

**\* THE HYMN 376**

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

**\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Plainsong

**THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**



*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: Jay Myers 404.388.3994

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Ushers: Guerry & Michelle Mashburn, Kim Perez, Shari Tant

Greeters: Lisa and Shannon Harris, Ellen Brown, Browning Fergus

Coffee and Conversation Hosts: Ginny and Browning Fergus

Counters: Richard Brownlee, Bill Humphries

Infant Volunteer: Laura Fillyaw

Toddler/Two's Volunteer: Mary Hardy Holaway

Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers: Billy and Anna Palmer

K-1st Grade Volunteers: Sandy Jones, Mindy Potter

2nd-3rd Grade Volunteers: Leslie and Don Grant

Fellowship: Brad Odom, Sarah Beth and Tom Gehl

**Staff**

Christopher Henry .....Associate Pastor/Acting Head of Staff  
Mary Miller Brueggemann.....Pastoral Assistant  
Walter Huff.....Organist/Choirmaster  
Melinda Sandkam .....Program Director  
Sarah Tomaka..... Preschool Director  
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# Morningside

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**WORSHIP NOVEMBER 28, 2010**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**THE GATHERING**

Mary Miller Brueggemann

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**THE PRELUDE**

Walter Huff, organist

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Pastor Nominating Committee

**Unison Prayer:**

**God of the prophets, give us this day the prophetic word of hope, that in moments of despair we might look to you for comfort. We give you thanks for this time of preparation for the coming of the Light of the World. Amen.**

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 551** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*\* (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

You have promised, O Lord, to forget your anger and remember our sins no more. We confess that we have not always walked in your paths or trusted your promises. We look for security in the wrong places, and fail to lean on your outstretched arm. We are distracted by worries and possessions and do not see the favor of your grace surrounding us. We neglect the abundant gifts of your Spirit. Wake us up to your goodness and mercy. Forgive and restore us, we pray, in Jesus' name. 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 **Peace of Christ** for special classes. Three through five-year-olds in Room 011; K - 1st grade in Room 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in Room 003; 4th - 7th grade in Room 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 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-4

(page 594 in the pew Bible)

#### THE ANTHEM

*Advent Prayer*

William Sisson

How will we know Him, Lord? We will seek in the night, we will watch for a sign, but how will we know Him, Lord? Seek in the radiance of hope and of peace, seek in the bright flame of joy, seek in the light and the goodness of love, but seek Him first in your heart.

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, joy of every longing heart. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: there's room in my heart for Thee.*

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

(page 181 in the pew Bible)

## THE SERMON

*"Gathered In"*

Christopher Henry

*So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. Ephesians 2:17*

### \* THE HYMN 8

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

### \* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from An Affirmation of Faith, The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

Christ Jesus,  
Child of Mary, God with us,  
King and Suffering Servant,  
High Priest and Lamb of God,  
Teacher and Word,  
living, suffering, dying and rising again,  
you challenge, redeem and restore us.  
Holy Spirit, Breath of life,  
Counselor and Comforter,  
Fire of God, you inspire, sustain, and purify us.  
Forming us in the nature of Christ,  
transforming us with your gifts,  
you bind us together in one body, your church.  
God of all creation,  
made known to us in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit,  
your boundless love exposes our rebellion and greed.  
A mother who will not abandon her child,  
a father who welcomes the prodigal home,  
you forgive, accept and embrace us  
and call us into loving communion for ever.  
In life and death we belong to you,  
everlasting God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### 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

*Lo, How a Rose / Of the Father's Love Begotten*

arr. Carter

### \* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Hymn 592)