

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 19, 2010 10:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREPARATION With great anticipation, we await the birth of our infant King.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *We Three Kings of Orient Are* -Hopkins

WELCOME (Please sign the friendship pad located in your pew. Please write prayer requests on a pew card and pass it to the end of the pew during the opening hymn.)

PRAISE SONGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH 2090 *Advent Song vs. 4*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the season of holy waiting.

People: We wait for a baby to be born; a child filled with the Holy Spirit.

Leader: We wait for a baby to be born, in whose presence we know God-is-with-us.

People: We watch while the light of day begins to fill the sky.

Leader: Come let us walk in the light of God!

***HYMN** 12 *People Look East*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all together)

God, you are both tender and mighty - a shepherd we can trust. You call to us and gather us. You feed us and bid us rest in your care. Still we fear the world around us and fail to seek your help when we are lost. Still we struggle stupidly against you - refusing your comfort and ignoring your commands. Renew us and restore us, Lord of hosts. Show us the light of your face, that we may be saved.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*All who are able may stand

***RESPONSE** 579 *Gloria Patri*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please extend the Peace of Christ to one another)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ho, Ho, Ho Hosanna

Away In a Manger

Bells of Christmas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON *Do Not Be Afraid* -Rev. Bronwen Boswell

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (all together)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

- *Colossians 1:15-20*

***HYMN** 53 *What Child Is This?*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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Pastor: Rev. Bronwen Boswell
Usher: Tim Miller
Layreader: Kathy Saeli
Pianist: Wendy Warren
Flutist: Caryn Barber
Greeters: Donna Cieslinski
Counters: Sue Piersa & Debbie Wilson

SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who worship here this morning. Please join us for coffee after the worship service.

Large print copies of the Order of Worship, The Hymnal and the NRSV Bible are available at the back of the church.

Phonic Ear hearing assistance program is available. Please see an usher for more details.

Prayer Request Cards, located, in your pew, are for any prayer requests you wish included in the Prayers of the People. If you have a prayer request, please annotate your request on the back of the card, then pass it to the end of the pew (whichever end is closer to you) for collection by the usher during the opening hymn. Please do not place the card in the offering plate, as the card suggests. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Philippians 4:6*

CHILD CARE

Infant/Toddler Nursery Care during worship is provided for your children.

There will be a Congregational meeting immediately following worship this morning for information and election officers.

CALENDAR

Today	- December 19	10:00 a.m.	Worship – 4 th Sunday of Advent
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time Congregational Meeting
Wed.	- December 22	1:00 p.m.	Arthritis Foundation Exercise program
Thurs.	- December 23	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	- December 24	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cookies & Cocoa Fellowship Christmas Eve Worship
Sun.	- December 26	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Communion Election of officers
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family & Friends of our congregation

Elaine Bergman (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Rosanne Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dee Dee Labby (Cheryl Labby) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Dave & Pam Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Jennifer Noe (Sue Piersa) ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Maureen Patti (Helen Somer) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer (George Shaffer)

Service Men & Women

Chris Kalinowski ♦ Russell Molnar ♦ Pat McCullough ♦ Zachery Goggins ♦ Alison Lankes ♦ Erik Brown ♦ James Schmidt ♦ Matthew Jones ♦ David Ferg ♦ Kyle Ernst

Each week we invite you to hold in your prayers different families and individuals in our church. As an act of faithfulness we pray for each other. This week we pray for:

Donna Cieslinski Judy Gray Diane & Joe Molnar Don & Betty Sroczyk

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

On December 24th at 6:30pm we will again be hosting fellowship time prior to the Christmas Eve service. Please join us for cookies and refreshments as we come together to celebrate Christ's birthday. Bring your friends, bring your family, and share the true meaning of the holiday season.

Come and join Cheryl Wilczak for a FREE Arthritis Foundation Exercise class on Wednesday, December 22nd at 1pm. Come and try the class and bring along a friend. Please call Cheryl at 668-0309 for more information or to register.

You outdid yourselves again! Many personal care items, school supplies, linen and activity books were donated to St. John's Lutheran for their Family Promise program. The monetary donations were given to Sandy Gordon who will purchase necessary food items for the families. Please remember St. John's and the families they will host during the holiday season. They are expecting a mom with a 3 yr. old girl and a mom and dad with 2 teenage boys.

This year the last day for the recording secretary to accept pledges and Per capita is December 26th. If you want credit for your tax returns please submit by this date. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any question as to what you have left to complete your pledge call me and I will be glad to assist you.
Thank you

Edie Fischer
Recording Secretary

Attendance for December 12th
Adult – 41 Children - 2