

**The Service of Worship**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**10:30 a.m.**

*There are those who do not see the Star.  
I wonder where it is they go  
When everyone else sets out for Bethlehem.*

Organ Prelude      *In Dulci Jubilo*      Bach

Welcome to Worship      Victoria Price  
(Visitors are encouraged to fill out a card found in the  
pew rack and place the rose on their lapel)

Chimes

Christmas Bells      *Caroling Medley*      arr. Rogers

Songs of Expectation (first two verses of each hymn)  
*100    Angels We Have Heard on High*  
*86    O Little Town of Bethlehem*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Call to Worship      Victoria Price

Leader: "What do you want for Christmas?" It is the question of the hour. We've gotten good at asking for things; at making our requests known to friends, family, and God.  
**People: We seldom ask God for presents, but we do ask God for healing, health, hope, happiness, and many other things we "need."**

Leader: Our world is filled with those who are in need, who also make requests for help; who ask, hoping that someone will hear and respond.

**People: We do our best to listen for those voices; to hear everyone who is asking something of us.**

Leader: What about God? Do you suppose God is asking anything of us? And if God were asking, would we hear and respond?

**All: Surely we would, wouldn't we? Surely we are ready to give whatever God might ask of us this Advent, aren't we?**

Invocation

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Children's Moment      James R. Fuller  
(Afterwards, fours and fives are escorted to extended care)

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Organ Interlude

New Testament Reading (pew Bible p. 1049)  
Hebrews 10. 5-10      Ed Wilson

Songs of the Christ Child (first two verses of each hymn)

*88    Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
*103    Away in a Manger*

Offertory Prayer      Brian Abel

Offertory      *Spiritual Lullaby*      Cooper

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Anthem      *He Is Exalted*      arr. Holck

*He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise him. He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name. He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign. Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.*

Sermon      "The Circle Became Square"      James R. Fuller  
or

"Why Is Church So Hard Sometimes?"  
Luke 1.39-45

\*Hymn of Invitation and Commitment 121      MARGARET  
*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

Pastoral Blessing

The Ministers

Advent Benediction      *It Happened Here*      Hill  
Youth Choir - New Song

Organ Postlude      *Echo Noel*      D'Aquin

\*Those who are able will stand      \*\*\*Ushers will seat those waiting  
*Soli Deo Gloria*

**Prayer Concerns Of Our Family**

**Bonnie Combs**, tests, St. Elizabeth, 2124  
**Mary Ann Ivy**, Dan Hallmark's mother, recovering at home from pacemaker procedure,  
**Dorothy McKinley**, at home with Bronchitis,  
**Mary Jo Nix**, recovering from surgery for abdominal blockage, St. Elizabeth, 5126  
**David Ramsey**, son of Jed and Frances, receiving first round of chemo and radiation treatments,  
**Joyce Rowe**, mother of Lisa Rowe, friend of Brian's, undergoing triple-bypass surgery Saturday,  
**Leigh Smith**, recovering at home from carpal tunnel surgery,  
**Preston Taylor**, friend of Ron Ellison, surgery for brain tumors, declining chemo,

**Continue to remember:** Olivia Butler, Jane Hayes, Richard Neumann, Archie Rogers, and Vicki Stone

**Announcements**

**TODAY!** All singers in Bright Voices and Sparklers need to meet with Ms. Marcelaine on the stage in Fellowship Hall for just a few minutes right after the worship service. Meet first, then grab a cookie, please! **They will be singing for us on Wednesday night in Fellowship Hall.**

Our Atrium was filled this morning with the joyous sounds of the piano, played singly and in duet by **Vivian Talley and Midge French**. What a lovely treat!

Return following your afternoon nap and help us gift wrap toys to be handed out by Some Other Place. We'll open our doors at **3:45 oops! New Time, 4:15 p.m.** Due to a smaller amount of toys  
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## Opportunities of the Week December 13 - 19

- Sunday Dec. 13 **Third Week of Advent**  
 9:00 - **Atrium Music**, Vivian Talley, Midge French  
 \* 9:15 - Bible Study  
 9:30 - Sabine Oaks Service; Lucas House SS  
 \* 10:30 - Morning Worship: Youth, New Song, Calder Bells  
 \* 11:30 - Reception for Visitors - Fellowship Hall  
**4:15 - SOP gift wrap, --New Time, please note**, Fellowship Hall  
 5:00 - Chicken Tortilla soup and corn bread  
 \* 5:45 - **Youth and New Song Christmas music**, Sanctuary
- Monday Dec. 14  
 9:30 - Library Committee
- Tuesday Dec. 15  
 9:00 - Pre-K4's and Extended MDDO  
 9:45 - Round Table, Lynn Hawkins reviews *1959: The Year Everything Changed* by Fred Kaplan
- Wednesday Dec. 16  
 \* 5:00 - Fellowship Supper  
 - Bright Voices and Sparklers, Assembly Room  
 5:30 - Prayer Guidance, Announcements,  
 6:00 - **Children sing**, Business Meeting  
 \* 6:30 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 - Youth re[engage]
- Thursday Dec. 17  
 \* 9:00 - Pre-K4's and Extended MDDO
- Friday Dec. 18  
 6:00 - Parent's Night Out
- Saturday Dec. 19  
 5:00 - Family Christmas Caroling, meet at Calder Woods

**\*Nursery is provided**

## Announcements (continued)

from SOP, we're going to hold you to these times because we have two more activities to carry us through the day. Be sure you save enough strength to spoon up some delicious **Chicken Tortilla Soup and Cornbread** at 5:00 p.m. It will be just the right thing to tide us over and have us ready for some great music presented by our **Youth Choir** and our **New Song Ensemble**. They will be ready to sing for us in the Sanctuary at **5:45**.

Lynn Hawkins reviews the book *1959: The Year Everything Changed* by Fred Kaplan this coming Tuesday, December 15. Be sure to arrive by 9:45 to enjoy the delicious refreshments before finding your seat in room 106.

### Welcome Visitors

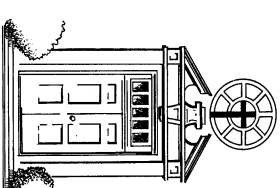
We are delighted that you are present for worship. Please fill out a visitor's card during the Welcome and place the rose on your collar or lapel. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor at the end of the service. A brief reception in Fellowship Hall following the service will allow us to become better acquainted. Please join us. **Hearing assistance** may be secured from a soundboard technician at the back of the Sanctuary. **Lap shawls** are available from ushers for those who find the Sanctuary too cool.

11th at Harrison

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### Pastoral Team

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# Calder Baptist Church

December 13, 2009

Still, the earthbound, fleshy quality of the church is sometimes a real pain. Flannery O'Connor, great Catholic writer, professed to like living in New York and particularly treasured going to Mass at the Church of the Ascension on West 107th Street, riding the subways and buses, and finding in the crowds a certain advantage. People at the Church of the Ascension didn't know her and she didn't know them.

She said of that experience at Mass: "Although you see several people you wish you didn't know, you see thousands you're glad you don't know."

(O'Connor as quoted in  
*The Life You Save May Be Your Own*, by Paul Elie, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003, p. 178)