

Kathwood Baptist Church



THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

November 29, 2009

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eleven o'clock

CALLED TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP...

Prelude *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming* arr. J. Pethel

Words of Welcome Rev. Christina Whitehouse-Suggs

*Lighting the Candles Acolytes

*Invocation Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

Call to Worship Jeremiah 33:14-16 Congregation

One: The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

All: In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

One: In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called:

All: "The LORD is our righteousness."

One: We hear the voice of God through these words.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lighting the Advent Candle Judy Wingate

*Hymn 76 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

Psalm of the Day *Psalm 25:1-10* Bob Bell

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

HEARING, PROCLAIMING, AND CELEBRATING GOD'S WORD...

Song *Talk About Suffering* traditional
Jim Epley, Burt Pardue

New Testament Reading *Luke 21:25-36* Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader: We hear the voice of God through these words. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Here It Comes...* Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD...

*Hymn 95 *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* GO TELL IT

To make your faith in Christ, to join this church by baptism, transfer of letter or statement of faith or to pray with the pastor, please come forward.

DEPARTING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

Benediction Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

*Hymn 252 *Gloria Patri* GREATOREX

*Passing of the Peace: *The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.* Congregation

*Organ Postlude *From Heaven Above*, variations 4-6 Luther/Cassler

Blue is the color of Advent, symbolizing expectation and hope.
During this season of expectation we draw inspiration from our collective hope of Christ's return.

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Jean Danner
in memory of her father, Lt. Col. Edward F. Ortowski.*

Please join us for coffee, tea, and fellowship in the narthex following the service.