

* **THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Hymn 592)

* **THE HYMN 8** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

* **THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *The Desert Shall Rejoice* Patterson

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*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 012.*

- Elder on call: Sarah Beth Gehl 404.803.1989
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- Ushers: Laura Fillyaw, Amy and Van Jensen, and Greg Morton
- Greeters: Ellen Brown, Brad Odom, Cindy Humphries, Jane Stack
- Counters: Martin Dunlap, Carolyn Morton
- Infant Volunteer: Valerie Baginski
- Two's Volunteer: JoAnn Bertrand
- Three's Volunteers: Billy Palmer, Shari Tant
- Pre-K Volunteers: Carol Senf, Bryan Smith
- K-1 Volunteers: Sandy and Todd Jones
- Grades 2-3 Volunteers: David and Elizabeth Fairleigh
- Fellowship: Environmental Action Committee

**Staff**

- Joanna M. Adams.....Pastor
- Christopher Henry .....Associate Pastor
- Robert Gray.....Assistant to the Minister
- Walter Huff.....Organist/Choirmaster
- Melinda Sandkam .....Program Director
- Sarah Tomaka.....Preschool Director
- Brittney Jaynes.....Children's Choir Director
- Marcy Meredith.....Music Administrator
- Anna Best.....Office Administrator
- Ann Benson.....Office Assistant

**WORSHIP NOVEMBER 29, 2009**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.**

*Our preparation for worship is as follows: Before the prelude begins, the liturgist for the morning will greet the congregation from the lectern, saying "The Lord be with you." The people will respond, "And also with you." At this point, the prelude will begin. After the prelude, the chimes will be sounded, and the call to worship will take place, followed by the processional hymn. Our goal is to make the sanctuary as worshipful as possible as the congregation gathers to honor God's holy name.*

**THE GATHERING**

Christopher Henry

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

**THE PRELUDE**

*The Lord Will Come to Us*

Scottish Psalter, arr. Warner

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Jack, Isabella, Kim, and Michael Perez  
and Shari Tant

**Unison Prayer:**

**God of hope, as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.**

\* **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 376**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
(verses 1 through 3)

*\*(The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we confess that too often we take your gifts for granted. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to give thanks. Help us to recognize what incredible gifts we have been given in life, health, families, friends, material possessions.

By the power of Jesus, enable us to give thanks, not only in the good times of life, but in all times, confident that all you give us is given to us out of your love. Move us to gratitude as the fitting response to your gracious love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 23)  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**  
*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the **Baptism** for special classes. Three-year-olds are in Room 208; Pre-K in 011; K - 1st grade in 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in 003; 4th - 6th grade in 005.)*

**THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**  
*(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)*

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
**People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome this child into Christ's church. We are the family of God for we are all one in Christ.**

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* Copes

**THE FIRST LESSON** Luke 1:26-38 (page 53 in the pew Bible)

**THE ANTHEM** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* German Carol, arr. Walters

**THE SECOND LESSON** Hebrews 13:1-2 (page 213 in the pew Bible)

**THE SERMON** *"Unexpected Angels"* Joanna Adams  
*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2*

**\* THE HYMN 298** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**THE OFFERTORY** *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (Wachet auf)* Manz