

**The Order of Worship**

**December 24, 2011**

**11:00 P.M.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

*We welcome all to this service of worship, especially our visitors and guests. In the time before the service begins, we invite all who worship here to take a moment to offer a prayer lifting up to God the life and work of this family of faith and its pastors.*

**PROCURE A CANDLE IN THE NARTHEX**

**PRELUDE** Josef est bien marié

Claude-Bénigne Balbastre

*Joseph Has Married Well*

Carol text: Joseph has married well, To the daughter of Jesse. This was good news For this girl and maiden To so become God's work. Joseph has married well.

Traditional

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**INTROIT** O Come, Emmanuel

Peter Paul Olejar

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)

Latin antiphons, c. 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries, and Henry Sloane Coffin

Cindy Pearman, Anne and Kathryn Van Eenam, and Renee Wiesehuegel, Handbells

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel, Jonathan Wiesehuegel, Bobby and Holly Wells

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kaitlin Price

Leader: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

**People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord.**

Leader: And this shall be a sign for you.

**People: You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.**

Leader: And suddenly there was, with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God.

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**\*HYMN NO. 31** (blue hymnal) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Mendelssohn*

**CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER**

**\*HYMN NO. 116** (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High

*Gloria*

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Megan Milam

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 96:1-6,10-13

Chris Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 40** (blue hymnal) Joy to the World!

*Antioch*

**SCRIPTURE** Micah 5:2-5a

Connor Sears

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:1-7

Katie Ellis

**CAROL** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish carol

arr. David Willcocks

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging Angels singing, Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow, Christ the Babe was born for you!

trans. Edith Reed

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-14

Carolyn Ellis

**MOTET** Psallite

Michael Praetorius

Psallite, unigenito, Christo Dei Filio! Redemptori Domino puerulo jacenti in praesepio. Ein kleines Kindelein liegt in dem Krippelein. Alle liebe Engelein dienen dem Kindelein, und singen ihm fein, Psallite, unigenito, Christo Dei Filio. Redemptori Domino puerulo jacenti in praesepio.

*Sing to Christ, the only-begotten son of God! Sing to the redeemer, our Lord, the child, lying in the manger. A tiny child lies in the little crib; all the lovely angels serve the little child and sing sweetly to him.*

Anonymous

**CAROL** The Holly and the Ivy

arr. Benjamin Britten

The holly and the ivy Are trees that's both well known; Of all the trees that grows in woods, The holly bears the crown.

The rising of the sun, The running of the deer, The playing of the merry harp, Sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom As white as any flower; And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ To be our sweet Saviour. (Refrain)

The holly bears a colour As green as any tree; And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ To set poor sinners free. (Refrain)

The holly bears a berry As red as any blood, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ To do poor sinners good. (Refrain)

The holly bears a prickle As sharp as any thorn; And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ At Christmas day in the morn. (Refrain)

The holly bears a bark As bitter as any gall, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ For to redeem us all. (Refrain)

The holly and the ivy Are Trees that's both well known, Of all the trees that grows in woods, The holly bears the crown. (Refrain)

**SCRIPTURE** John 1:1-5,12-16

**CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION**

**\*HYMN NO. 41** (blue hymnal) O Come, All Ye Faithful

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Tonight we will be celebrating Holy Communion by the method of intinction, where worshipers may come forward and take a piece of bread to dip into the cup. The ministers and ushers will direct you.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 J. S. Bach

*Come, Thou Savior of the Nations  
(from the Leipzig Chorales)*

### SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING ...

*The lights will be dimmed and the minister will light a candle from the Christ Candle. The minister will then light the candles of the ushers, who will then light the candles of the first person on each aisle. Light will then be passed from worshiper to worshiper. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright and the unlighted candle is tipped to the lighted candle.*

**\*HYMN** Silent Night, Holy Night

*(The candle is held close to the breast)*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,

Round yon virgin mother and child!

Holy infant, so tender and mild.

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

*(The candle is extended outward)*

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar.

Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

*(The candle is extended upward)*

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.

Radiant beams from Thy holy face.

With the dawn of redeeming grace

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth.

*Following the singing of the final hymn, the ministers will lead a silent recessional to carry the light outside, weather permitting. After everyone has gathered in the front courtyard, we will sing the first verse "O Come All Ye Faithful."*

**\*BENEDICTION**

\*Indicates standing.

**ELDERS:** Don Byerly, Buz Johnson, Tim Ryan, Cindy Spangler, Anne Millett, Pam Potocik, Ruthie Carey

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir

**OUR THANKS** to Cindy Pearman, Anne and Kathryn Van Eenam, and Renee Wieseuegel for their enrichment of our worship tonight as they accompany the Chancel Choir.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN** on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please bring to the office your 2011 contributions and any pre-paid pledges for 2012 no later than 10:00 a.m. December 30<sup>th</sup>. We will resume our regular office hours on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**JOIN US TOMORROW MORNING** as we celebrate our Lord's birth. We will all worship together at 11:00 a.m. (no early service).

### **College Age/Young Adult Gathering**

All college age/young adults are invited to come on Monday evening, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to catch up with your WPC friends! Pizza, soft drinks and dessert will be provided. We'll look for you in the SHOW room!



Norman McRae, Linda Judge-McRae, Caroline McRae..... In memory of Christine Davis Judge,  
 ...mother, mother-in-law and grandmother

John and Ibbie Muntz..... In memory of Laura Joy Muntz

Rookie and Jane Norton..... In memory of their parents, Elmer and Edith Norton  
 ...and Julius and Frances Hegedus

Rick and Janice Rawe..... In honor of their granddaughters, Maggie, Nina and Sammy  
 Maggie, Nina and Samantha..... In honor of Rick and Janice Rawe (Grampy and Giggles)

Joyce and Tim Ryan..... In honor of Matthew, Tiffany, Chandler and Camryn Ryan  
 ...and in honor of Lauren Ryan Bice, Brandon Bice and Josie Noelle Bice

Elizabeth and John Salsbery..... In memory of Chris Salsbery

Julia Tortorelli..... In honor of the marriage of her sister, Laura to Chris Martin

The Tortorelli Family..... In memory of Alberta and William Bertelsen, Flora and Joseph Tortorelli

Kathleen and Larry Tragesser..... In honor of Chloé and Lacey  
 ...and in memory of Justine and George Dukas and Clovis and Gene Tragesser

Robin and Joe Ben Turner..... In memory of Olga Wright

The Wiesehuegel Family..... In loving memory of Tommy Cunningham, René Cordell,  
 ...Mona Rowland and Shirley Rechenbach

John and Shirley Wittman..... In honor of clergy and staff

Jim and Linda Yates..... In memory of Chris Salsbery, Bob Cantrell and Barbara Schilling

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### NEWS FROM THE FLOWER GUILD

**2012 FLOWER CALENDAR** is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please remember to choose a date for 2012 in honor or memory of family or friends. A reminder card will be sent to you. We ask for a \$60.00 donation to the Flower Guild, payable on the date of your dedication. If you have any questions, contact the church office. If you're interested in joining the Flower Guild, please contact Linda Yates for details.

### THE SESSION

#### Class of 2012

Don Byerly  
 Bill Farnham  
 Bonny Naugher  
 Pam Potocik  
 Leslie Rotella  
 Cindy Serbin  
 Wes Williams  
 Youth Elder: Laura Dupper

#### Class of 2013

Ruthie Carey  
 Kristi Gordon  
 Buz Johnson  
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#### Class of 2014

Terry Crow  
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