

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 Celebration in Song

Joel Blunk will be leading us all in song this Sunday. There will be traditional Christmas hymns as well as some new songs to help prepare our hearts for the coming celebration of Christ's birth. Join us in Westminster Hall at 10:15 am for this inspiring program, and share in the joy that Christ came to bring people all over the world.

DECEMBER 20, 2009
9:00 AND 11:15 AM WORSHIP
FORTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
"GOD IN A BABY'S HAND"
FROM THE SONG BY JOHN BELL
OF THE IONA COMMUNITY

PRELUDE "Joy to the World" -Emma Lou Diemer

CALL TO WORSHIP (John 1) Joel Blunk

INTROIT

God in a Baby's Hand
John L. Bell

Then, in the streets, we heard the word Which -
And so, dis - tinct from all we'd planned, A -
seemed, for all the world, ab - surd: That those who could no
mong the poor - est of the land, We did what few might
gifts af - ford Were en - ter - tain - ing Christ the Lord
un - der - stand: We touched God in a ba - by's hand.

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Phil Spangler and Susan Sanders, Carolyn Bryant, Rick Bryant, Ellen Coffman, Jeremy and Amy Frank, Catherine, Lilly and Eli Frank

*Hymnal No. 40 "Joy to the World"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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

While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Christmas season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much. Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee, for not reading the Book, for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins. Deal with us according to your tender mercies, O God! Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of your presence, and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Martha Harbison

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-19 Page 595

ANTHEM

(9:00) "Why Don't You Tear Apart the Heavens" -John Bell
Chrysalis

(11:15) "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" -Roy Zimmerman
Chancel Choir

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*GLORIA PATRI Page 579

*APOSTLES' CREED Page 14

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(9:00 am—see "Children in Worship")

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 Day Dinner

OFFERING

Offertory

(9:00) "Greensleeves" -Richard Purvis

(11:15) "Breath of Heaven" -Grant/Eaton
Kristi Trout

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

*"The wolf shall dwell with the lamb. . .
and a little child shall lead them."
Isaiah 11:6*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

(9:00) "Hear My Prayer"

-Debbie Owens

(11:15) "O Antiphon: O Emmanuel"

-Traditional

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—The Lord's Prayer

*HYMNAL NO. 37

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

38 (verses 1,4) "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

56 (verses 1,6) "The First Nowell"

*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**