

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 9, 2007

2nd Sunday of Advent

*"For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing."*

### GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacey Simpson Duke

**VOLUNTARY** Chorale Prelude: "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star" - *H. Walcha*

### \*INVOCATION

Henry Griffin

\***HYMN** (see insert) Lord of the coming glorious Day *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*  
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

\***THE PSALM** Psalm 24:1, 3-6

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

People: The world and all that dwells in it belongs to God.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in God's holy place?

People: Those with clean hands and pure heart, who do not reach for worthless things, who do not speak deceitfully.

Leader: These will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God who saves them.

All: Such is the company of those who look for the Lord, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

### \*GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Leverett & Eva Kelly

Congregational Response:

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-9

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### ANTHEM

Sans Day Carol

- arr. J. Rutter

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,  
And Mary bore Jesus, all wrapped up in silk:

Refrain:

And Mary bore Jesus our Saviour for to be,  
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly. Holly! Holly!  
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross: Refrain

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,  
Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead. Refrain

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Lord's Prayer – "debts")

Stacey Simpson Duke

### EPISTLE READING

Romans 15:4-13

Henry Griffin

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

### TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

### \*HYMN 216

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

*ES IST EIN ROS*

(Preschool - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Worship at this time.)

### SERMON

*Lion and Lamb*

Paul Simpson Duke

### SILENT REFLECTION

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

In Nativitatem Dominum Jesum Christum

- *Charpentier*

Translation:

Whom did you see, shepherds, speak, tell us, who appeared on the earth?

We saw him born, born of a virgin.

The little one who is born to us.

The son who is given to us.

And the chorus of angels praising him.

The Lord has made known his salvation.

He has revealed on earth his justice.

Sing to the Lord on the harp

and with the sound of the psaltery, with trumpets, and the sound of horns.

Let the rivers acclaim him.

Let the mountains exult at his presence, for he has come to save the earth.

Bonnie Kidd, soprano; Lucy Thompson, alto; Davis Smith, Tenor; John Hummel, Bass

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 230**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*ST. LOUIS*

**WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS:**

David & Peggy Cave, Clay Scott

**Congregation:** We gladly welcome you into this church home.  
We pledge to learn with you, to serve with you,  
and to grow with you in the family of Jesus Christ.

**New Members:** We accept your welcome and offer our lives  
to love and serve with you to the glory of God.

*Pastors: We are all made richer in faith because of your joining  
us. May the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us all to be  
good friends to each other and fully faithful to the  
calling of God on our lives together.*

**BENEDICTION**

**VOLUNTARY** Chorale Prelude: "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star" - *Flor Peeters*

\* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Christine and Carl Doman.  
~ the Doman family ~*

*The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use. If you have a prayer concern in  
addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle  
during the first hymn. We pray for Liz Baker, Elizabeth Lee, Conrad Juchartz, John  
Moyer, Bonnie Jensen, Lloyd Crabtree, Justin Kerns, Marian Carter, Tim Studer,  
Ruth Scott, Paul Wing, Mildred MacGregor, and Marjorie Shannon.*

LORD OF THE COMING GLORIOUS DAY  
(Sung to *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

## Announcements

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today! Everyone is invited to join the events listed in this insert. Immediately following the service, please join us downstairs outside of the Fellowship Hallway for refreshments.

1. Lord of the coming glorious Day,  
Hear now your people as we pray.  
    O Creator! Great Redeemer!  
Creation, weeping for the morn,  
Groans in travail to be reborn.  
    Rend the darkness! Shine upon us!  
    Bring salvation, Hope of Nations!  
    Come, Lord Jesus!
2. Come, Lord of Justice, re-create  
Rough places plain, the crooked straight.  
    Be our cleansing, our repenting.  
Turn, turn your people from the wrong!  
Lift, lift the long-forgotten song!  
    O Revealer! Blessed Healer!  
    Touch and save us! Liberate us!  
    Come, Lord Jesus!
3. Come, Spirit, stir us to the way  
Bearing the light of coming Day.  
    Be our passion, gleaming vision!  
Send us to serve the Prince of Peace.  
Through us the light of love increase.  
    Give us courage for the calling!  
    Let our shining hail the Morning!  
    Come, Lord Jesus!
4. And when the Day shall come at last,  
Joined with the saints from ages past,  
    Love's pure beaming on us streaming!  
Tears shall be ended with the night!  
Joy shines eternal in the Light!  
    Alleluia, Alleluia!  
    Alleluia, Alleluia!  
    Come, Lord Jesus!

