

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 27, 2009

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacey Simpson Duke

VOLUNTARY

*INVOCATION

Dale Bond

*HYMN 246 Joy to the world
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

ANTIOCH

*RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people!

People: For to you is this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth – peace among those God has favored.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth – peace!

*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia! (sung twice)

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Dale Bond

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Sussex Carol

-- arr. David Willcocks

On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

When sin departs before His grace.
Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing
All for to see the new-born King.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad?
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore, Amen!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Stacey Simpson Duke

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-5, 14, 16

Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Sue Ellen Glover

*HYMN 249

There's a song in the air

CHRISTMAS SONG

(Preschool – 3rd grade may leave for Children's Worship or Tiny Grace Notes at this time.)

SERMON

Gifted

Paul Simpson Duke

SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Love came down at Christmas

-- *John Rutter*

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

*DOXOLOGY

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

*HYMN 251

Go, tell it on the mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

* If you are able, please stand

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in joyous celebration of Joyce Arnn.*

~ David Robbins ~

The Prayer Concern Cards are for your use. If you have a prayer concern in addition to those listed here, please fill out a card and pass it to the end of the aisle during the first hymn. We pray for Ron Tipton, Edgar Willis, Conrad Juchartz, John Moyer, Lorrie Schleg, Bill Kerr, Ruth Loring, Elizabeth Lee, Bonnie Jensen, Alice Weaver, Mildred MacGregor, Marjorie Shannon, Dottie Casler and Carol Griffin.

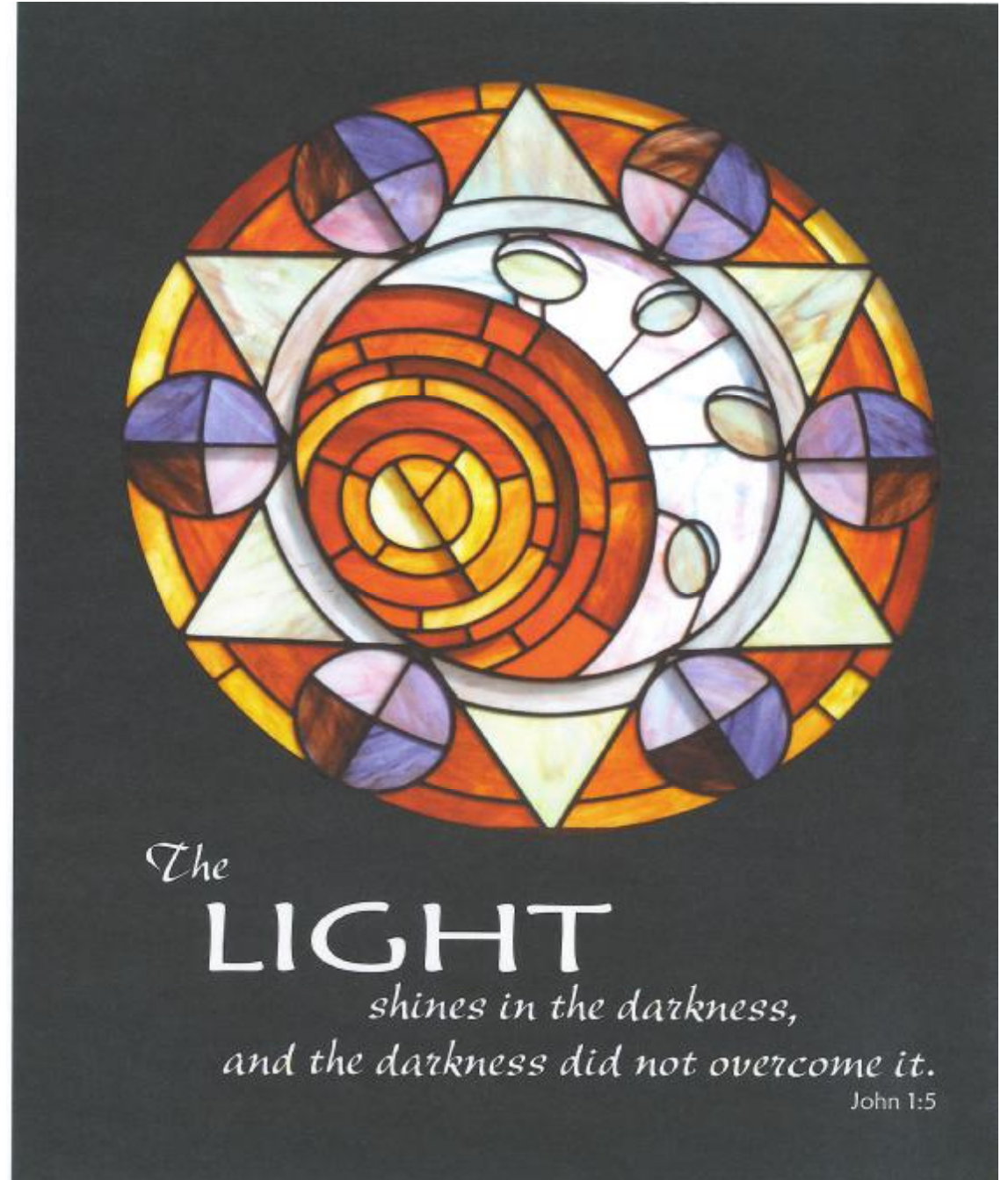
Paul and Stacey will be traveling to Georgia later today and will be out of the office this week. They will be back in the office on Monday, January 4th.

