

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

A MUSICAL OFFERING      *"The Happy Christmas Comes, Once More"*  
(Knut Nystedt)

\*DOXOLOGY (*Praise to God*) #8, vs. 3

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide. Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.

\*Unison Offertory Prayer

Loving God, you gave Jesus as your great gift to us. As we celebrate his birthday we ask that you receive and bless the gifts of money, of devotion, and of service that we now offer to you. May they be used for your purpose of love, healing and justice in your larger world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN #31      *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

\* DEPARTING BENEDICTION/ BLESSING

\*RESPONSE #2071

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

POSTLUDE

*"Joy to the World"*  
(David M. Cherwien)



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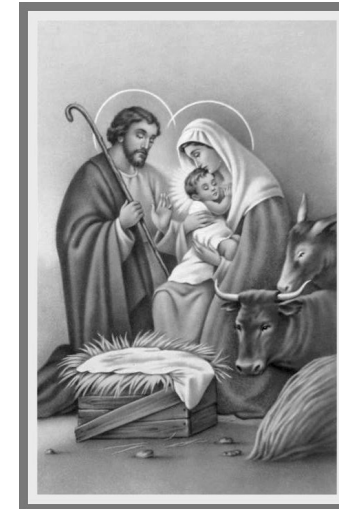
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December 25, 2011

10:00 Worship



"Evangelism is telling others about your experiences with God, telling stories of lives that have been changed, people who've been healed, questions that have been answered."

*Order of Worship*  
*December 25, 2011*

**PRELUDE**

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*  
(Fred Bock)  
*"Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"*  
(E.A. Hovdesven)  
*"When Christmas Morn is Dawning"*  
(Richard W. Gieseke)

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP** *"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"*  
(PH 26) (J.S. Bach)

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is born!  
**People: Christ IS born!**  
Leader: Because of his birth, life is full of promise for you and me. Life is full of promise for our community.  
**People: We celebrate today the presence of God's promise in our midst.**  
Leader: The promise of a small child coming into a crowded, hurting world, and growing to be the One to free us.  
**People: It's the promise of you and me, struggling and stumbling together, growing and celebrating, reaching out to make a new presence in our world.**

**\*HYMN #41** *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, in Jesus you brought peace and good will into the world. We know we haven't lived as Jesus taught us. We have been more interested in our gifts than in our giving. We have loved things more than people. Forgive us, even as you hear now our private confessions...(period of silence)

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Amen. The angel said to the shepherds, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people, for to you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord." Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:  
**People: "Jesus Christ is our Savior, and we are forgiven!"**

**\*GLORIA (Glory to God) #22, vs.4**

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us greet one another in Christian peace and love.

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *"Christmas Wonder"* Elaine Boyd

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 52: 7-10; Luke 2:1-20  
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**SERMON** "The Art of the Divine" Rev. Underdahl-Peirce

**HYMN #40** *"Joy to the World"*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND 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.