

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 9, 2012**

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Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

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**The Approach to God**

**PRELUDE**

*"The Love of God"*

L. Cornwall, Piano

**VOTUM**

**INTROIT**

*"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"*

Chancel Choir

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 136)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

It is God who remembered us in our low estate and rescued us from our foes; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #153**

*"The Race That Long in Darkness Pined"*

**\*SALUTATION**

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

**UNISON READING #63**

**I John 4:7-21**

Page 534 Hymnal

**\*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.*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*"The Love of God"*

Chancel Choir



## **NEXT WEEK'S STEWARDS (December 16):**

Greeters: Bill & Sabra Leadbitter

Ushers: Bill, Julie Anne, Jason & Marie Thompson

Nursery: Kevin & Kelly Joldersma

Fellowship: Luncheon

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT

There is a signup sheet in the narthex for Worship Assistants for the coming several months.

## SPECIAL SEASONAL SERVICES

We have three special services coming up to help us celebrate Christmas. There will be a Blue Christmas Service on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. This quiet, meditative service is especially for those who may not be feeling fully merry this season, but many appreciate the chance to be quiet and to focus on the reason Christ came. At 11:00 a.m. on December 23 we will be worshipping along with ICC. Each group will present Christmas music, both choirs will sing together, the children will have their parts, and together we will celebrate the good news for all people. Then on December 24 at 6:30 p.m. we will have our traditional Candlelight service celebrating the birth of our Savior.

## ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for our free Open Art Workshop which meets every Friday from 1 – 3. We meet in Fellowship Hall and it is open to anyone, both inside and outside the church. Participants should bring any creative project in any medium and all their own supplies. Donations are optional.

## BLANKETS AND CLOTHES FOR THE RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION

Kevin and Laurie Dilio are collecting lightly used blankets and clothes for the Raleigh Rescue Mission. A collection box is in the narthex.

## MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Next Sunday is our Monthly Luncheon; please bring a dish to share. Also, consider bringing an item for the food pantry. Needed items are listed below.

## FOOD PANTRY

The following is needed at the food pantry: sugar, flour, cereal, rice tea/coffee, crackers, jam/jelly, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, jello, mac 'n cheese, ramen noodles. Also needed are these canned goods: milk, tuna, beef stew, chili, ravioli/spaghettios, tomatoes.