

# The Worship of God

December 7, 2008  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.  
Color: Purple

## THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Pat Morgan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*please print your name in the register in the pew*

## PRELUDE

Peggy Fuller (8:30), Pat Morgan, Jr.

## LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Jessie Dongarra

## INTROIT

Choir

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(8:30) Murray Family

(11:00) Adkins Family

## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Scott Wilson-Parsons

*Pastor:* For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"  
who has shone in our hearts

*People:* **to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

*Pastor:* So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off  
and peace to those who were near;

*People:* **for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

## ✠ HYMN 211

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

## ✠ OPENING PRAYER

Scott

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Peter 3:8-15a

NT pp. 231

## ANTHEM

Choir

## SERMON

“What Sort of Persons...”

Scott Wilson-Parsons

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Scott

## INVITATION AND PRAYER OF GENERAL CONFESSION

*All:* **Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence  
filled with regret for our many sins and failings.**

**Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness,  
we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice  
calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.**

**For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.**

**At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured.**

**We do not care to look within,**

**and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.**

**O God, we are too weak to walk unaided.**

**Be with us as a strong and wise friend,**

**and teach us to walk by the light of your truth. Amen.**

*Pastor:* The Lord God is merciful and gracious,  
endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to thousands,  
forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. Amen.

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERTORY

Peggy Fuller (8:30); Pat Morgan (11:00)

## ✠ DOXOLOGY

## ✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:*

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## SERVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*You are invited to come forward to receive. Those unable to come forward are encouraged to notify an usher or the pastor so that they may be served in their place.*

## ✠ HYMN 213

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

## ✠ BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Scott

## ✠ CHORAL AMEN

Choir

## ✠ POSTLUDE

Peggy Fuller (8:30), Pat Morgan (11:00)

✠ *The congregation may stand as they are able*

## Leading in Worship Today

<b>Nursery:</b>	Beth O'Briant	<b>Pastor:</b>	Scott Wilson-Parsons
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Jessie Dongarra	<b>Pianists:</b>	Peggy Fuller, Ruth Ambrose
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ray Cohoon, Sharon Martz	<b>Organist/Choir Director:</b>	Pat Morgan

THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY ARE GIVEN BY: Ruth Ambrose

**Prayer Concerns:** Ken Adkins; Billie Bidgood; Sarah Cayton; Doris Cunningham; Hill Daniel; Ethel Deihl; Matthew Stephen Glendon; Mamie Grandy; Eric Guran; Bob Huey; Dorothy Kendrick; Gail Leinard; Karen Merkel; Eileen Onifer; Karen Pendt; David Perry; Joe Pritchard; Jim Quattro; Beula Short; Laura Wingo.

### Christmas Poinsettias

Our Advent Poinsettia order forms are available in the pew envelope racks. You may place poinsettias in the church in honor of or in memory of a loved one for \$10. Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary beginning on December 7, and running through the Christmas Eve Service.

### Staff Parish Committee

The SPRC will meet on Monday, December 8 at 7:00 pm for the second of a series of 2 meetings related to the annual evaluation of our pastor. The second meeting will be on December 8.

### Board of Trustees Committee

The Trustees will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. All present AND newly elected members are asked to be present.

### Candlelight Christmas Concert

Our Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert is scheduled for Sun, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. This wonderful instrumental concert event kicks off the Christmas season at our church and in our community.

### Hilda Brumsey Circle

The Hilda Brumsey Circle will not be having a meeting in December, however they will have a Christmas party on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Sharon Morgan's home.

### Cookbooks on Sale

The Hilda Brumsey Circle is now selling their much anticipated cookbook!.. The cost is \$12. Don't forget they make great gifts! If interested, please see any member of the circle.

**The United Methodist Men will NOT be having their usual Breakfast Meeting in December! See You in January**

### Sunday, December 7

8:30 am Early Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship

### Monday, December 8

7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
7:00 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

### Tuesday, December 9

6:30 pm Board of Trustees

### Wednesday, December 10

9:00 am Lectionary Study Group (Pastor)  
6:00 pm Family Night Supper/Bible Study  
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 11

6:00 pm Relay for Life

### Friday, December 12

5:30 pm Christmas Caroling  
8:00 pm Youth Lock-in

### Sunday, December 14

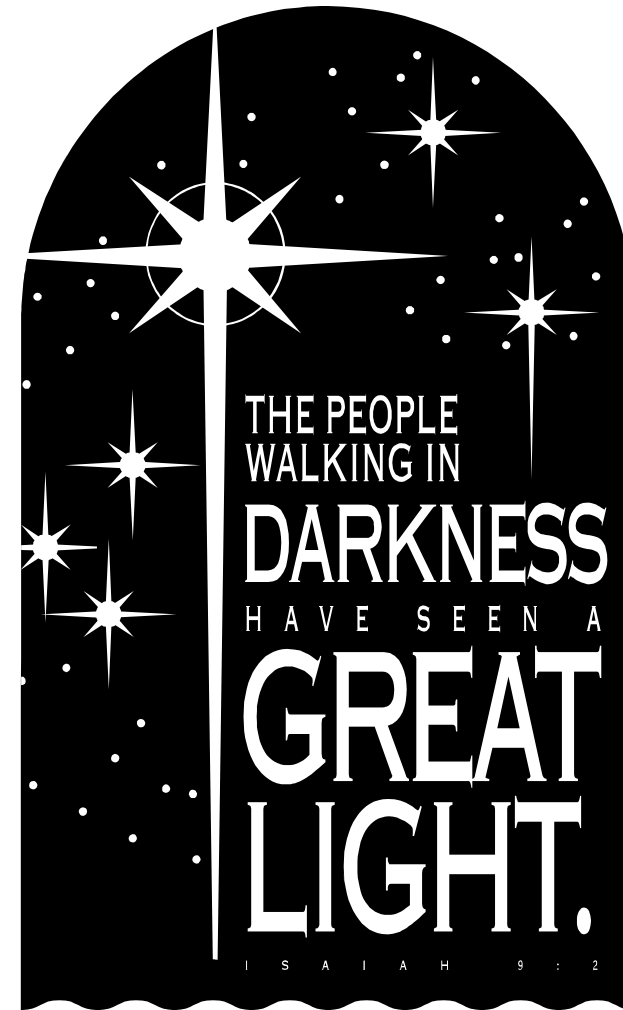
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### Our Faithfulness November 30, 2008

<b>Attendance:</b>	
8:30 .....	34
11:00 .....	54
Total: .....	88
Sunday School .....	24
<b>Offering:</b>	
Budget Expected to Date .....	\$168,209.93
Budget Receipts to Date .....	\$160,190.58
Balance .....	-\$ 8,019.35

### Additional Gifts have been received 11/30/08

- ◆ Building Fund
- ◆ Food Pantry
- ◆ Memorial
- ◆ Student Day



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