



# Morning Worship Celebration

December 18, 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 insert in the 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.)

*"A quiet time for prayer and centering"*

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Welcome to Worship

### Opportunities of Participation

**Prelude** "Breath of Heaven" Elton & Grant

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

\***Hymn** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" 119

*(receive prayer requests)*

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion:

**People: Your God reigns!**

Leader: God comes in the power of love and justice; therefore, let us with eagerness worship with joy.

**People: Let the heavens be glad; let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all the fills it. Shout for joy, all the earth.**

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

**Creating and sustaining God, in your presence there is life. Living water springs up, and deserts bloom where you pass. Leading the life that comes from you, we have gathered before you. Our hearts are ready, O God, our hearts are ready. Delight us with your presence, and prepare us for your service of the world, through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 1:26-38 (p. 887)

### A Time with Our Children

*(Elementary children may leave for Sunday School)*

### Choir Cantata Part I

Come to Bethlehem and See  
The Call of Christmas  
O Little Town of Bethlehem

## LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK

### 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.**

### Choir Cantata Part II

Come Let Us Go To Bethlehem  
Have You Seen The Savior

### Invitation to the Offering

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

### The Offertory "Mary Shivered"

### \*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)

**Faithful God, in Jesus, you fulfilled your promise of a new world. As we embrace that blessing, we offer these gifts that they might be used to prepare the way by speaking the good news of your salvation. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

### Choir Cantata Part II

Born in Bethlehem

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion (See Insert)

\***Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" 137

### \*Benediction

### \*Choral Benediction (Choir)

\***Postlude** "Angels From the Realms of Glory" Arr. Jeff Bennett

*\*Please stand if able.*

### SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to the following people for their talent in this service:

Patty Duffy, Sharon Ballreich, Joe Powers and the choir.

## Ministries & Special Events

### CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Food baskets will be delivered Thursday, December 22nd. Perishable items must be brought to the church no later than Wednesday, December 21st for delivery. Non-perishables items can be still given until the morning of Wednesday, **December 21st**. If you are interested in delivering baskets please call Marty Royer at 810-694-6315. Thank you - The Outreach Team

Sister Circle Canceled for the Month of December. Our regular book meeting will resume Tuesday, **January 24**, 2012.

### BROTHER-SISTER BREAKFAST

Brother Square and Sister Circle are joining forces to host a Sunday morning breakfast. If you have not been to either of these great ministries, now is the time to try it out! All men and women are invited to join us Sunday, **January 8th** at 9:00 AM for some fun information, a lively discussion, and a great breakfast. Childcare will be provided.

### ANALYSIS OF PLEDGES FOR 2012 - (WEEK #4)

Pledges for 2012 after 4 weeks	93 for \$245,236
Pledges for 2011 after 4 weeks	93 for \$218,984
Pledges for 2011 final tally	114 for \$250,846

People who pledged in both 2011 and 2012 (83 pledges)	
Dollars pledged for 2011:	\$200,194
Dollars pledged for 2012:	\$230,576 (15.2% increase over 2011 pledge)

Projected 2012 giving (committed and uncommitted) based on 2012 pledges and 2011 giving: \$296,704

### LIGHTS OF HOPE

In memory of Ray & Nola Goodall ~ Lad & Kim Goodall; in memory of Gayl Butler, Jo & Jim Allen ~ Sherry & Jerry Allen; in memory of Norm Gibson, my parents ~ Kay Gibson; in honor of Bill, Josephine & Ben Schroeder, Dean & Ken Rasmus, Joe Schulte – uncle ~ Judith & Richard Schroeder; in memory of mom, dad, Don & Tony ~ Barb Benson; in memory of Bert Outland, Charles & Edith Post ~ The Setera Family; in memory of my parents ~ Barb Crawford; in honor of our son, Chris ~ Ron & Diana Lumsden; in memory of John Kozlowski & Janet Tresedder ~ Dennis & Joy Kozlowski; in memory Ronald McLaren ~ Maggie McLaren; in memory of Marge & Ralph Weckler ~ Eileen Weckler; in memory of Ronald McLaren ~ Tom McLaren; in memory of Jim Stableford ~ Anne Stableford; in memory of our parents, Agnes & Carl Fuhs & Jim & Barb Stephenson ~ Paul & Anne Fuhs; in honor of lovely girls ~ the Loomis Family; in honor of Sister's Circle ~ Deloy & Norma Burrow; in memory of Joe Salrin ~ Mary & Joe Powers; in memory of Allen Gottschalk ~ Sandra Gottschalk; in memory of Donald & Meg Charnley, Arlene & Julie Lounds ~ Rod & Ellen Lounds; in memory of Dorothy E. Weaver & Mildred Weaver Heck ~ Howard Weaver

