

WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We're glad you're here! Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship book located in the pew. If you have a prayer concern, or would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the Prayer Card found in the pews.

CHILD CARE

Child care is provided in the Nursery (Room 208) at 8:30am for Infants thru Preschoolers and at 11:00am for Infants and Toddlers. Preschoolers - Kindergartners are invited to Playful Praise in room 102 after the Children's Time during the 11:00am service.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us this morning between 8:00 and 11:00am for coffee in the Janet Brown Fellowship Hall. The Young Men's Group will be hosting today and look forward to seeing you. This is a great time of fellowship with friends and an opportunity to welcome visitors and meet new members.

The Winter Rose Personnel

Organist: Kathleen Hermansen

Pianist: Jeremy Landig

Narrator: Rev. Chris Walters

Videography: Mike Obrecht, Don Markwell, Jon Proulx

Musical Director: John DeGroot

Chancel Choir

Soprano I

Fern Angelos
Debby DeGroot
Marilyn Williams
Heidi Van De Voort

Alto

Karen Cowan
Sue Hasenyager
Sharon Kinley
Sherry Lenning
Carol Markwell
Sharon O'Donnell
Rena Snyder
Marcia Vaughan
Aura Wynne

Tenor

Jason Hawkins
Kelly Markwell
Larry Stephens

Soprano II

Melanie Dale
Jeanne Murphy Fornari
Veray Mackley
Carol May
Sherry Scates
Kim Stephens

Bass

Jim Cowan
Phil Glotfelty
Don Habersberger
Drew Markwell
Dan O'Donnell
Bob Snyder
Dan Valkema

the **WINTER ROSE**



A Christmas Cantata by Joseph M. Martin

*December 18th, 2011
8:30a and 11:00a Worship Services*

Plainfield United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 18, 2011
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PARISH NOTICES (on the screen)

ORGAN PRELUDE *Coventry Carol ~ Lenel*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vs 1 to 4)

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, the day we hope for is near. In just hours we will celebrate the birth of your Son, yet there is so much we must do to get ready. Slow us down Lord, so we won't miss the arrival of Jesus into our world and into our lives. In Christ' name we pray. Amen.

***SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND OTHER GREETINGS**

The peace and reconciliation of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES (8:30) The Crews Family
(11:00) The Vidito Family

PRAYER

Creator God, you bring order to chaos. Help us not to keep distance from you, but to move closer to touch the sacred and be transformed. Amen.

***ADVENT HYMN** TFWS #2090, vs 4 *Light The Advent Candle*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER ("trespasses")

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Arise, Sons of the Kingdom ~ Bach*

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

The Winter Rose

By Joseph M. Martin
With Narration by Pamela Martin

Program

The Winter Rose Chancel Choir
When Will He Come Chancel Choir
Advent Cry Chancel Choir; Sherry Scates, Soloist
Every Valley Chancel Choir
Carol of Remembrance .. Heidi Van De Voort, Soloist; Chancel Choir
In the Judean Hills Narrator, Pastor Chris Walters
Dance Into the Light Chancel Choir
The Rose Tree Carol Chancel Choir
The Winter Rose (Reprise) Jeanne Murphy Fornari, Soloist
Look to the Rose Sharon O'Donnell, Soloist; Chancel Choir
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Chancel Choir

***BENEDICTION**

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer—Fischer*