

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE**



WORSHIP DECEMBER 12, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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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: Arthur Sweum 404.634.8970**
- Deacon on call: Bill Smith 404.856.0503**
- Ushers: Chip Edgerton, Gloria Joiner, Nancy Lane, and Bradley Odom**
- Greeters: Lisa and Shannon Harris, Ellen Brown and Richard Blanchard**
- Coffee and Conversation Host: Nancy Anderson**
- Counters: Bobbie McCrackin, John Watson**
- Infant Volunteer: Becky Schreiber**
- Toddler/Two's Volunteer: Jennifer James**
- Three, Four, and Five's Volunteer: Beth Baer**
- K-1st Grade Volunteers: Duncan and Rachel Spears**
- 2nd-3rd Grade Volunteers: Kira and Jeff Hullinger**
- Fellowship: The Worship Team**

**Staff**

- Mary Miller Brueggemann.....Pastoral Assistant
- Walter Huff.....Organist/Choirmaster
- Melinda Sandkam .....Program Director
- Sarah Tomaka..... Preschool Director
- Brittney Jaynes.....Children's Choir Director
- Anna Best.....Office Administrator
- J. Daniel Altman.....Music Administrator
- Ann Benson.....Office Assistant
- Randy Young.....Facilities Manager
- Gus Restrepo.....Sexton

**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**

Haiti Mission Team

**Unison Prayer:**

**God, our shepherd, fill our lives with your steadfast love, that in loving others  
we might bear witness to your love for us. We give you thanks for this time of  
waiting and preparation where we may prepare for the coming of the Messiah.  
Amen.**

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 9    *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

*\*(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

**Holy God, we have not always used our gifts for the common good. We have been impatient. We have often failed to hold fast to what is true. We have neglected to share what we have with those in need. Restore us and make us instruments of your peace, through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 OFFERTORY

*Silent Night*

arr. Mike Garson

## 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 MUSICAL OFFERING

*MESSIAH* (1741)

George Frideric Handel

(selections)

(1685-1759)

1. *Sinfonia (Overture)*
2. Recitative and Aria: *Comfort Ye/Every Valley*

Comfort ye, my people, saith your God; speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low: the crooked straight and the rough places plain. [Isaiah 40:1-4]

Nathan Munson, tenor
3. Chorus: *And the Glory of the Lord*

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. [Isaiah 40:5]
4. Chorus: *And He Shall Purify*

And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. [Malachi 3:3]
5. Recitative, Aria, and Chorus: *O Thou that Tellest*

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah: Behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. [Isaiah 40:9; 60:1]

Maria McDaniel, mezzo-soprano
6. Chorus: *For Unto Us a Child Is Born*

For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. [Isaiah 9:6]
7. *Pifa (Pastoral Symphony)*
8. Recitative: *There were shepherds abiding in the field*

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people: for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying. [Luke 2:8-11,13]

Deanna Marino, soprano
9. Chorus: *Glory to God*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill toward men. [Luke 2:14]
10. Recitative and Duet: *He Shall Feed His Flock/Come Unto Him*

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto Him, all ye that labour, that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for he is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. [Isaiah 40:11; Matthew 11:28-29]

Maria McDaniel, mezzo-soprano  
Rebecca Shipley, soprano
11. Chorus: *His Yoke Is Easy*

His yoke is easy, and his burthen is light. [Matthew 11:30]