

**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
Equipping people for a growing relationship  
with Jesus Christ to serve all.

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**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.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

If you have a gratitude you wish to share, a prayer concern or  
would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the  
appropriate card found in the pews and place it in the  
offering plate.

**CHILD CARE**

At the 8:30am and 10:00am worship services child care is  
provided in the Nursery (Room 208) for Infants thru  
Preschoolers, and at 11:00am for Infants through Toddlers. At  
the 11:00am worship service Preschoolers through  
Kindergartners are invited to Playful Praise in Room 102  
following the Children's Time.

**COFFEE HOUR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please join us in Janet Brown Fellowship Hall following the  
8:30am worship service for coffee and snacks.  
MickeySue & Tim Traver will be our host today and  
they look forward to seeing you.

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Rev. Eun-Hye Choi, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Chris Walters, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Sherry Scates, Minister of Faith Formation

**Sunday Worship Services:**

8:30a Worship with Chancel Choir  
9:45a Sunday School for all ages and Confirmation  
10:00a Communion Service  
11:00a Worship with Worship Band

John DeGroot, Director, Chancel Choir  
Kathleen Hermansen, Organist  
Karyn Holstead, Director, Jr. Choir  
Kelly Markwell, Director, Bellissimo  
Chip Mackley, Director, Worship Band  
Janine Valkema, Director, Jr. Chimes

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*The Gift of God's Laughter*

December 15, 2013

8:30AM

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

### 8:30am Worship

*\*Indicates congregation stands and*

*Bold type indicates to read in unison*

#### PRELUDE

*“Coventry Carol” - Lenel*

#### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHORAL INTROIT** *“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” - Floyd Werle*

#### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the season of holy waiting. We watch for the One who scatters the proud and lifts up the lowly.

**We wait for the day when our spirits will rejoice to know God’s favor.**

We watch while the light of day begins to fill the sky.

**Come let us walk in the light of God!**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** UMH #229 *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

**CANTICLE OF MARY** *Magnificat (with responses)* UMH #199

#### SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND OTHER GREETINGS

The Peace of the Lord be with you

**And also with you**

#### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Holstead Family

**ADVENT HYMN** UMH #218 (vs. 2) *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

UMH #895

#### ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 18:9-15 (OT pg. 15)

#### \*HYMN

UMH #220 *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

#### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-38 (NT pgs. 56 - 57)

#### SERMON

*“The Gift of God’s Laughter”*

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

#### WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

*If you have not returned your 2014 pledge card, please place your card in the offering plate. For your convenience pledge cards may be found in the pew racks.*

Offertory

*“Judah’s Land”* - arranged by Johnson

\*Doxology

UMH #94

Prayer of Dedication

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

UMH #216 *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*“May You Go with Joy”* - Gene Grier

#### POSTLUDE

*“To Shepherds As They Watched by Night”* - Lebègue