

# A Celebration of Christian Worship

November 22, 2009

**Prelude** Priscilla Boschmann  
**Welcome**  
**Celebrating upcoming birthdays & anniversaries**  
**Introduction of guests**  
**Announcements**

## Musical preparation for worship

### Opening prayer

### Call to worship (based on Psalm 105)

L: Give thanks to the Lord, proclaim God's greatness.

**P: Tell the nations what God has done.**

L: Sing praise to the Lord.

**P: Tell the wonderful things God has done.**

L: Be glad that we belong to God.

**P: Let all who worship God rejoice.**

L: The Lord is our God; God's commands are for all the world.

**P: God will keep his covenant forever, God's promises last for a thousand generations.**

**Praise the Lord!**

### Hymns #505 "I am thine, O Lord"

#504 "There's a wideness in God's mercy" v.1,2,4

### Pastoral prayer

Ryan Ahlgrim

### Hymn SJ#60 "Lord of all"

### Choir "Psalm of Thanksgiving"

### Children's time

**Scripture** Mark 10:17-22

Angela Richer Shenk

**Sermon** "Called to Surrender"

Rene Hostetter

[Children age four through grade five are dismissed for Children's Music Ministry]

**Hymn of Response** #577 "O Love that will not let me go"

### Offering

**Doxology** #119B "Praise God, from whom"

### Passing the friendship register

**Sharing of joys & sermon responses**

**Closing hymn** #389 "Take my life" v. 1,4-6

### Blessing

### Postlude

**Pastor:** Ryan Ahlgrim

**Associate Pastor:** Rene Hostetter

**Elders:** Gloria Hood (chair), Donna Haines, Elvin Plank, Randy Stoesz

**Elder Apprentice:** Tricia Short Yoder

**Worship Leader:** Dennis Mishler **Song Leader:** Mary Liechty

**Choir Director:** Julie Deaton **Choir Accompanist:** Jana Miller

**ASL Interpreter:** Linda Bellville

**Ushers:** Ethel & Paul Hartman

**Greeters:** Amy Bixler & Sue Turner

**Nursery:** Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick

**Ministers:** Each participant in the congregation

### ADVENT SERMON-DRAMAS:

November 29: "Hezekiah and Isaiah"

December 6: "John the Baptist Meets Modernity"

December 13: "Mary"

December 20: "Joseph"

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:** 10:40 a.m. Beverages are served in the fellowship hall.

[Remember to wash your coffee/tea mug and help us with being "green."]

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES:

There are classes for all children and youth. Lists of class members are on the doors. Here are the classroom locations:

- Ages 2 & 3—classroom east of the new nursery
- PreK & Kindergarten—Classroom behind the mailboxes
- Grade 1—First overflow room off fellowship hall
- Grades 2-3—Corner overflow room
- Grades 4-5—Library
- JYF—Classroom opposite the kitchen
- MYF—grades 9-12—Ryan Ahlgrim's office

**ADULT CLASS:** Bible study led by Marj Rush Hovde. Meets in Rene Hostetter's office.

**Adult choir** meets during Sunday school in the sanctuary. All singers are welcome—Julie Deaton is the director.

### Financial Update

Budget contributions on November 15:

\$ 9,179

Contributions YTD:

\$317,374

Projected contributions needed YTD:

\$381,710

Surplus (Deficit) YTD:

(\$ 64,335)

**Sunday morning attendance for November 15: 243**

## TODAY—November 22, 2009

Children's Ed **Christmas play practice** today from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

**Second Starts** is in need of household items. With the stimulus money opening up apartments for the previously homeless, their demand has been high, but not their donations. Even their funds are close to running out, so monetary donations are acceptable as well. Essential items at this time are:

- **blankets (any size)**
- **dishes (plates, bowls, glasses, coffee mugs)**
- **bake ware and pots and pans**
- **toasters & coffee pots**

Please bring any donations to the church and Sally Schrock, the Second Starts director, will pick up. If you have a large amount of stuff, Sally will also pick up at your house.

### RECYCLING INFORMATION

Here is a list of schools which will accept phone books until December 7:

- Cold Spring Academy, 3650 Cold Spring Road
- Craig Middle School, 6501 Sunnyside Road
- Greenbrier Elementary School, 8201 Ditch Road
- Southport High School, 971 East Banta Road

**A new recycling option:** a one-stop shop where you can recycle glass, metal, plastics #1-#7 (but no styrofoam), paper, cardboard, electronics, and batteries in one fell swoop. Bring it all to the new **Chancellor A. Keesling Community Recycling Center** at 3518 East Michigan Street.

