

**THE SANCTUARY CHOIR** will offer "Run Ye Shepherds to the Light" by Michael Haydn with guest soprano Cathryn Olson and PSU string trio next Sunday, December 17 during worship.

**THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** will be received during 10:00 AM worship as well as the 6:00 and 8:00 PM Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24. This offering helps provide opportunities for deserving students and assistance to former and current church workers and families.

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS** must be postmarked by Saturday, December 30, or received in the offering on Sunday, December 31 to be credited towards 2017 giving.

**ADULT/SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:** Plan to join the senior luncheon group, Wednesday, December 13 at noon, for a Christmas season kick-off gathering. For a mere \$5, you will enjoy a scrumptious holiday lunch, gorgeous decorations, and time to visit with friends, both old and new.

**KIDZ MART IS HERE!** Kidz Mart offers children an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their family, friends, and pets, under the guidance of our adult and teen shop keepers. Adults and children are welcome to shop today after worship.

**DINING FOR WOMEN** will meet Sunday, December 17 at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room. This month, DFW learns about a program called Creating Healthy Approaches to Success (CHATS) in Malawi. This non-profit organization helps to advance girls' education in Africa, and their mission is to provide life-changing opportunities for young women in Malawi through targeted initiatives. Bring a potluck dish to contribute to the lunch, learn about this worthy non-profit program and make a donation to their grant request.

**DO YOU HAVE OLD CALENDARS** or old National Geographic's that you would like to get rid of? Bring them to the church office and we will take them off of your hands!

**CHRISTMAS MODEL TRAIN OPEN HOUSE:** December 27, 5:00-8:00 PM at Shannon Pratt's home, 6677 SW Bancroft Way. Treats and drinks provided. Bring family and friends, all are welcome!



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
December 10-17, 2017		
<b>SUNDAY, December 10</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship-Christmas Pageant 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	<b>TUESDAY, December 12</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Session Committee	<b>FRIDAY, December 15</b> 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group
<b>MONDAY, December 11</b> 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 11:30 AM Century Club General Meeting 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 6:00 PM PIC Meeting 7:00 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:30 PM Girl Scout Troop	<b>WEDNESDAY, December 13</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 9:15 AM MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 12:00 PM Senior Adult Luncheon 5:00 PM Cherub Choir 5:00 PM King's Kids Choir 7:30 PM Scout Troop 592	<b>SATURDAY, December 16</b> 4:00 PM Rawlings/Spencer Wedding
	<b>THURSDAY, December 14</b> 6:00 PM Scouts Pack 592 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir	<b>SUNDAY, December 17</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Dining for Women Meeting 11:30 AM Youth Choir

**Ministers:** All members of the congregation

**Valley Staff:**

- Jeff Binder ..... Pastor, ext. 133
- Misty Bonham..... Director of Children's Ministries, ext. 135
- Connor Campbell..... Building Superintendent, ext. 143
- Chuck Falconer and Jenny Pratt.....Pastoral Associates
- Angela Graham ..... Publication & Office Administrator, ext. 126
- AmyAnn Green ..... Business Manager, ext. 128
- Bob Hinson.....Organist/Pianist, ext. 139
- David Jimerson..... Minister of Music, ext. 139
- Frank Powers ..... Treasurer, ext. 129
- Preston Russell..... Director of Youth Ministries, ext. 131
- Amy Rheingans ..... Director of Youth & Children's Music, ext. 145
- Anne Scarce .....Preschool Director, ext. 146

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2017 † 10:00 AM**  
❖ Please stand as you are able  
**Bold Text is spoken by everyone**

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*Please pass and sign the friendship folders.*

**PRELUDE** Noel, Nouvelet W. S. Lloyd Webber

**ACOLYTES** Macy Vermillion and Sophie Vermillion

**ADVENT SONG** *Advent Song*  
**Light the Advent candle, two: Think of humble shepherds who filled with wonder at the sight of the Child on Christmas night. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.**



**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** Sarah, Evan, and Clara Martin

SPECIAL MUSIC

Stay Awake  
Cherub Choir

Walker

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:1-2

This is the season of holy waiting.

**We watch for the day when our warfare will be ended.**

We wait for the One who can bring comfort and speak peace.

**We wait while the night begins to glow with the light of day.**

Come let us walk in the light of God!

