Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2012

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

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The Approach to God

PRELUDE "The Love of God" L. Cornwall, Piano

VOTUM

INTROIT "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 136)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.

It is God who remembered us in our low estate and rescued us from our foes; for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #153 "The Race That Long in Darkness Pined"

*SALUTATION

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

UNISON READING #63 I John 4:7-21 Page 534 Hymnal

*GLORIA PATRI 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. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "The Love of God" Chancel Choir

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-11 (Pg 517 Old Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

*HYMN #399 "Love Divine"

SERMON "Advent: Love"

Our Response to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Love Lifted Me" Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #404 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE "Three Fold Amen"

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Aaron & Shawna Guikema

Ushers: Matt & Ruth DenDulk, Duane & Becky Woodward

Nursery: Renee & Natalie Sherwood

Fellowship: Eleanor Clark

NEXT WEEK'S STEWARDS (December 16):

Greeters: Bill & Sabra Leadbitter

Ushers: Bill, Julie Anne, Jason & Marie Thompson

Nursery: Kevin & Kelly Joldersma

Fellowship: Luncheon

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

There is a signup sheet in the narthex for Worship Assistants for the coming several months.

SPECIAL SEASONAL SERVICES

We have three special services coming up to help us celebrate Christmas. There will be a Blue Christmas Service on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. This quiet, meditative service is especially for those who may not be feeling fully merry this season, but many appreciate the chance to be quiet and to focus on the reason Christ came. At 11:00 a.m. on December 23 we will be worshiping along with ICC. Each group will present Christmas music, both choirs will sing together, the children will have their parts, and together we will celebrate the good news for all people. Then on December 24 at 6:30 p.m. we will have our traditional Candlelight service celebrating the birth of our Savior.

ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for our free Open Art Workshop which meets every Friday from 1-3. We meet in Fellowship Hall and it is open to anyone, both inside and outside the church. Participants should bring any creative project in any medium and all their own supplies. Donations are optional.

BLANKETS AND CLOTHES FOR THE RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION Kevin and Laurie Dilio are collecting lightly used blankets and clothes for the Raleigh Rescue Mission. A collection box is in the narthex.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Next Sunday is our Monthly Luncheon; please bring a dish to share. Also, consider bringing an item for the food pantry. Needed items are listed below.

FOOD PANTRY

The following is needed at the food pantry: sugar, flour, cereal, rice tea/coffee, crackers, jam/jelly, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, jello, mac 'n cheese, ramen noodles. Also needed are these canned goods: milk, tuna, beef stew, chili, ravioli/spaghettios, tomatoes.