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The Celebration of Worship Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2009

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Luke 3:1-6

VOLUNTARY

Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes
Fred Gaul, organist

arr. Wilbur Held

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

8:45 Bob and Ann Orders
11:00 The 2010 Confirmation Class

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE 30

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

MARY'S CHILD

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Claire Butler

*RESPONSE

Emmanuel

Bob McGee

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el, His name is
called Em - man - u - el. God with us, re-vealed in
us. His name is called Em - man - u - el.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

God, we sometimes discover ourselves lost in the wilderness. We make our choices, and choose the wrong way. The result is a long, lonely, sometimes terrifying journey in a cold land. We have neither mother nor father there; we find no friends, save the voice of those we have left behind. We are afraid, and we call out for Your love. Forgive us, God! Lead us back to Your grace.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so you may greet each other by name.
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Living Waters for the World

K. Paul Davis

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Claire Butler

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*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.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

arr. Noël Goemanne

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Roberts

Lord, You have begun a good work in us, and we are grateful. Shape us, O God, so that our lives may be consistent with Your intent. Shape what we bring as our offerings to suit Your pleasure, and fashion them to fit Your design. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

VOLUNTARY

Wayne and Mary Odin

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:6-7, Pew Bible, OT, p. 638
John 20:19-29, Pew Bible, NT, p. 115

Bill McCoy

SERMON

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES:
Mighty God

Bill McCoy

*CONCLUDING HYMN 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 13

*Prepare the way, O Zion, Your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One Who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!*

*VOLUNTARY

Sortie
Fred Gaul, organist

George Blake

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Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

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• Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel - please
• accompany children.
• **Childcare:** Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114; Helen Liu, Kim Smith, Carolyn Mullett, Aaron & Patti
• Alexander, Karen Scherr, Mary Mullens and Truman, Tish & Carah Chafin
• **Elder Visitation:** Sandy Zando, Dill Battle, Dee Campbell
• **Greeters today are:** Barbara Gessner, Mark Holmes, Pam Phares, Diana Rustemeyer
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THANK YOU!

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