❖ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

No 267

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Zachary Graham, Liturgist

from *Reformed Worship*

**Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us.**

**Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us.**

**Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us.**

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

☪ Silence is kept ☪

❖ GLORIA PATRI

"Glory Be to the Father"

No. 581

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

❖ Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ. ❖

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

No 583

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-8

New Testament, p. 34

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christmas Joy Offering

Chuck Falconer

OFFERTORY

Carol of the Shepherd Boys  
King's Kids; Ariel Derting, piano

arr. Hruby

❖ Congregation rising, row by row, as ushers pass ❖

❖ 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.**

PAGEANT OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

❖ CHARGE & BLESSING



PAGEANT OF THE HOLY NATIVITY CAST

Mary and Joseph..... Misty and David Bonham

Jesus ..... Caitlin Bonham

Angel of the Annunciation ..... Lindsay Kurtz

Angel of the Shepherds.....Birgitta Carlson

Piper ..... Maria Rinella

Mary's Angels ..... Megan Bootsma, Annika Carlson, Ariel Derting, Olivia Hoffbeck

Flower Angels ..... Claire Baker, Paige Bedsaul, Katie Craig,

..... Renee Flavell, Georgia Hoffbeck, Elise Jenkins,

..... Madeline Prewett, Marian Romanaggi, Macy Vermillion

Shepherds..... Hayden Bach, Sam Rheingans, Ian Luehr-Sele

Kings .....David Browning, Nels Carlson, David Sanderman

Train Bearers .....Eric Browning, Kjell Carlson, Turner Sanderman

O Holy Night soloists ..... Ariel Derting, Lindsay Kurtz

I Would Go to Bethlehem trio..... Lily Boyle, Ciara Crouse, Rory Regan

Silent Night soloist ..... Eric Browning

Choirs..... King's Kids Choir and Youth Choir, Director Amy Rheingans

.....Sanctuary Choir, Director David Jimerson

Director .....Lizz Brown

Sanctuary Choir Soloists.....Luke Smith, tenor; Grace Skinner, sop/mezzo

..... Raoul Bellis-Squires, bass

Narrator..... Chuck Falconer

Pianist and Organist .....Greg Russell, Bob Hinson

Costumes..... Jini DeVries

Sound Technician ..... David Derting

Composer .....McK. Williams

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS:** we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! Please fill out a Visitor Card, located in the pew back, and drop it in the Offering Plate when it is passed.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** will be hosted by the Clippers Mariners Ship upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** next Sunday, December 17, at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall. In the DVD series, "Jesus and His Jewish Influences," we discuss the book of Tobit which is an apocryphal source, emphasizing that God is with us even during turmoil and suffering. Its hero had been blinded by Assyrian authorities because of his righteous burial of the dead. His sight was restored ultimately proving that God rewards the pious, even if they have endured suffering, i.e. redemption occurs. Please note: no class on December 24 or 31.

**A WONDERFUL VALLEY COOKBOOK** to commemorate our 75th Anniversary is in the process of being put together. We are eagerly collecting your best recipes for our book. Today, during coffee fellowship, we will be tasting samples of five different recipes that will appear in our cookbook.

**POINSETTIAS** will enhance the sanctuary chancel on the 3rd Sunday of Advent and Christmas in memory and honor of our loved ones. If you wish to participate, please provide the name of the honoree and a donation of \$15 noted to "VCPC Flower Fund" in an envelope, and place it in the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office by Monday, December 18. Honorees names will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

**THE NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** is Tuesday, December 19, 2:00-7:00 PM. Up to three people may be helped with each pint of blood collected. Please contact Karen Miller, plmkmm@comcast.net or Jim Sandberg, jim.sandberg@comcast.net, for more information. A sign up table will also be available during coffee fellowship.

**THE SALVATION ARMY GIVING TREE** is located in the front entryway. Valley is hosting a single mother and her infant daughter. Take a tag and bring the unwrapped item (along with the tag) to be placed under the tree by 1:00 PM on Friday, December 15. Your generosity will ensure this family will have a very merry Christmas!

**COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES!** The kitchen freezer is somewhat spare of cookies for coffee fellowship. Please place your cookies in a zip lock freezer bag and label the bag with your name, type of cookie and the date. Bring them to the church and put them in the freezer. Thank you!