



Morning Worship Celebration

November 27, 2011

177 Years of Reaching Up in Faith- -Reaching Out in Love

Adoration

Prayer Requests (Prayer requests are received by writing down prayers on the card found as an insert in this bulletin. These cards are passed down the pew, to the aisle, and collected by the Ushers during the Hymn of Praise. Then, during Time for Meditation and Prayer, these prayers are lifted up by the Congregation.)

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Welcome to Worship

Opportunities for Participation

Prelude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Ar. Lani Smith

Lighting of the Advent Candle

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Almighty King" 9
(receive prayer requests)

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: We are waiting.

People: What are we waiting for?

Leader: We wait for a world filled with God's love. We are longing.

People: Longing?

Leader: Hoping with trust in God that love will reign in the world.

All: We yearn for God and God is with us as we wait.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Gracious God, through the prophets, we are reminded that you are the Creator of all. We celebrate your continuing love and care for all that you have made. Be with us now, as we honor you in word and in music. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*Response of Praise (sung)

Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a

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*A Time of Greeting

GIVING GOD PRAISE

A Time with Our Children

(Elementary children may leave for Sunday School)

Choir Anthem "Glorious Day" Forgiven

Invitation to the Offering

(Please sign the attendance pad located at the center aisle end of the pew.)

The Offertory "Do You Hear What I Hear" Forgiven

*Response of Praise (Sung)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power up-lifts.

Praise the Spir-it, Holy Spir-it

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

In this season of waiting and lighting candles, loving God, we offer these gifts of money, of creation, of wondering, and we offer ourselves as bearers of the light of your hope in the world. Amen.

***Hymn** "Have Thine Own Way" See Insert

Prayers of the People and Prayer of our Savior

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.

Prayer Response (Sung)

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 64:1-9 (p. 859)

Sermon God shapes us as we wait for God's realm.

***Hymn** "Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old" 113

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction Response** "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,

In the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,

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***Postlude** "Chorale" Jean Sibelius

**Please stand if able.*

Ministries & Special Events

POINSETTIA AND LIGHTS OF HOPE

Pointsettias and Lights of Hope are available for purchase. Please complete the enclosed card(s) and place it in the offering plate.

POSSIBLE BLOOD DRIVE

The Care and Nurture Team is considering having a blood drive but we would need a minimum number of participants. A signup sheet will be in Fellowship Hall after worship. We will let you know the results and timing on having a blood drive if enough people sign up.

UPWARD REGISTRATION/MAKE-UP EVALUATION DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 29TH.

All participants must attend an evaluation!! Times of Evaluations for boys and girls are **Kindergarten through 2nd Grade: 6:00 - 7:00 PM** and **3rd through 6th Grade: 7:00 - 8:00 PM**. Games start Saturday, January 21, 2012.

Upward Coaching Training

Dates for training are on **Friday, December 2nd & 16th** in the CLC, **Returning Coaches:** 6:00 - 7:00 PM; **New Coaches:** 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

CALLING ALL COOKS

The Fellowship Team is looking for members to donate cooked hams and turkeys for Advent Dinner on **December 4th**. If you are interested, please contact Erin Spicer at (810) 397-4564, mespicer0413@msn.com. Thank you!!

BI-ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

The Outreach team will be collecting gently used coats, (children and adults), for our bi-annual coat drive. Please place coats in the box labeled "**Donated Coats**" located in the Fellowship Hall by **December 4th**. The team will give them to a local shelter.

FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT

Join your church family on **Sunday, December 4th from 5:00-7:00 PM**. Family Advent Night is the best way to start the Christmas season out right. The night starts with a potluck. We ask that you bring a dish as noted by your last name: A-H: vegetable, I-Q: salad, and R-Z: asserole. Desserts will be provided by the Fellowship Team. The Spiritual Growth Team will be leading you in a family craft, and then move to the sanctuary for the Children's Christmas Program, "The Great Manger Mystery."

CHRISTMAS ANGEL GIFTS

We still have 68 children from the North End Soup Kitchen in Flint who are in need of Christmas gifts. We are asking volunteers to purchase gifts for these children, infant to 17 years old. For many this will be their only gift this Christmas. Gift tags will be available in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, with the name and age of a child in need. Please attach the gift tag to your purchased gift and drop it off in the narthex no later than **Sunday, December 11th**. If you have any questions please contact Karen Palevich at (810) 953-0412.

SUNDAY OFFERING

The Offering for Sunday, November 20th was \$2,735.00, Second Mile was \$165.00.

Please join us after worship for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Stewardship Thought:
We give because God first gave to us. "You received without payment; give without payment"
(Matthew 10:8)

THANKS

To those who assisted in today's worship services

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Senior Pastor

Rev. Joe Schulte

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Brandon Sanders

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Lavonne Bomeli

Advent Readers

The Follis Family

Lay Liturgist

Harry Wagner

Prayers

Marilee Hockstad

Usher Captain

Fred Loomis

Tally Team

Sherry Allen

Coffee Hour Hosts

Jeanette & George Adams

Open & Close Church

Dawn Bentley

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 27	9:00 Faith of Your Own 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Christmas Celebration Practice 8:00 Men's Basketball
Monday, November 28	6:00 Sacred Parenting Class 6:30 Boy Scout Mtg.
Tuesday, November 29	9:15 Bible Study 6:00 Upward Evaluations 7:00 Alcoholic Anonymous 7:00 Forgiven Band Practice
Wednesday, November 30	10:00 Chapel 6:00 Admin Board 6:00 Autism Group Basketball 7:00 Seventh-Day Adventists 8:00 FABE
Thursday, December 1	4:30 Confirmation 7:00 Zumba 7:00 Choir
Friday, December 2	6:00 Upward Returning Coach Training 6:00 Zone Party 7:00 Upward New Coach Training 8:00 FABE
Saturday, December 3	9:00 Seventh-Day Adventists 7:00 Alcoholic Anonymous
Sunday, December 4	8:30 Brother Square 9:00 Faith of Your Own 10:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Christmas Celebration Practice 5:00 Advent Family Night 8:00 Men's Basketball

WELCOME!

The First Sunday Advent



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HEARING ASSISTANCE

If you need hearing assistance, ask an usher about our Williams Sound System.

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Prayers and Concerns:

Please pray for Norma & Deloy Burrows, Joan Duff, Madeline Dunlap, Ann Edgcombe, Arnold Fletcher, Helen Jewett, Owen Mooney, Wilma Palmer, Claude Shinn, George Smith, Howard Weaver, & Dale Wells

"Our mission is to enable disciples to change the world to the glory of God by living the teachings of Jesus our Christ."



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