

# 9:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

December 11, 2011

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- Seeking to be Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century -

### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude** *Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabelle* Christopher Eulein  
**Greeting and Announcements** *Please sign the attendance register.*  
**Organ Chimes** *(followed by a moment of silence to prepare our hearts for worship)*

### THE ADVENT WREATH: The Candle of Love

-Sam, Amanda and Rana Karim

#### Reading

#### Unison Prayer

O God of love, may the light of your love dawn in our lives and through us, shine into our world. Dispel the gloomy cloud of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight by your loving presence. Amen.

### PRAISE SONGS led by Steve and Kris McGaw

-see insert

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

-Traditional Polish Carol

*What Child Is This?*

-Traditional English Melody

### LITANY OF CONFESSION

(from Dag Hammarskjold 1905-1961)

Great and good God,  
**give us pure hearts that we may see you,**  
humble hearts that we may hear you,  
**hearts of love that we may serve you,**  
hearts of faith that we may live in you,  
**reverent hearts that we may worship you,**  
here and in the world out there,  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### Silent Prayer of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### \*The Gloria Patri

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### \*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.)*

### OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

This is the word of the Lord.

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

(Old Testament p. 692)

### ANTHEM

*Ave Maria*

-Philippe Rombi

Soloist – Nathalie Wilson (see insert)

### 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 by Steve and Kris McGaw

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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### EPISTLE SCRIPTURE

**Titus 3:4-7**

(New Testament p. 215)

### SERMON

*Christmas in the Movies*

*"The Miracle of Christmas"*

-Pastor Larry

### \*HYMN

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

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### \*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

*Noel Grand Jeu Var. 1*

Louis Daquin

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

(1694-1772)

### LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Larry and Katie Schmidt

**Ushers:** Don Lane and Gene Hall

### NEXT SUNDAY – WORSHIP AT 9:00AM

**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Larry and Bertie Glass

**Ushers:** Sally Bastine and Katie Schmidt

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Rom. 16:25-27; Luke 1 26-38

*The beautiful large poinsettia given by Dave Merrill is in memory of his dear wife, Marian.*

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REDMOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00AM Traditional Worship



*Christmas in the Movies*

*“The Miracle of Christmas”*

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## 9:00 AM WORSHIP LEADER SHEET – DECEMBER 11, 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 103:8, 13-14, 17-18.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. 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 Isaiah 62, verses 1-5.

*(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.**

## Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.