

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 Traditions Through the Centuries"

Deirdre Fulton, a doctoral student at Penn State, concludes her two-week series on traditions of Christmas. Many of the traditions we practice today have their roots in Roman times. However other ways in which the early Christians celebrated Christmas would seem very strange to us. Ms. Fulton will explain how some of these practices originated. Some remain similar while others have changed dramatically in modern times. Join the discussion in Westminster Hall at 10:15 am.

The Emerging Church

Please join Joel as he leads our continued discussion of the emerging church. This week we will watch a video presentation of Fr. Richard Rohr on the contemplative mind—thinking with a different consciousness, in other words **both/and** instead of **either/or**, **all/nothing** or **win/lose**. All are welcome. Please come to the Martin Room at 10:15 am.

DECEMBER 6, 2009
9:00 AND 11:15 AM WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
"GOD IN A BABY'S HAND"
FROM THE SONG BY JOHN BELL
OF THE IONA COMMUNITY

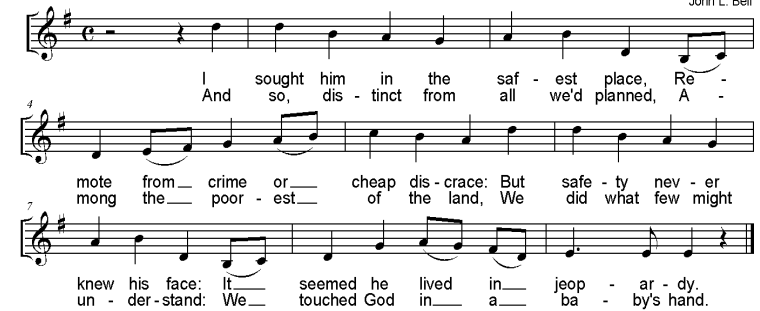
PRELUDE "Sing We Now of Christmas" -Kevin McChesney
The Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Deannine Shipman

INTROIT

God in a Baby's Hand

John L. Bell



I sought him in the safest place, Re-
And so, dis- tinct from all we'd planned, A -
mote from crime or cheap dis- crace: But safe- ty nev- er
mong the poor - est of the land, We did what few might
knew his face: It seemed he lived in jeop - ar - dy.
un - der-stand: We touched God in a ba - by's hand.

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH SPCPC Young Adults
Silvana and Joel Smith, Rebecca and Tom Lundin

*HYMNAL NO. 8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, you know our sins before we confess them. You know how we withdraw from you and are less than honest in our dealings with others. You know the fears that hold us captive and the lack of faith that paralyzes us. We resist suffering, but take good times for granted. We want the fruits of faithfulness without following in the paths where you would lead us. Open us to a fuller vision of life's possibilities, and lead us to a better way. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Brian Stone

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 53:1-9 Page 633

ANTHEM

(9:00) "And With His Stripes We Are Healed" -G.F. Handel
Chancel Choir

(11:15) "Jazz Gloria" -Natalie Sleeth
Voices of Praise (Holly Hamilton, directing)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 2:7-16 Page 836

*GLORIA PATRI Page 579

*APOSTLES' CREED Page 14

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN Diana Malcom
(9:00 am—see "Children in Worship")

(11:15) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR XAVIER MICHAEL KOVACH
Son of Benjamin and Laura (Orndorff) Kovach
Assisted by Anne Ard
The congregation is invited to join in singing the Baptism Response)

See what love God has given
That we should be called Children of God,
See what love God has given
That we should be called Children of God,
Children of God and so we are.

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 Christmas Day Dinner

OFFERING

Offertory
"Savior of the Nations, Come" -Kathleen Wissinger
The Handbell Choir

*Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMNAL NO. 7 "Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth"

SERMON God in a Baby's Hand: Joel Blunk
Jeopardy

"For he was oppressed, and he was afflicted. . ."
Isaiah 53:7

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

(9:00) "O Antiphon: O Lord and Ruler" Traditional
(11:15) "I Love You, Lord" -Laurie Klein

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—The Lord's Prayer

*HYMNAL NO. 35 "In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy"

*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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