

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
WORD AND SACRAMENT:
HOLY COMMUNION
DECEMBER 6, 2009
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Wait for the Lord

Advent 2009

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The Opening Voluntary this morning is played entirely on handchimes. The chimes are tuned square tubes with external clappers. They are often used along with handbells.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
THE KING SHALL COME
GENESIS HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. JOHN BEHNKE

(As the opening voluntary begins, please use this time to center yourselves for worship.)

WELCOME

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT

WAIT FOR THE LORD

TAIZÉ

(The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing. Please sing three times.)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

✠HYMN No. 9

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI EMMANUEL

✠CALL TO CONFESSION

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy and grace, come to us, we pray. Forgive us when our backs turn toward the needy through whom you come to us day by day. Forgive us when our compassion is reserved only for those whom we consider worthy. Have mercy on us, O Coming One, even though we are slow to have mercy, to love justice, and to walk in humility with you. O God of mercy and grace, come to us, we pray . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✠DECLARATION OF PARDON

✠RESPONSE

AWAKEN US, GOD

MUELLER

Your advent, Emmanuel, now we embrace,
Your peace with all creatures, your promise of grace.
Your word is made flesh and your blessing you give,
That we, too, in peace with all others may live.

BLESSING OF COMMUNITY MINISTRY PARTNERS

This hymn is one of the "O Antiphons" traditionally sung at Vespers (evening worship) the last week before Christmas. Each begin with an "O" followed by a biblical title for the Messiah. The tune dates back to a fifteenth century French hymn book.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON	LUKE 1:68-79	PAGE 54, NT, PEW BIBLE
SECOND LESSON	LUKE 3:1-6	PAGE 56, NT, PEW BIBLE
SERMON	OUT OF ALIGNMENT	GARY W. CHARLES

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

ELIZABETH CARR

In Confirmation a person reaffirms the vows made at baptism and declares her or his intention to participate actively in the life of the church.

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMAND

PROFESSION OF FAITH

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SYMBOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHARGE

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

ADVENT PROCESSIONAL

DONALD PEARSON

CHANCEL CHOIR

Refrain: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.

Rejoice! Rejoice Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

Come thou redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth:

Let every age adoring fall, such birth befits the God of all. (*Refrain*)

Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit thou art still.

The word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to us displayed. (*Refrain*)

The virgin womb that burden gained with virgin honor all unstained;

The banners there of virtue glow; and God in splendor dwells below. (*Refrain*)

Forth from his chamber goeth he, that royal home of purity,

A giant in twofold substance one, rejoicing now his course to run. (*Refrain*)

From God creator he proceeds, to God his source again he speeds;

His course he runs to death and hell, returning on God's throne to dwell. (*Refrain*)

O equal to the God art thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;

The weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate. (*Refrain*)

Thy cradle here shall glitter birth and darkness breathe a newer light,

Where endless faith shall shine serene, and twilight never intervene. (*Refrain*)

All laud, eternal Son, to thee whose advent sets thy people free,

Almighty God, whom we adore, and Holy Spirit evermore. (*Refrain*)

A doxology is a hymn or song praising God. During Advent we are singing the traditional doxology text to favorite seasonal hymn tunes.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise God, all creatures here below.
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

SEALING THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

(For the text of the Lord's Prayer, see page 16 in the Hymnal)

May the God of Advent be with you.
 And also with you.
People of Advent, lift up your hopes.
We lift them to the One who comes to share our lives with us.
People of hope, offer your thanksgiving to God.
Joy, praise, and adoration are in our hearts and on our lips.

Communion is one of the two sacraments of the PCUSA (Baptism is the other). Sacraments are holy acts we celebrate that were introduced by Jesus as signs and seals of God's grace and love.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion will be served in the pews this morning. As you receive the loaf of bread, tear off a piece. Before you eat your piece, please offer the loaf to the next person, saying "the bread of heaven." In the tray of cups, grape juice is toward the outside of the tray and white wine is toward the middle. As you receive the tray, take a cup, drink from the cup and place it in the pew rack. Then offer the tray to the next person, saying "the cup of salvation." When you receive the bread and cup, you are invited to respond "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Gluten free wafers are available by request, from the server at the end of your row.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION THE PEACE MAY BE EXCHANGED

DAN LOCKLAIR

VICKI FEY, ORGAN

CHANGE RING PRELUDE ON DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

ARR. FRED GRAMANN

GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN

PREPARE A PATHWAY

YOGANANDA

(See facing page)

TEXT: MARY LOUISE BRINGLE

This hymn text was written specifically for the tune YOGONANDA. Mel Bringle, the author, says, "The last line of the music sang to me, 'and all flesh shall see the glory of God.'"

✠ ADVENT BLESSING

*God of the watching ones,
 the waiting ones,
 the slow and suffering ones,
 the angels in heaven,
 the child in the womb.*
**Give us your benediction,
 your good word for our souls,
 that we might rest and rise
 in the kindness of your company. Amen.**

♣ CHORAL RESPONSE

THE PEACE OF THE EARTH BE WITH YOU
CHANCEL CHOIR

GUATEMALA

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too;
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you. God's peace growing in you.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

VENI EMMANUEL

ANDREW MOORE

PREPARE A PATHWAY



Pre - pare a path - way; make the high - way straight.
For ev - 'ry val - ley shall be lift - ed high,
The dri - est des - ert soon will gush with springs;
With ra - diant jus - tice, night will blaze like noon,



A - rise, O Zi - on! Your Mes - si - ah comes!
And all un - ev - en plac - es be made plain;
The parched of spir - it, find their strength made new.
As ar - dent mer - cy breaks op - pres - sion's yoke.



