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2009 Christmas Joy Offering

**December 20, 2009**  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



JOY

**THE APPROACH**

Prelude Joy to the World arr. Stan Pethel  
*Youth Instrumental Ensemble*

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission *Genevra Allen*

The Passing of the Peace and Silent Prayer

**ACT OF ADORATION**

Introit Alleluia! Gloria! Magnificat! Nowell! David W. Music  
*Chancel Choir*

Call to Worship

Leader: Behold! God is good, and has set a star in the heavens to guide us to the truth.

**People: We follow it with joy, knowing that God will give us strength to climb the hills, and sight to conquer the darkness.**

Leader: Behold! God is good, and has promised us a Savior to lead us to righteousness.

**People: We wait the Savior's coming with gladness and with expectation that in the holy birth our lives may be renewed.**

‡Commissioning of Mission Trip Participants

\*Hymn #13 Prepare the Way *Bereden väg för Herran*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, Light of the Word, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of Jesus our Christ; you continually open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon and Gloria Patri

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

†Commissioning of Mission Trip Participants

*Glenn and Maggie Argue, Cathy and Cole Feindt, Christina Hamilton,  
Rob Penhallow, Jay and Valerie Smith, and Wayne and Todd Whitney*

**People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor you and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

†A Time for Children (followed by dismissal to classrooms)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Old Testament Lesson	Micah 5:2-5a	pg. 815
Anthem	Glory to God (from <i>Messiah</i> ) <i>Chancel Choir</i>	G.F. Handel
New Testament Lesson	Luke 1:39-46	pg. 53
Sermon	What God Has Done Will Never Be Forgotten!	Byron Leasure

**ACT OF AFFIRMATION AND INTERCESSION**

*Hymn #48	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming <i>Ushers will collect Prayer Cards.</i>	<i>Es ist ein' Ros'</i>
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\*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.**

**I believe it is a matter of faith to recognize equally and love all members of God's human family whatever their race, creed, color, gender, marital status, physical or mental capacity.**

**I believe God's creation is good, beautiful, sacred and therefore to condemn any portion of God's creation is to condemn a portion of God. This is sin.**

**I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin and to make disciples - people willing to live Christ's discipline of love and justice for all.**

**I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died.**

**I believe in the resurrection, the victory over death, the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name.**

**Glory be to God, the One in Three: Creator, Savior, and Holy power of love.  
Amen.**

Celebrations of the People

Concerns of the People

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Dedication of Pledges

Offertory *Please sign and pass the fellowship pad.*

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication #592

**O Gracious God, bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, who seek new hope. As part of the global village, we care about all of our sisters and brothers. We pray for disarmament and world peace, for liberty to those oppressed, for joy to those who are weary. In honor of our Sovereign God, Amen.**

\*Hymn #29 Go, Tell It on the Mountain *Go Tell It*

\*Benediction and Congregational Response *Gloria (Refrain)*  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Postlude

**\*All who are able may stand. †9:00 AM Service ‡10:30 AM Service**

**Thank you to the following volunteers:**

**GREETER**

Carol Ramsey

**USHERS**

**Jim and Lisa Howard, Sue Shade, Patti Skow (9:00 AM)**  
**Nancy Barclay, June Follin, Miriam Sursa, Brian Welsh (10:30 AM)**

**LITURGISTS**

Lisa Noone (9:00 AM) Ross Painter (10:30 AM)

**FAMILIES LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

Dickey (9:00 AM) Blair (10:30 AM)

**CHILDREN'S TIME LEADER**

Pat Edwards

**NURSERY CARE**

Alan and Denise Warnick (9:00 AM) Laura Mill, Margie Mosher (10:30 AM)

**FLOWERS**

The poinsettias in our sanctuary are given to the glory of God by friends and members of the Presbyterian Church of Deep Run in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**THIS WEEK**

Today	<b><i>Deep Runner Deadline</i></b>
	9:00 AM Worship in the main sanctuary
	9:00 AM Youth Sunday School
	9:00 AM Adult Sunday School Class in Hoopes Hall
	10:00 AM Congregational Meeting in the main sanctuary
	10:30 AM Worship in the main sanctuary
Monday	6:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Dublin Diner
	6:30 PM Brownie Troop in Room 224
	7:00 PM Service of Light in the main sanctuary
	7:00 PM Women's Bible Study in the library
	7:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee in the Red School House
Tuesday	7:00 PM Membership Committee in the library
Wednesday	6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop in Rooms 225
	7:30 PM Adult Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary
Thursday	Office Open from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM
	5:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service in the main sanctuary
	7:00 PM Candlelight Service in the Irish Meeting House
	10:00 PM Candlelight Service in the main sanctuary
Friday	Office Closed

## Prayer Requests

*Call or email the church office to place someone on the prayer list.  
Names will remain on the list for four weeks - call or email to reinstate.*

