

**November 28, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color: Purple

**Preparation for Worship and Announcements**

Myra Shaffer

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

Julia Baker

**Prelude**

*Fanfare on "Veni Emmanuel"*

setting by John Leavitt

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Awaken to a season of anticipation. God is offering peace within and among us.

People: **How good it is to gather in God's house! God draws us together for this time of worship.**

Leader: God calls us to celebrate our diversity. Differences shall no longer divide us.

People: **We want to see one another through God's eyes. We will look for the good in our neighbors.**

Leader: Seek the highest and best for each other. Come to the mountain of God's love.

People: **We will follow in the paths where God leads. Our ears are open to hear God's instructions.**

**\*Hymn No. 202**

*People Look East*

Besancon

**\*Invocation**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**You have wakened us from sleep and led us to this place, wondrous God. Now let us feel your presence with us as we encounter your Word. Surely you have blessed us. You have drawn us together and bound us firmly to one another. We give you thanks for giving us an identity as relatives and friends through Jesus Christ. In this season we remember your unexpected appearance among us in the birth of a child. You make yourself known to us again and again. May we know you now! Amen.**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Julia Elizabeth Meredith and Matthew Teague Meredith  
Margaret Calhoun Dorn

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Brab, Margaret, Sam, and Hannah Crooks

**Advent Candle Hymn**

*A Candle is Burning*

See Insert

**Pastoral Prayer**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**Lord's Prayer (In Unison)**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*English Advent Carol*  
Chancel Choir with Rhonda McGinnis, flute

Patrick Liebergen

**\*Doxology 238 (refrain only)**

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Children's Message**

Larry Moore

*All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.*

**\*Hymn No. 196**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Hyfrydol

**†\*Gospel Reading**

Matthew 24:36-44

Page 33 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Ready or Not”

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**\*Hymn No. 206**

*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*

Houston

**\*Benediction**

Leader: Go in anticipation of God’s grace and mercy.

**People: We go in anticipation of Jesus’ love and forgiveness.**

Leader: Go in anticipation of the Holy Spirit’s presence in comfort and hope. Go in peace.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Benediction Response No. 251** (refrain only)

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;*

*Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

**\*Postlude**

†Sermon Text

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*Nursery Provided*