His pro - mised ad - vent, ea - ger - ly a - wait; And all
The hills and moun - tains, tum - ble from the sky; And all
Once wea - ry peo - ple, mount on ea - gles' wings; And all
So may sal - va - tion shine a - mong us soon! And all



flesh__ shall see the glo - ry of God.
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WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ Please rise in body or spirit.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Our liturgists today are Caroline Kelly, Erika Rembert, and Emily Wilmarth.

Our lector today is Kitsy Battle.

The lighting of the Advent candles is an old tradition, probably originating with the Lutheran church, but appropriated by almost all others. While we light a new candle each week to signify the important themes of the season - hope, peace, joy, and love - it is important to focus primarily on the increasing light that the candles generate throughout the season as we draw nearer to our celebration of the birth of Jesus, who is the light of the world. This morning Beth Grashof, Bede Campbell, and Susan Goodman will light the second candle, the candle of peace.

Royal blue is the color of royalty to welcome the coming of a King. It can also symbolize the night sky in which the star appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. While purple has traditionally been the liturgical color for Advent, royal blue is increasingly used for Advent, especially in Protestant churches, to distinguish it from Lent.

The inspiration for the banner for the second Sunday of Advent (Peace) comes from Isaiah 11:6: "*And the lion shall dwell with the lamb, and the wolf shall lie down with the kid...and a little child shall lead them.*" The scene is one of absolute *peace* in nature. The dove and the "peace" lily further the quiet and strong peace that God can bring forth. The Advent paper-lace banners were created by Ellen Phillips, Liturgical Artist.

The quilted Advent banners hanging in the narthex represent the Advent hymn *Christ, Be Our Light*.

During Advent, the flowers in the sanctuary reflect the beauty of the season, provided through gifts in honor or memory of a friend or family member. A list of donors and the names of those whom their gifts honor will be included in the bulletin on December 20. To donate contact Sandra McDonald, 404-601-3137, or use the form on the website: www.cpcatlanta.org. The deadline is December 17.

Audio recordings of today's sermon may be found on the Central website: <http://cpcatlanta.org/worship/sermons.html>. You may also subscribe to the podcast of sermons preached at Central by visiting <http://cpcatlanta.org/worship/podcast.html>.

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THANKS TO THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

<p style="text-align: center;">Ushers</p> <p>Willie Phillips & Beth Grashof, co-captains Brian Bishop ▪ Bede Campbell Jo Alice Halsell Rick Hertzberg ▪ Elizabeth Neil</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Counters</p> <p>Kevin Byers ▪ Tom Holcomb Don Robinson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters</p> <p>Lamar Oglesby ▪ Tom Holcomb Bill Thompson ▪ Michael Lloyd Nancy Wilkes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Elders of the Day</p> <p><i>Campbell-Eagan</i> – Joan Murchison <i>Washington Street</i> – Tom Leslie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cashier</p> <p>Philip Covin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Collectors of Friendship Pads</p> <p>The Ferguson Family Mark, Corie, Lucy & Harry</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deacons of the Day</p> <p>Mary Hill ▪ Judy Kisla</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sound Engineer</p> <p>Thomas Banyai</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Caring for Our Youngest Members</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Infants & Toddlers</u> Tiffany Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pre-School and Pre-K Room</u> Claire & Carolyn Riordan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Choir Guild</p> <p>Lynne Rea</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bread Bakers</p> <p>Sally Dobbins ▪ Terry Tusher</p>
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THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, December 6

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Lunch
12:15 p.m. Alternative Christmas Gift Shopping
12:45 p.m. Christmas Pageant Speaking Parts Reh.
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, December 7

1:30 p.m. Staff Devotions
Rand Chapel
2:00 p.m. Program Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. CDC Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 8

10:00 a.m. Luke Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service
Rand Chapel

Wednesday, December 9

12:15 p.m. Mid-week Advent Worship
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 10

10:00 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting

Friday, December 11

No activities scheduled

Saturday, December 12

3:00 p.m. - Deacons' Christmas Tea
5:00 p.m. *Home of Gary & Jennell Charles*

Sunday, December 13

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
Caroline Kelly preaching
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
1:00 p.m. Movement Choir
5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party
6:30 p.m. Genesis, Geneva, and Chancel Choirs'
Christmas Party

For more information about any of the above events,
please call the Church Office - 404-659-0274.

UPCOMING *ARTS OF THE SPIRIT* EVENTS

CONCERT WITH A CAUSE

WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
CONCERT HANDBELL CHOIR
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010, 8:00 P.M.
SANCTUARY

GATHERED TO SING

HYMN FESTIVAL WITH MARK SEDIO
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010



Please join us for our next
Advent Taizé Prayer Service
Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.
in Rand Chapel

(a service of songs, scripture, silence, meditation, prayer, and candles)

SPECIAL JANUARY WINTER SERIES

Sundays, January 3-31

Grace and Gratitude: John Calvin 500 Years Later

With Gary Charles, George Stroup, Kim Long, and Martha Moore-Keish
(Details available December 13)

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