruth Overhue

PRAYERS FOR: Garry Chapman, Tanner Gotto, Scott Chapman, 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.