TODAY, December 9	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108) ( <i>newsletter &amp; January calendar deadline</i> )
	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m. - ABWM Christmas Celebration (F. Hall)
Tuesday, Dec. 11	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Dec. 12	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge)
Thursday, Dec. 13	7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice (Room 102B)
Sunday, Dec. 16	9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group (Room 108)
	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:30 a.m. - Children's Choirs Carol Sing (Sanctuary)

### ABWM Christmas Celebration - Today

Everyone is invited to enjoy the ABWM Christmas Celebration today in the Fellowship Hall following fellowship time in the downstairs hallway. Bazaar items and baked goods will be available for purchase, as well as entertainment from the handbell choirs. All proceeds support the AB Women's Ministries.

### Children's Choirs Carol Sing - Next Sunday

Next Sunday, December 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., all ages are invited to join in a carol sing, led by the Grace Notes and Jr. Choir in the Sanctuary. Each choir will perform special pieces and lead the group in singing of favorite carols.

### Texts for next Sunday, December 16:

Isaiah 35:1-10 · Luke 1:46b-55 · James 5:7-10 · Matthew 11:2-11

### A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Please plan to attend "A Festival of Lesson and Carols" at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24. Based upon the annual presentation at King's College, Cambridge. Readings from the Christmas Story are alternated with choral and congregational singing of carols. Childcare will be offered for children 5 years old and younger. (In order to adequately prepare with enough caregivers, please let Sue Ellen know if your family or guests will need childcare.)

## Children and Youth Christian Education

*(There are no Church School classes for the remainder of December due to special events and Christmas holidays):*

All children are welcome to worship with their families. After the Time as Children portion of the worship service, preschoolers may go to the nursery for childcare until worship is complete and children in Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Worship. Parents should pick up their children from Children's Worship by 11:15.

## Children's Music and Arts Ministry

Jr. Handbells	9:15 – 9:45	Room 305, upper level
Tiny Grace Notes (preschool)	10:45 – 11:00	Room 305, upper level
Grace Notes (K-3rd grade)	11:15 – 11:45	Room 202A, mid-level
Jr. Choir (4th grade and older)	11:45 – 12:30	Sanctuary

## Adult Christian Education (Sundays, 11:30 – 12:30)

*Classes will resume Sunday, January 6.*

## Other Adult Learning Opportunities

**Wednesday Bible Study** (Memorial Lounge, 1:30-2:30 p.m.)  
Rev. Paul Simpson Duke leads a study of the Gospel of John, chapters 12-21. The final session before Christmas is December 19. Join us for fellowship, learning and great snacks!

**Small Groups (ChristCare)** – Centered on Bible study, fellowship, mission, prayer and worship, we currently have two groups: one which meets monthly and the other which meets every other week. Please see Stacey, Paul or Sue Ellen for more information about joining a group.

## Vespers - Christmas Day

There will be a Vespers meal and worship service Christmas Day at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Vineyard Church is handling the food prep, however everyone is invited to attend the meal and service, as well as spend time with our guests and help in whatever way may be needed. What better time to serve and love the poor than on Christmas day.

## RMMO Offering 2007

"The 2007 national goal for RMMO is \$1,521,555.00. It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35) This permits us to connect our giving with the motive of love that Jesus exemplified in his sacrifice for us on the cross. The minister or missionary who led us to Christ loved us with sacrificial love and gave all that he or she could to enrich our faith journey. How can we do less than 'Remember with Love, give with Gratitude' as the RMMO offers the opportunity? Please give sacrificially in return for what has been done unto you." The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering 2007 will be received throughout the month of December. RMMO envelopes can be found at the end of each pew. Please give generously.

## Calendar Sale

Once more, the children and youth church school classes are selling *God's Creation Calendars* to raise funds for school scholarships for the children in Nandasmo. These heavyweight and beautifully photographed calendars include a scripture verse for inspiration. At \$7 they are great gifts! The children will sell them before and after worship, or you may call Sue Ellen and we will mail you a calendar (or two or three)!

## Christmas-themed Storybooks

The Board of Christian Education's Family Resource Center has many Christmas-themed storybooks available for borrowing. They are located on a table in the classroom wing (middle level) and all you have to do is check out each book on the clipboard. Find time this season to curl up with your child or grandchild and enjoy the Christmas story.



Please order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) for the Christmas services at \$15 each, and list as such in the bulletin:

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ as payment for the poinsettia(s).

**Please have paid orders to the office by  
Sunday, December 16. Thank you!**