

November 27, 2011

10:30 a.m.

(* Denotes the congregation should stand if able)

PRELUDE NOEL SUR LES FLUTES – AQUIN

***CHORAL INTROIT**

CHOIR

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

SUE & ROGER MOHR FAMILY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Come, God is seeking to gather us together. Like a shepherd searching for lost sheep, God calls us.

People: The Spirit of God has summoned us here. Dare we believe that God knows and welcomes us?

Leader: God reaches out to rescue all who have strayed. Scattered, weak, and injured ones are drawn to God.

People: We come, in need of healing, seeking a blessing. Our faith draws us here, in spite of our doubts.

Leader: Come, above all else, to worship and give thanks. Make a joyful noise to the Creator of all worlds.

People: God’s steadfast love becomes real to us here. We are reminded of God’s immeasurable greatness.

***OPENING HYMN**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#41

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

God both loves and judges us. High standards are held before us, and God expects much of us. Where we have grown fat and lazy, God calls us to a more disciplined life. When we are tempted to forget those less fortunate than ourselves, God alerts us to make radical changes. Let us begin by recognizing our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(UNISON)

All-knowing God, you are aware of our comfort-seeking weakness. We ignore strangers in need as if they were no concern of ours. We resist programs that might threaten our privileges. We do only enough good to keep us from feeling guilty. We give grudgingly of our time and resources, instead of overflowing with thanksgiving and joyous sharing. We treat the church as our possession rather than letting Christ rule as head of the body. O God, we pray we have not wandered beyond your reach. Amen. *(Time of silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LITURGIST

God says, I will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep, between the sheep who respond to the needs of others with compassion, and the goats who pretend that everything is fine. God judges because God loves and we are invited to share in loving acts that reveals Gods care. God is good and is faithful in steadfast love to all generations. May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord in the face of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Gloria Patri #579

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASTOR SEEFELDT

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

WAITING FOR A KING – MARTIN

CHOIR

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OT READING: EZEKIEL 34:11-24

PG. 612

EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

PG. 827

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

PG. 702 & 703

SERMON:

“The Least of These”

Pastor Seefeldt

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

THE OFFERTORY

RESONET IN LAUDIBUS - PAXTON

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

***Doxology** **#592**

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

#31

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

* **RESPONSE**

“Find Us Faithful”

on Screen

***POSTLUDE**

JUBILATE DEO - HAUDEL

Liturgist: Phyllis Harms

Organist: Ann Voggesser

Audio: Bob Irwin

Video: Bob Irwin

Choir Director: Kristy Zenk

Greeters: Dan Bohnker

Ushers: Joyce & Laura Bohnker

Announcements

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

REMINDER: We encourage all members to pay their per capita of \$25.10 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.

Tuesday, November 29th: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY at Family Table 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 30th: YOUTH GROUP at Presbyterian Church 6:00 p.m.
CHANCEL CHOIR 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 1st: BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m.

 EVENING CIRCLE at Deb Fitzgerald Home 6:30 p.m./ Potluck

 All women of the church are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share.

Friday, December 2nd: HARVESTERS 7:00 p.m. at Donna Reed Theater. Everyone invited to attend with Daryl Philipp and Steve Fitzgerald as participants in the Radio Play.

Admission: \$10.00/Adults \$5.00/Students. Refreshments at Ed Jepsen home following.

Saturday, December 3rd: GIRL SCOUTS Cookie Bake 8:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The United Presbyterian Church was pleased to be able to donate three complete Thanksgiving 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.

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA – St. Rose of Lima Parish Center – Denison from 8:00 a.m. to NOON on Saturday, December 3rd. Cookies, Candy, and Party Vendors.

ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER and Holiday Bake Sale – Methodist Church on Sunday, December 4 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Free Will Donation.

PRAYERS FOR: Laura Goetsch, Dale Kinney, Bob Irwin, Michele Olson, Ron Evilsizer, Charles Kruse, Fred Worrell, Barb Saunders, Diane Miller (friend of Phyllis Lewis), 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.