

Kathwood Baptist Church



THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP

December 6, 2009

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eleven o'clock

CALLED TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP...

Prelude *Meditation on "Silent Night"* Gruber/arr. J. Pethel

Words of Welcome Rev. Christina Whitehouse-Suggs

*Lighting the Candles Acolytes

*Invocation Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

Lighting the Advent Candle Jim and Patty Epley

*Hymn 79 *Blest Be the God of Israel* FOREST GREEN

New Testament Reading *Luke 1:68-79* Ken Zuercher

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them. God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of God's servant David, as God spoke through the mouth of God's holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus God has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered the holy covenant, the oath that God swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness before the Lord all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

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

SEEKING THE LORD...

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Sherry Roberts

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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*Hymn 86

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Offertory Prayer of Dedication

Cheryl Page

Offertory Meditation

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Vulpius/arr. J. Pethel

*Hymn 253

Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

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

Anthem

The Jesus Gift

Gilbert Martin

Christina Whitehouse-Suggs, solo; Jonathan McCullough, violin

New Testament Reading

Luke 3:1-6

Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

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.'"

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Sermon

What Do You Mean, Repent?

Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD...

Call to Confession

God Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy

Congregation

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Prayers of Confession (*guided*)

Congregation

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Whitehouse-Suggs

Communion

Congregation

This is the Lord's Table where all believers are welcome.

*Hymn 85

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

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

The Heavenly Dance

Colin Mawby

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 Robert and Debra Young
in loving memory of Robert W. Young, Sr.*

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