

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

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.
Chip & Veray Mackley will be our host today and they look
forward to seeing you.

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 Relationships

December 8, 2013

8:30AM

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30am Worship

**Indicates congregation stands and*

Bold type indicates to read in unison

PRELUDE

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" - Moser

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** (Rev. Nathan Decker, GBOD)

We come to worship the coming King. The One who was and is and is to come!

Robed in Justice, carrying equity in his heart, Righteousness is a belt around his waist, faithfulness in the clasps of his sandals.

We have prepared ourselves for worship.

We intend to do no harm; to love our neighbors and to stay in love with God!

We look forward to the Reign of the coming King!

The wolves will walk with the lambs; the leopards skip with the kids; and the calves will be friends with the lion cubs. Peace will come through the root of Jesse, and we will abide with the King!

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

UMH #207 *"Prepare the Way of the Lord" (2X)*

***PREPARING THE WAY** (Elaine Olsen, peaceforthejourney.com)

There is level ground beneath the feet of Jesus. His way is straight, his steps determined, and there is nothing that will prevent him from making pilgrimage to the front door of our hearts.

Advent. The coming of Christ, the Child. The redemption of Christ, the Savior. The forever with Christ, the Lord! The glory of the Lord has been revealed. It's time for all the world to see it.

Herald Him loudly. Proclaim Him boldly. Take your place alongside John the Baptizer and be the one voice on this desert earth who is willing to make straight the highway for our King.

God has leveled the playing field. Time to find our place alongside Him this week. We'll meet Him on the road.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

UMH #207 *"Prepare the Way of the Lord" (2X)*

SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND OTHER GREETINGS

The Peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Essex Family

ADVENT HYMN UMH #218 (vs. 3) *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

UMH #895

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT page 640)

ANTHEM

"Bellissimo - *"Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring"*

Bach - Handchime solo, Kelly Markwell

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 3:1-12 (NT page 2)

SERMON

"The Gift of Relate-Son-ships" Rev. Chris Walters

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory

"Bethlehem" - Arranged by Johnson

*Doxology

UMH #94

Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH #196 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"May You Go with Joy" - Gene Grier

POSTLUDE

"Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer" - Fischer