

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Song of Hope" Hymnal No. 432

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

*THE PEACE

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

(9:00 am Worship)

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old by September 1, 2011 through grade 2, are welcome to leave for special programs; 3's, 4's and kindergarten in Westminster Hall: Grades 1 and 2 in Room 11. Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Sunday School classrooms at the conclusion of these programs. Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) is available in Rooms 101 and 102 throughout the service.

(11:15 am Worship)

At the 11:15 am Worship Service, since there is no children's message, young children are welcome to sit with their families throughout worship. There is childcare available in the following rooms: infants—1 year old in Room 102, 2 years—kindergarten in Room 101.

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

We provide childcare on Sundays for each worship service and for the educational hour in between. Childcare runs continually from 8:30 am until 12:15 pm in both rooms. Room 102 is for infants through walking toddlers. Room 101 is for Toddlers around age 2 through age 3. Our rooms are staffed by paid and volunteer caregivers.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

(A complete list of children/youth classes is posted in the hallways and printed on flyers in the back of the Sanctuary).

1) Creative Movement and Music (ages 3-K) in Westminster Hall following the Children's Message at the 9:00 worship service.

2) Children and Worship (Grades 1-2) meets in Room 11 following the Children's Message at the 9:00 worship service. Children are then picked up by their teachers and taken to Sunday School.

3) Sunday School Classes for all children and youth meet at 10:00 am following the service.

ADULT EDUCATION

"Thanksgiving Celebration Sing-Along"

Zack Maser, FISH leader and musician, hosts an informal, friendly gathering to join together in some contemporary songs and music appropriate to this occasion of thankfulness for our blessings. Gather in Westminster Hall at 10:15 am.

"The Bible: Start to Finish"

Bruce Knoll continues a Fall Sunday morning Bible Study. The focus is an overview of the whole Bible, and seeing how its various books combine to form a cohesive unity. We started with Genesis, and will work all the way through to Revelation. With each book we'll cross-reference the other books in the Bible and put them in their historical context. We meet at 10:15 am Room 11.

NOVEMBER 27, 2011

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:00 AND 11:15 AM WORSHIP

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

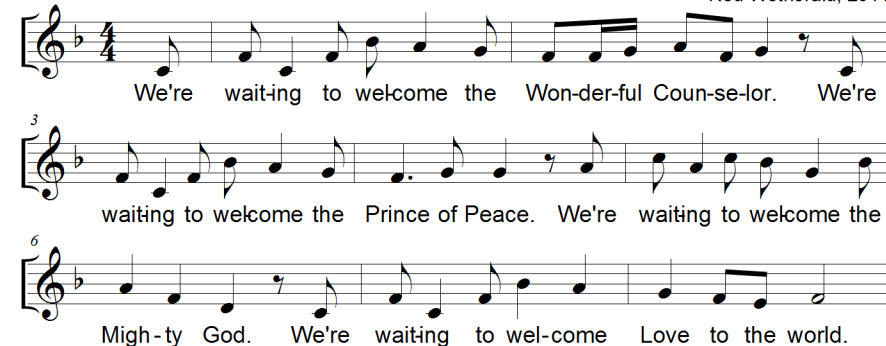
The Lindquist Family

MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

INTROIT

Waiting to Welcome

Ned Wetherald, 2011



We're waiting to welcome the Won-der-ful Coun-se-lor. We're
waiting to welcome the Prince of Peace. We're waiting to welcome the
Migh-ty God. We're waiting to wel-come Love to the world.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Joel Blunk

Leader: Behold, we are a people who dwell in darkness.

People: Our understanding is dim, a mere shadow of truth.

Leader: In a land of deep darkness, we await light from our God.

People: In faith we see but a faint reflection of God's glory.

Leader: Illumine our darkness by the light of your Christ.

People: Then we shall see and be radiant,

Leader: When the true Light which enlightens everyone has come into the world.

People: Amen, let it be so!

*HYMNAL NO. 9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!"

***CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)**

(9:00) Deannine Shipman (11:15) Diana Malcom
Eternal God, we confess that we have taken the birth of your son and twisted it into a commercial carnival. In our frantic running after gifts for each other and ourselves we have forgotten the miracle gift of your love, which brings meaning to all other giving and receiving. We have rushed around trying to buy happiness, ignoring the deep joy of your love that is freely available to all. Bring us alive, O God, to the miraculous exuberance of your creation, to all the mysterious majesty and wonder of deep loving relationships with other human beings. Restore to us the love of you and all your creation. Enable us by your power to be renewed in our whole lives. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Robison

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 1: 1-11

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ANTHEM

(9:00) "A Voice Cries Out"
The Chancel Choir

-Lloyd Larson

(11:15) "How Great Thou Art"
Heather Desorcie

-Stuart Hine

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

Deannine Shipman

(9:00 am—see "Children in Worship")

(9:00) SING THE FAITH No. 2233

"Where Children Belong"

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:1-11

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SERMON

Comfort, Comfort

Susan Reisinger

*SING THE FAITH No. 2095

"Star-Child"

Responding to the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. Please take a moment to sign the pew pad and pass it along to your neighbor, and then pass it back so that you may take the opportunity to greet those sitting near you after the service. Please provide your address and your e-mail address so that we may contact you about upcoming events that may be of interest to you.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Angel Tree

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal No. 542 (verse 4)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

Come, bring your burdens

Words & melody: South African traditional, from the singing of the Mooiplaas congregation
Arrangement: Welile Sigabi, South Africa, transcribed by Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro & Martine Stemerick

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come, bring your burdens". It is written in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Come, bring your bur-dens to God, come, bring your bur-dens to God,". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "come, bring your bur-dens to God for Je - sus will ne - ver say no." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

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SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMNAL NO. 3

"Comfort, Comfort You My People"