### POINSETTIAS

In honor of our church volunteers ~ Barb Benson; in honor of our parents: The Kenkels & The McAtees ~ Sue Kenkel; in memory of Schmidt & Rasmus families ~ Judith Schroeder; in honor of Hope Butler ~ Sherry & Jerry Allen; in honor of Julie Ermiger ~ Bob & Deb Ermiger; in memory of Helen Schulte & in honor of Ed & MaryJane Miller, Tom Schulte ~ Beth Miller & Joe Schulte; in honor of our parents, Rev. & Mrs. Roy Lausman & Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Zoelling ~ John & Brenda Lausman; in memory of Jane Marie Burrow & Gracie Jane Wright ~ Deloy & Norma Burrow; in memory of Ronald McLaren ~ Maggie McLaren; in memory of loved ones: Amy Krasny, Eddie Krasny, Lynn Smiley, Carol Page, MaryAgnes & Walt Krasny, grandparents, aunts & uncles ~ Shelly Krasny; in memory of Ronald McLaren ~ Tom McLaren; in memory of Richard Pearson ~ Betty Pearson; in memory of Roger Smith ~ Al & Jodi Olah; in memory of John Shumaker ~ Paige Shumaker; in memory of John Kozlowski & Janet Tresedder ~ Dennis & Joy Kozlowski; in memory of Larry Sumerix ~ Mary & Joe Powers; in memory of Ida Weckler, Jimmy Cuthbertson, Ralph & Marge Weckler ~ Frances & Jim Cuthbertson; in honor of our family ~ William & Lana Bellah; in memory of Carl Ross, Jr. ~ Carla Meier; in memory of Bruce Trembley ~ Eleanor Trembley; in memory of Janet Tresedder ~ Bob Tresedder

**MITTEN TREE**

Please help those in need this year. Hats, scarves, and/or gloves can be hung on the tree or placed in the baskets under the tree located in the Fellowship Hall. Items will be accepted through **today**.

**UPWARDS BASKETBALL**

UPWARDS Basketball is still in need of 10 additional coaches. Please contact Mike Sly for details on (810) 444-1927.

**THE NET'S NEW BASKETBALL TEAM**

The team is coached by Laryn Butzler. Practice on Sundays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. First game Thursday, January 26th. Interested players contact Tracy Loomis.

[Please join us after worship for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.](#)

**THANKS**

*To those who assisted in today's worship services*

**Ministers**

All the Members

**Advent Readers**

The Stetkiw Family

**Host**

Dawn Bentley

**Lay Liturgist**

**Public Address System**

Bob Throop

**Prayers**

Lana Bellah

**Greeters**

The Urogdy Family

**Usher Captain**

Donley Voth

**Open & Close Church**

Tom McLaren

**Tally Team**

Bob Tresedder

**Coffee Hour Hosts**

Bill & Lana Bellah

**Communion Servers**

Jerry & Sherry Allen

Dick & Lee Hockstad



**Be Green at FCUCC!**

*Please use the Blue Paper Recycling Bins*



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, December 18**  
10:30 Worship/Communion  
10:30 Sunday School  
11:30 Fellowship  
6:30 Net Basketball Practice  
8:00 Men's Basketball

**Monday, December 19**

**Tuesday, December 20**  
6:00 Fellowship Team  
6:00 FABA Basketball  
7:00 Alcoholic Anonymous  
7:00 Forgiven Practice

**Wednesday, December 21**  
7:00 Seventh-Day Adventists

**Thursday, December 22**  
5:00 XYZ Meeting  
6:00 Living Nativity  
7:00 Zumba  
7:30 Choir

**Friday, December 23**  
Learning House & Office Closed

**Saturday, December 24**  
9:00 Seventh-Day Adventists  
12:00 Seventh-Day Adventists Luncheon  
5:00 Living Nativity  
7:00 Family Service  
7:00 Alcoholic Anonymous  
11:00 Candlelight Worship

**Sunday, November 25**  
10:30 Worship  
11:30 Fellowship  
8:00 Men's Basketball

**WELCOME!**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*



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

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

**Church Staff**

**Senior Pastor**

Rev. Joe Schulte

**Director of Youth & Educational Ministries**

Tracy Loomis

**Church Secretary**

Wanda Kitchen

**Chief Financial Officer**

Carla Meier

**Director of Music**

Brandon Sanders

**Organist**

Lavonne Bomeli

**Learning House Director**

Susan Arnould

**Parish Visitor**

Barbara Benson

**Custodian**

Tom McLaren

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

**Prayers and Concerns:**

Please pray for Sharon Ballreich, Norma & Deloy Burrow, Joan Duff, Madeline Dunlap, Helen Jewett, Owen Mooney, Wilma Palmer, George Smith, Howard Weaver, & Dale Wells



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