

# Advent and Christmas Worship 2003

## November 30 First Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Praise Music

9:30 am Worship and *Godly Play*

- Lighting of the Candle of Hope
- Lessons from Psalm 25:1 - 10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9 - 13 and Luke 21:25 - 36
- Sermon Topic: *Advent - A Time of Waiting*

Pinkham's Variations on *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* will frame the service. John Kramer will play these variations on the organ.

## December 7 Second Sunday of Advent Service of Word and Table

9:15 am Praise Music

9:30 am Worship and *Godly Play*

- Advent Communion - A Service of Word and Table
- Lighting of the Candle of Peace
- Lessons from Malachi 3:1 - 4; Luke 3:1 - 18
- Sermon Topic: *John the Baptist*

Pastor George Walters-Sleyon will portray John and bring the Gospel message.

## December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Praise Music

9:30 am Christmas Pageant

- Lighting of the Candle of Love

Children and Youth will share this year's Christmas Pageant, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. Brunch, hosted by the Christian Education Committee, follows our worship celebration. Groups will go Christmas carolling and visit some of our home bound members following the Christmas brunch.

## December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Praise Music

9:30 am Worship and *Godly Play*

- Lighting of the Candle of Love
- A scene depicting Mary's visit with Elizabeth, written by Jane Hogan, will be presented to illumine the Scripture lessons from Micah 5:2 - 5a and Luke 1:39 - 55
- *Singing Our Magnificat*, Rev. Susan preaching.

**Worship Goal:  100 adults and children in worship each Sunday**

**November Worship Attendance**

Nov. 2: 84    Nov. 9: 88    Nov. 16: 90

**MAKE WORSHIP A PRIORITY OF YOUR WEEK.**

## December 24 Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

This will be our traditional service of carols, candles, music and the reading of the Christmas narrative through scripture. The Senior Choir will share several Christmas anthems and Rev. Susan will tell a Christmas story.

## December 28 First Sunday after Christmas

9:15 am Praise Music

9:30 am Worship and *Godly Play*

Lectionary readings from Psalm 148, Colossian 3:12 - 17 and Luke 2:4 - 52 will inform Rev. Susan's sermon *Looking for Jesus*.

## Children's Christmas Pageant December 14 - 9:30 am

This year's Children's Christmas Pageant, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, will be held during the service on Sunday, December 14. The Children's Choir will delight us with holiday solos, skits, and songs, and the Senior Choir and the congregation will join in. Brunch will be served immediately following the church service.

## Children's Choir Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

November 30            10:30-11:00

December 7            10:30-11:00

(immediately following Worship)

December 13 (Saturday) 12:30 to 2:00

## Sing with the Choir on Christmas Eve!

If you've always wanted to sing with the adult choir but just can't make a regular commitment, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE! The choir is seeking to expand its ranks for the Christmas Eve service. Any and all with strong voices or just strong spirits are invited to join us for some fantastic music making on this most joyful occasion, including many of your favorite carols and seasonal anthems. Our first rehearsal for this service will be Saturday evening, December 6 (Faheys' home) - followed immediately by the annual CHOIR PARTY! There will also be a dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 21 from 12 noon to 2:00 pm. If you're interested or just curious, please contact Dan Roihl at (203)777-9632 or droihl@yahoo.com