### Prayer Requests - Members

**Samantha Brannon**

Harry and Jean David

**Don Long**

Gene Fickes

Don Strouse and family on the death of wife  
and mother, Cindy

Gene Orr

Ely Swisher

Chet and Carol Smith

Mary Painter

Bob and Lois Whitehead

Betty Widmer

### Prayer Requests - Relatives and Friends

Bess Hartzell, Nancy Brosius' mother

Barbara and Dick Chelsted, sister-in-law and brother of Shirley Nichols

## Announcements

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** - four sound enhancement units are available in the narthex

**DECEMBER SHEPHERD** - Maureen Kosa - call if you know someone who needs help

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been scheduled for this morning at 10:00 AM in the main sanctuary for the purpose of electing elders and deacons.

**THE DEADLINE** for the January issue of the *Deep Runner* is today. Copy may be emailed to the church office (deerunpres@comcast.net) or placed in the newsletter mailbox in the committee room (old library).

**SERVICE OF LIGHT** This has been a year in which a lot of us have experienced deep loss. Kids have left home for college. People have lost jobs. Incomes have been reduced. Some have experienced divorce. Pets have died. Family members and dear friends have died. The grief and darkness have been very powerful for lots of us at different times. We will take time on Monday, December 21 at 7:00 PM to remember our losses and also remind ourselves there is light in the midst of the darkness. Although there has been pain with the loss there is also hope when we remember the coming of the light in the darkness. Come and find some healing.

**4TH-6TH GRADE CHOIR AND BELLS** 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade choir and bells are singing and ringing at the 5 PM service on Christmas Eve. Please wear something dressy (no sweats or sneakers). There will be practice before hand - at 4:20 for the bells and 4:30 for the choir.

**NURSERY HELP** - still needed for Christmas Eve - please consider sharing your Christmas joy with the youngest members of our church family - volunteers are needed for the 5:00 and 7:00 services. Please contact Laura Mill. Thank you!

**IN PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** on January 31<sup>st</sup>, all reports are due in the office by **January 10 (no exceptions!)**. They will be processed and handed out on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**IN ORDER TO MAKE WORSHIP MORE MEANINGFUL** and create more equity between the two worship services, we are going to change how we make announcements before worship, beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

1. Everyone who is going to make an announcement is asked to sit in the front row during the Prelude and go to the microphone to make their announcement. Then return to wherever they wish to sit.
2. Announcements need to be short and concise.
3. Anyone who is making an announcement at 9:00 has to have made arrangements for the same announcement to be made at 10:30 so both services receive the same information.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE** With grateful thanksgiving for all the many blessings we have received from God, today we are dedicating our pledges for His work at Deep Run during 2010. In order for our many programs to continue, it is hoped that if you have not returned your pledge, you will do so very soon. Currently we have 50% of what is needed to continue all our programs and to allow us to call a new pastor. *Please note that the IRS requires that all contributions to non-profits be received and deposited by December 31 to get credit for your 2009 taxes. In order to meet this deadline, please try to get all contributions in by Sunday December 27.*

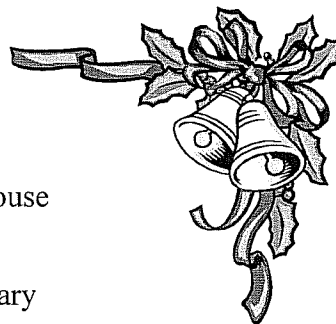
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## *Christmas Eve Services*

5 o'clock ~ Family Service ~ Main Sanctuary  
*Children's Choirs and Bells*

7 o'clock ~ Candlelight Service ~ Irish Meeting House  
*Solo Music by Dana Laderer*

10 o'clock ~ Candlelight Service ~ Main Sanctuary  
*Chancel Choir*



The next two Sundays, **December 27<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>**, there will be **one worship service** - at 9AM.

## Thought for the Day...

First thing in the morning, before you meet or greet anyone, remember to greet all of nature, all visible and invisible creatures. Say to them: "I am grateful for your work. I love you and want to be in harmony with you!" At this very moment, in response to your greeting, all of nature will open to you and send you energy for the entire day.

- *Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov*

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### ELDERS

### DEACONS

#### Class of

**2009**

Pat Edwards  
Margie Mosher  
Mike Post  
Paul Faulkner

Kristin Hurley  
Maureen Kosa  
Jennifer Spear  
Mary Mason

**2010**

Carol Ramsey  
Cathy Feindt  
Debbie Hahn

Pat Schuck  
Tam Larson  
Frank Blow  
Donna Drexler

**2011**

Walter Murphy  
Kim Musser  
Jack Roberts

Chris Wilson  
Jim Lee  
Linda Curran  
Eleanor Merbler