

9:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

December 4, 2011

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Puer Nobis Nasictur* Nicolas Lebegue
Greeting and Announcements *Please sign the attendance register.* (1631-1702)
Organ Chimes *(followed by a moment of silence to prepare our hearts for worship)*
Introit *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* -Polish Carol

THE ADVENT WREATH: The Candle of Hope

-Susan, Scott and Theo Gremmert

Reading

Unison Prayer

Great God, as you came into our hope-starved world, enter our lives this morning. Overcome darkness with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

#8

LITANY OF CONFESSION

(adapted from John Henry Newman 1801-1890)

Give us, O our Lord, that purity of conscience which alone can receive your inspirations.

Our ears are dull, so that we cannot hear your voice.

Our eyes are dim, so that we cannot see the signs of your presence.

You alone can quicken our hearing and purge our sight, and cleanse and renew our hearts.

Teach us to sit at your feet and to hear your word. 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.)

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE

This is the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Romans 16:25-27
(New Testament p. 165)

ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter

-arr. Albin C. Whitworth

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 *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#592

*GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38
(New Testament p. 56)

MEDITATION

Christmas in the Movies

"The Mystery of Christmas"

-Pastor Larry

*HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#44

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Words of Institution and the Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

As we break this bread and share this cup,

We receive a God who is at the center of our brokenness and the brokenness of the world, and we drink a cup which we all hold in common.

As we wait in faith for the healing love of Christ,

We embrace a mystery of reborn hope and the power of love: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(Sugar and gluten free wafers are present on the bread plates. Cup trays are arranged with wine in the center and grape juice on the outside.)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Divinum Mysterium

arr. Gordon Young

*THE BENEDICTION

*LEAVING IN JOY

Congregational Response *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* -Rankin
God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude *Sleepers Wake* arr. Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

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

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Pastor Larry and Darleen Johnson

Ushers: Al Smith and Jackie Riddell

Communion Servers: Elders – Al Smith and Jackie Riddell; Deacons – Cindy Pearson

NEXT SUNDAY – WORSHIP AT 9:00AM

Worship Leaders: Pastor Larry and Katie Schmidt

Ushers: Don Lane and Gene Hall

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

CHURCH OFFICERS

Session:

Worship – Jonathan Foster, jonathanericfoster@gmail.com

Building and Grounds – Kevin Gysler, kgysler@comcast.net

Communications and Community Outreach – Dave Rich, nuancer@comcast.net

Missions and Social Concerns – Peter Lawson, lwsnpet@aol.com

Fellowship – Elaine Price, EP4UW@aol.com

Finance and Stewardship – Lori Dorn, dorns5@comcast.net

Children's and Youth Ministries – Jackie Riddell, jacquelr@pioneernet.net

Andrea Ducharme, aducharme159@hotmail.com

Adult Spiritual Formation – Katie Schmidt, nm-wa@comcast.net

Human Resources – Alan Smith, smithfam17@comcast.net

Deacons:

Jo Anna Birmingham, jobirmingham54@hotmail.com, Marilynne Brown, Joclyn Coats,

jcoats8@gmail.com, Kelly Dietsch, dietschteach@aol.com, Rachel Foldvik, rfoldvik@frontier.com,

Jeffrey Kuebler, jeffpolo@samobile.net, Cindy Pearson, yellow65@comcast.net,

Julia Steeples, jsteep01@yahoo.com, Peter Williamson, petewil00@hotmail.com

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – Reverend Dr. Larry Grounds, pastor@redmondpres.org

Youth Director – Daniel Griffin, daniel.griffin@redmondpres.org

Children's Ministry Director – Jessica Ahnert, jessica.ahnert@redmondpres.org

Director of Traditional Music – Letitia Iakovenko, letitia78@gmail.com

Organist – Mike Smith, organpianoplayer@frontier.com

Praise Team Director – Bill Phillips, bill.phillips@redmondpres.org

Pastoral Associate – Nancy Anderson, nancya.rpc@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant – Michele Bahr, office@redmondpres.org

Custodian – Jesus Medina



REDMOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
9:00AM Traditional Worship



Christmas in the Movies
"The Mystery of Christmas"

10020 166th Avenue NE • Redmond WA 98052
425-885-2811 • www.redmondpres.org

9:00 AM WORSHIP LEADER SHEET – DECEMBER 4, 2011

CALL TO CONFESSION

Now we enter into a time of confession. Please join me in the litany of confession as we share together the truth of our brokenness and the promise of God's forgiveness. Then let us 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 32:3-5.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Brothers and sisters in Christ: Hear the Good News. Our sins are forgiven through the grace of Jesus Christ.

(The congregation now sings the Gloria Patri)

SHARING PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER

The peace of Christ has been extended to us through His gracious sacrifice and love. As we have received the Lord's shalom, let us pass on this well-being and blessing to everyone in our midst.

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:

Dear God, we know that our ears can be dull, and our minds closed, and our hearts hardened. We need you to awaken us and deepen us to hear your voice in the scriptures and in the proclamation. Open us by the working of your spirit so that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear and do what You say to us today. Amen.

Listen to God's word to you from Romans 16, verses 25-27.

(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)

Oh God, you have showered us with so many gifts – a wonderful place to live, caring people to go through life with, and a clear call to respond to your love for us in Jesus Christ. This offering that we intend to give is a part of our response. May they be used for your work in our church and in our world. Amen.

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