The Reverend Beth Foster will preach next Sunday, January 3.

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The Reverend James Middleton, *Pastor Emeritus*



Adult Christian Education (Sundays, 11:30 – 12:30)

No Adult classes today or next week. Class will resume on January 10 with a report from Team Nandasma 2.0 about their trip to Nicaragua.

The Young Adult Class will resume on January 17.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study (Memorial Lounge, 1:30-2:30 p.m.)

We will resume on January 6 with Stacey Simpson Duke leading a study of the Gospel of Mark. Join us each Wednesday for fellowship and learning.

Small Groups (ChristCare)

Centered on Bible study, fellowship, mission, prayer and worship, we currently have two groups: one which meets monthly and the other which meets every other week. See Stacey, Paul or Sue Ellen for more information about joining a group.

Calendar Sale

Quite a few calendars left! These great calendars are available for \$8 each. The church school children have raised enough money by selling these calendars to send \$200 to the Sister Church's school in Nicaragua, but if the remaining calendars are sold, more money could be sent later this year. Thank you for supporting the children's efforts!

Resources for Personal Devotions

Perhaps one of your New Year's resolutions is to spend a quiet time each day with prayer and scripture. The *Secret Place* is available at the Information Counter. This is published quarterly and is offered in regular and large-print editions. (It is also free as a gift from one of our members.) The Upper Room publishes a book, *Disciplines*, that has one-page daily devotions which follow the lectionary so that each week you can read and meditate on the scriptures that will be included in the upcoming Sunday's worship service. Each week has a different author, drawn from ecumenical ministries throughout the world. These are available from Sue Ellen for \$10.

Announcements

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today! Everyone is invited to join the events listed in this insert. Immediately following the service, please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

TODAY, Dec 27	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Dec 29	5:30 p.m. - Vespers (Fellowship Hall)
Friday, Jan 1	Church Buildings & Office closed
Saturday, Jan 2	Church Buildings & Office closed
Sunday, Jan 3	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Children and Youth Christian Education

All children are welcome to worship with their families. After the Time as Children portion of the worship service, preschoolers may go to the nursery for childcare. Children Kindergarten - 3rd grade are invited to Children's Worship. Parents should pick up their children immediately after worship. There are no church school classes today. Classes will resume on January 10.

Nursery Care December 27 and January 3: Nursery care is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 – 11:30.

Children's Music and Arts Ministry
will resume on January 10.

The New 2010 Flower Calendar is now posted in the hallway downstairs. The arrangements are by Tom Thompson, \$30 each and are ordered through the office.

Texts for next Sunday, January 3rd

Isaiah 60:1-6 · Psalm 72:1-7; 10-14 · Ephesians 3:1-12 · Matthew 2:1-12