

9:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

December 19, 2010

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- Seeking to be Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ in the 21st Century -

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *O How a Rose* Johannes Brahms
(*Acolytes enter to light the Christ candle*) (1833-1897)

Greeting and Announcements *Please sign the attendance register.*

Organ Chimes (*followed by a moment of silence to prepare our hearts for worship*)

Introit *In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born* -Mays

THE ADVENT WREATH: The Candle of Salvation

-Ed, Carole, Dave, Meg, Thomas and Caroline Rich

Reading

Unison Prayer

O God of salvation, as the light of the candle burns before us, so come and burn as a fire within us, that we may live with assurance as your redeemed people, through Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *What Child Is This* #53

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Give joy to all your faithful servants; may they follow you all the days of their life.

Come to us in power, O Christ.

Nurture within us your Spirit of love; may we never close our hearts to any of our sisters and brothers.

Come to us in power, O Christ.

Bring to an end the divisions between Christians; gather us in one visible communion.

Come to us in power, O Christ.

Have mercy on all who suffer persecution for your name's sake; uphold them by your strong Spirit, that they may remain true to you in all their trials.

Come to us in power, O Christ.

Comfort all who are suffering in their hearts or in their bodies; give them health and peace to sing of your power.

Come to us in power, O Christ.

We pray for all who are leading the nations; give them a sense of what is right, that they may work toward peace and fullness of life for all.

Come to us in power, O Christ.

Give eternal rest to all who are dying; may the light that never sets shine upon them.

Come to us in power, O Christ. Amen.

Forgive us for the times we have put our ultimate hope into anyone else. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri**

#579

*SHARING THE PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER

The peace of Christ be with you always.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

CHILDREN'S STORY

-Pastor Larry

(*Children may come forward and leave for Children's Church afterwards.*)

*GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

This is the word of the Lord.

Matthew 1:18-25

THANKS BE TO GOD.

(New Testament p. 1)

ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter

-arr. Ellingboe

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Call to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory *Silent Night* Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863)

Katherine Gomulkiewicz – flute and Miya Higashiyama - piano

***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

***GOSPEL SCRIPTURE** **Luke 1:67-79**
(New Testament p. 58)

MEDITATION

PROMISES OF CHRISTMAS

-Pastor Larry

For Those Who Live With Fear

SALVATION: "HE HAS RAISED UP A MIGHTY SAVIOR FOR US"

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

*THE BENEDICTION

*LEAVING IN JOY

Response

The Mystery of Bethlehem

-Mays

Postlude

From Heaven to Earth the Savior Comes

Friedrich Zachau

**Congregation stands.* If you prefer, please feel free to remain seated.

(1663-1712)

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Pastor Larry and Del Taylor

Ushers: Joe and Margaret Javier

Acolyte: Jennifer Stolarczuk

Pastor Larry's Christmas Eve Texts: Promises of Christmas - For Those Who Live With Emptiness

Joy: "Good News of Great Joy"

Isaiah 9:2-7 and Luke 2:8-20

NEXT SUNDAY – WORSHIP AT 10:00AM

Worship Leaders: Nancy Anderson and Scott Stahr

Ushers: Caroline and Thomas Rich

Lectionary Readings: Isa. 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Heb. 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-23

The beautiful flowers given by Margaret and Joe Javier are in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on December 29th.

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REDMOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:10 Prelude and Greeting

9:15AM Traditional

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9:15 AM WORSHIP LEADER SHEET – DECEMBER 19, 2010

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sins before God through the litany of confession and then confess in silence as we search our own hearts in private prayer...

(Lead the litany. Then allow time after the litany – 30 seconds to 1 minute – for silent prayer. Then say Amen.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the words from Psalm 85:9-13.

Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps. In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come. Thanks be to God!

(The congregation now sings the Gloria Patri)

SHARING PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER

Since Christ has opened his heart to us, let us open our hearts to one another, and God will be glorified.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Please greet your neighbor with the peace of Christ.

SCRIPTURE

Let us pray in preparation for the reading and preaching of God's word:
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

Please stand for a reading from the gospel of Matthew 1, verses 18-25.

(at the end of the reading say)

“This is the Word of the Lord.” **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

CALL TO THE OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God continues to bless us. Let us acknowledge the source of our abundance by returning a portion of what we have been given for the work of God's kingdom.

(Please follow this introduction with the prayer)

What do we have, O God, that does not come from your generosity and goodness? Use these offerings of our gratitude given for your work in this church and in the world. Amen.

(If you wish you may offer your own words instead of the prayer provided. Only, please make your prayer brief like the one above.)

(After the prayer say) We will now receive the offering.