

MUSIC NOTES:

The music at the offering today is an arrangement of a 15th century German carol that was part of a mystery play acted in church around the crib. The refrain of the carol is:

*He came among us at Christmastide, at Christmastide in Bethlehem;
Men shall bring him from far and wide Love's diadem:
Jesus, Jesus,
Lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!*

The organ arrangement is by Keith Chapman, who as a child organ prodigy, began organ study at age 5. In 1966 at the age of 20, he was appointed organist at the famous Wanamaker Department Store organ—the largest playable organ in the world. He helped make this organ world famous through his concerts and radio broadcasts during his 23 year tenure. Tragically, he and his wife were killed when their twin-engine plane (which he was piloting) crashed in the Colorado Rockies in 1989.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



*Bunny Bitner
In Honor of
Bill Bitner's Birthday, 12/25*



*Hugh & Margie Gott
In Honor of
Our 44th Wedding Anniversary*

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2013 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, December 29th:** Carolyn Voytko
- Monday, December 30th:** Kaleb Adkisson, Doug Winder
- Tuesday, December 31st:** Mark Johnston, Nancy Turner
- Wednesday, January 1st:** Jacob Mattheus, Evan McLendon
- Thursday, January 2nd:** Cambia Catarelli, Vicki Stedman, Sheena Watkins, Robert Wood
- Friday, January 3rd:** Rocky Davis, Pat Simmons
- Saturday, January 4th:** Pam Jeffre, Louise Mylin, Martha Tobiassen

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) Isaac Jeffre
- (11:00) Emily Pursley



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Youth
- (11:00) Youth



Greeters & Ushers

USHERS:

- (8:15) Youth
- (9:30) Youth
- (11:00) Youth

VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Nathan Rodewald & Kelsey Propst

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Lindsey French & Laura Gajentan, Melissa Patel

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Janet George

3rd-5th Grades Room 8
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.
Teachers: Todd & Tanya Adkisson

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday, when we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. During the coming week, prepare yourself through prayer and the reading of scripture to receive the grace our Lord offers to all at His table. Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski, Chair of the Worship Team, at jackieandjerry@verizon.net prior to communion Sunday.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: Is there anything in Scripture about New year's? Join as we take a look . Class starts at 9:45 but come early for coffee and goodies and chat time. I think we'll be surprised what the Lord has to say. Led by Jane Sutton and Jeanette Holloway.

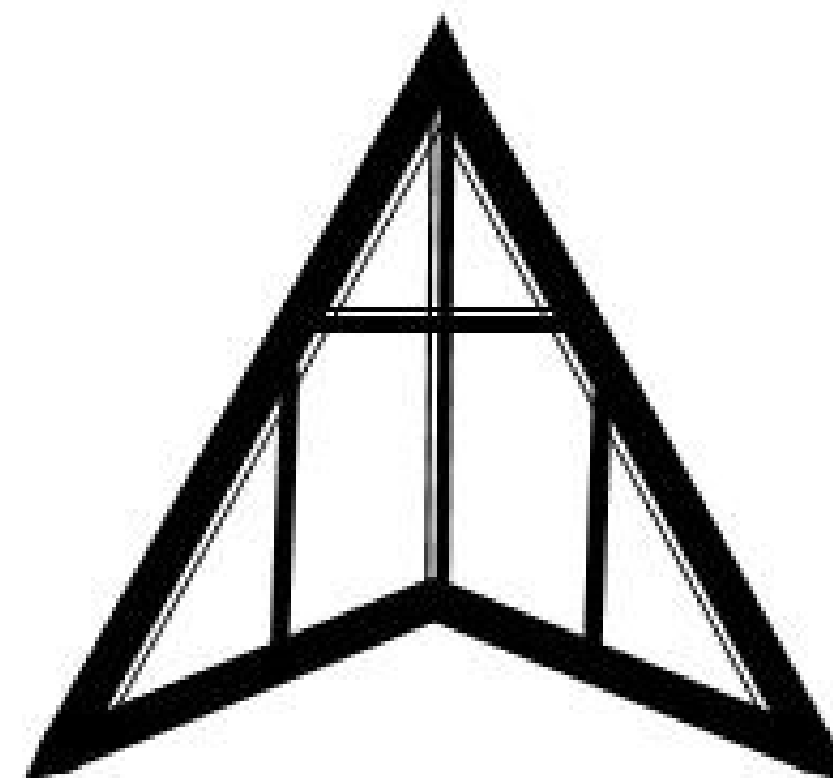
TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
TODAY: There will be no TCI Class today. Join us next week!

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: "Christian." Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you'll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history. Led by Vicki Krueger.

**Welcome To
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A Stephen Ministry Church

December 29, 2013



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**Order for the Public Worship of God
December 29, 2013
1st Sunday after Christmas Day
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

WE GATHER

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence cell phones.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY arr. Michael Burkhardt
"Joy to the World"

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and place it in the offering plate later in the service).

***HYMN #134** "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

WE CONFESS

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of love, as we reflect back on this past year and prepare to live out our faith in the year upcoming, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions: Our broken promises, our slackness and misuse of time and opportunity, our selfishness and our love of ease, our inconsideration and indifference toward others, our lack of faith in your promises and your providence. O Dear Lord, for these sins of commission and omission, may you show us mercy, grant us forgiveness and by your grace empower us to live faithful lives that make a difference for Jesus' sake in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581**

GLORIA PATRI
"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen."

SOLO "Remember a Bethlehem" Gilbert M. Martin
Cindy Huffman, Alto

*Remember a Bethlehem, long, long ago; remember a night sky aglow.
Remember a town with bright starshine above; remember a Bethlehem, and whisper,
"Christ is love!"*

*Remember a holy boy, there in a stall; remember a boy born for all.
Remember a fam'ly, so weary and worn; remember a holy boy, and whisper,
"Christ is born!"*

*Christmastide, and a baby is born in a manger.
Christmastide, and a baby, no longer a stranger.*

*Remember a Bethlehem, place of Christ's birth; remember our God came to earth.
Remember with music, with carols so dear; remember a Bethlehem, and whisper,
"Christ is here!"*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN *(Children age 3 (by 9/13) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children's Worship.)*

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING arr. Keith Chapman
"Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"

***DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 510) Proverbs 3:3-6 (NRSV)

HYMN #146 TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"
(Please Remain Seated.)

SCRIPTURE READING (page 784) Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)

SERMON Associate Pastor, Paul Means
"When the Celebration of Christmas Fades in the Face of Life's Challenges"

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #136** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Joy to the World" arr. David Cherwien

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

ignite

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

PRAISE SONGS

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
"He Has Come For Us/God Rest
Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

**MEET & GREET
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
WORSHIP CONTINUES**

"The Christmas Hope"
Mark Johnston, Solo

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
(3rd-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School)

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

"Offering"

VIDEO

"Bethlehem Hope"

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

"When the Celebration of Christmas Fades in the Face of Life's Challenges"
Associate Pastor, Paul Means

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!