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Bold type indicates to read in unison*

**PRELUDE**    *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*  
Moser

**GREETINGS AND WELCOME**

**CHORAL INTROIT**    *Star Child* ~ John Carter

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 126, *The Message*)

It seemed like a dream, too good to be true,  
when God returned Zion's exiles.

**We laughed, we sang, we couldn't believe  
our good fortune.**

We were the talk of the nations — "God was  
wonderful to them!"

**God was wonderful to us;  
we are one happy people.**

And now, God, do it again — bring rains to our  
drought-stricken lives

**So those who planted their crops in despair  
will shout hurrahs at the harvest,**

**All: So those who went off with heavy hearts  
will come home laughing, with armloads of  
blessing.**

**\*HYMN OF EXPECTATION**                      UMH #220  
*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**    (Rev. Nathan Decker, GBOD)

**Traveling Ancient One**

**Who caravanned the desert sands with  
Abraham and Sarah**

**Who walked with Peter and Mary Magdalene**

**Who sailed with Paul and Priscilla:**

**Travel with us this Advent Morning.**

**Guide us through the wilderness of our  
minds to focus on you.**

**Bring the mountains of our egos and the  
valleys of our depression to level land.**

**Straighten our belief so that our actions  
might smooth out rough roads.**

**Help us, today, to see the salvation of God  
we pray through the Messiah you sent and  
are sending still, Amen.**

*Sunday  
December 9, 2012  
8:30am*

*Giving Up On Perfect*



**\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Lolly Adolfson & Patty Habersberger  
TFWS #2090 (vs. 2) "Advent Song"

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Malachi 3:1-4 (OT page 889)

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Shepherd of the Stars* ~ J. Martin & R. Sterling

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 3:1-6 (NT page 60)

**SERMON**

"Giving Up On Perfect"

Rev. Chris Walters

**WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING**

Offertory

*Do You Hear What I Hear* ~  
Regney/Shayne/Arr. Waldrop  
Bellissimo (with Sherry Lenning on Flute)  
UMH #94

\*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

UMH #213

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Benediction* ~ Gene Grier

**POSTLUDE**

*Bethlehem* ~ Arranged by Johnson

**WE WELCOME YOU!**

Thank you for worshiping 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.