

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

(9:00 a.m. 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, 2009 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 a.m. 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.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

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 a.m. following the service.

YOUNG ADULT

Are you a young adult looking to connect with some fellow church-going young adult folks for some conversations about faith, life, culture, etc? Join us today between services at the back table of Webster's.

ADULT EDUCATION

"Christmas Simply"

Come to this offering ready to be challenged and inspired to do less, or to do different this holiday season. The Mission and Spiritual Formation Units plan to share with you some stories of the Advent workshop held in November. You will receive some of your own tools for helping design an Advent season and Christmas holiday that holds meaning for you and your family and becomes a time to feed your soul, not drain your spirit. Meet in Westminster Hall at 10:15 am.

The Emerging Church

Please join members of the Spiritual Formation Ministry Unit as we watch and discuss more of Fr. Richard Rohr's presentation on the contemplative mind. Learn how the contemplative mind can help you give up the need to prove right and wrong, and instead to find peace while still taking action for justice. We will also discuss future topics for these gatherings. All are welcome to the Martin Room at 10:15 am.

DECEMBER 13, 2009
9:00 AND 11:15 AM WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
"GOD IN A BABY'S HAND"
FROM THE SONG BY JOHN BELL
OF THE IONA COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Savior of the Nations, Come"

-J.S. Bach

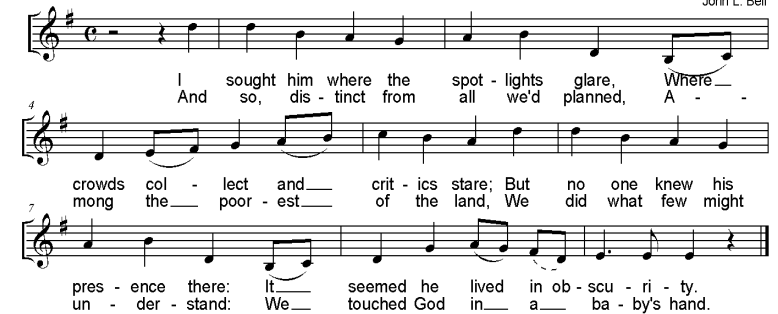
CALL TO WORSHIP (John 1:45-46)

Joel Blunk

INTROIT

God in a Baby's Hand

John L. Bell



I sought him where the spot - lights glare, Where -
And so, dis - tinct from all we'd planned, A -
crowds col - lect and crit - ics stare; But no one knew his
mong the poor - est of the land, We did what few might
pres - ence there: It seemed he lived in ob - scu - ri - ty,
un - der - stand: We touched God in a ba - by's hand.

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

(9:00) Jamie Bachman, Celia Craig, Ben Nasal,
Dietre Van Hook

(11:15) Joey Clark, Alex Hunziker, Alexis Thom

LOGOS Fourth Grade

*Hymnal No. 2

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

(9:00) Deannine Shipman (11:15) Diana Malcom

**God of all creation, forgive us when we look for you only
in the celestial spheres, or in mystery beyond all human
understanding. You became flesh and dwelt among us.
You became one of us, sharing our joys and sorrows.
Help us seek you in human need and human fulfillment,**

human tears and human laughter. We rejoice that in your Son we have experienced the true glory of our God come to earth. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Crystal Ramsay

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Micah 5:2-5 Page 805

ANTHEM
(9:00) "Advent Celebration" -Mark Patterson
LOGOS Grades 1-5
(11:15) "Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes"
Chancel Choir -Hal Hopson

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 Page 889

*GLORIA PATRI Page 579

*APOSTLES' CREED Page 14

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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 of interest to you.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Christmas Joy Offering

OFFERING

Offertory "O Little Town of Bethlehem" -Paul Manz

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*MEDLEY OF CHRISTMAS HYMNS

Hymnal No. 27 (verses 1 & 2)

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Hymnal No. 48 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Hymnal No. 53 (verses 1 & 2) "What Child is This?"

SERMON **God in a Baby's Hand: Charles Curley**
Obscurity

*"...Mary, his betrothed, who was with child."
Luke 2:5*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

(9:00) "The Lord Will Listen" -John Bell
(11:15) "O Antiphon: O Root of Jesse" -Traditional

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—The Lord's Prayer

*HYMNAL NO. 43 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Send Us Out Looking for God Ned Wetherald



Send us out look-ing for God. Send us out look - ing for
God in the world. Send us out look -ing in pla - ces un - us - u - al,
pla - - - ces a - part from our ev - 'ry - day.
Send us out looking for God. Send us out searching for God.

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*THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

(please greet those sitting around you, especially taking time to welcome those who are visiting)

YOU ARE INVITED

for coffee and fellowship in the Social Hall between the services