**All-church potluck** today for Thanksgiving! Everyone is welcome to stay even if you did not bring food. To better guide those with food allergies or intolerances, please add a list of the ingredients used in your dish. Please finish your own dish in time for the potluck; Fellowship Committee will not cook or finish preparing individual dishes. Questions? See Lali Hess or Alison Schumacher.

**Interested in learning how to run the church dishwasher?** Fellowship Committee will hold a crash course on running the dishwasher during potluck clean up time today. A sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk. If you are interested in learning, but can't be here for the training today, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet. Questions? See Lali Hess or Alison Schumacher.

**Mentors/mentees Lunch & Learn** is today. We will participate in the Thanksgiving potluck and then meet from 1:30-3:30 p.m. to watch a movie and discuss it.

FMC will host the annual **joint Thanksgiving Service** today at 6:00 p.m. Five diverse congregations will join us for this celebration of music and gratefulness. Attenders are invited to **bring food pantry items** for the Glick Neighborhood Center. Also, **an offering will be received** for United Christmas Service (checks made payable to FMC). And, **please bring simple snacks or finger foods to share** after the service.

### THIS WEEK

Do you live on the northwest side (near Georgetown and 71<sup>st</sup>) and want a **free supper and good fellowship on Tuesday nights?** Salem Lutheran Church (4700 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street) is hosting a weekly community meal until the end of the year.

### NEXT SUNDAY

The **First Sunday in Advent** is next Sunday, November 29, and we will be having communion.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Comfort quilt preparation** will be happening at Kathy Snyder's home on three evenings: Tuesday, December 1, Monday, December 14, and Tuesday,

January 5. If you are interested in participating, you are welcome to come on any of these evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Questions: See Laura Moshier or Kathy Snyder.

**Soup supper** is Wednesday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Sign up at the kiosk to bring food items for the meal.

**Church Council** meets on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. All committee chairs are expected to attend and report on the activity of their committee.

**12th annual brunch and cookie exchange** on Saturday, December 5, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the home of Deb Helmuth, 8819 Shetland Lane. Come at 9:00 for brunch, coffee and conversation. Around 10:00, the cookie exchange will begin. Please bring 3-4 dozen cookies so each person can have at least one cookie. Also, bring a separate empty container for gathering cookies. Send your cookie recipe to Deb by December 6 and it will be included in an electronic version of the 2009 Cookie Exchange.

**MYF Christmas activity** is Sunday, December 6, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

The children's **Christmas musical** will be performed on Sunday, December 13, during the Sunday school hour. All are invited.

Ryan and Laurie Ahlgrim would like to invite the congregation to their home for a **Christmas Open House**, Sunday, December 13, from noon till 5:30 p.m. Drop by any time for refreshments and conversation. The address is 4528 Pine Lake Way.

**JYF Christmas Activity** is Sunday, December 13, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

**Messiah sing along** is at FMC this year on Sunday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. Instrumentalists interested in participating should indicate this to the church office. We have musical scores for most instruments. Rod Deaton will again be directing the sing along. Bring finger foods to share afterwards.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent worship resources are available for you to pick up. Note there is one type for families (two parts to this one) and another for adults. In each case it is one per household, please.

We recognize the difficult economic times faced by many in our congregation, and thanks to all who have contributed their time, talents and financial resources to the ministries of FMC. As of Sunday, October 25, FMC actual spending has exceeded our giving by approximately \$27,000. If you are able to make an extra contribution at this time, that would help us meet our commitments. (The funding for the new building construction is separate.)

**Do you believe in the power of prayer?** Please join Rene Hostetter and others on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:10 a.m. in Rene's office. We will be interceding in prayer for First Mennonite Church, Indianapolis, and the world.

**CROP Walk donations are due!** Walkers, please turn in your donations envelope to the Friends by November 29. You can still donate on-line by going to <http://www.churchworldservice.org> and clicking on the Indy walk, FMC page.

Rene Hostetter will have two roommates beginning on November 30, and Rene will be sharing her landline phone with them. Rene will have her own confidential voice mail at home for your convenience in leaving messages. Rene also would like to suggest when calling her, please call the church first, her home line second, and the cell phone as the last option.

**A word from our church librarian:** Priscilla Boschmann reminds the congregation that the church library is functioning even though the space is also used as a children's Sunday school classroom. Avail yourself of the books and materials our library has to offer.

The **holiday store at the Glick Neighborhood Center at Crooked Creek** is now accepting donations. Please call the center before you drop off any items at 293-2600.

**Living Christ's mission of reconciliation  
through service,  
with justice,  
by God's grace.**

**Yearly Communion Schedule:**

**First Sunday in October (World Communion Sunday)**

**First Sunday in Advent**

**Christmas Eve**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**Maundy Thursday**

**Easter Sunday**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Third Sunday in August**

**All-church potlucks: November 22 (Thanksgiving)  
February 28, 2010  
June 13, 2010**

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