

GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

SUNDAY

NOV. 29, 2009

The organ prelude marks the beginning of the worship service. It calls us to quiet ourselves and to direct our hearts and minds toward Him.

Prelude	“Christmas Trilogy” arr. by Robert W. Thygerson	
Introit	“Good Christian Men Rejoice”	27
Lighting of Advent Candle		Andy Pointer
Invocation		
Gloria Patri		Insert
Announcements		
Advent Reading		Lk. 1:26-38
Hymn	“There’s a Song in the Air”	97
Hymn	“Deck the Halls”	12
Hymn	“O Christmas Tree”	2
Praise and Prayer		Ron Blackman
Music Special	“I Heard the Bells” “Born in Bethlehem” “How Many Kings” “While You Were Sleeping”	Kid’s Club
In His Word	“Waiting”	Lk. 2:21-35
Benediction		
Closing Chorus	“Freely, Freely”	Insert

*“And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God,
and into the patient waiting for Christ.”
II Thessalonians 3:5*

Pastor	David M. Pointer
Organist	JoAnn Pointer

Before the Paling of the Stars

Before the paling of the stars,
Before the winter morn,
Before the earliest cockcrow,
Jesus Christ was born:
Born in a stable,
Cradled in a manger,
In the world His hands had made
Born a stranger.

Priest and king lay fast asleep
In Jerusalem,
Young and old lay fast asleep
In crowded Bethlehem:
Saint and Angel, ox and ass,
Kept a watch together
Before the Christmas daybreak
In the winter weather.

Jesus on His mother’s breast
In the stable cold,
Spotless Lamb of God was He,
Shepherd of the fold:
Let us kneel with Mary maid,
With Joseph bent and hoary`,
With Saint and Angel, ox and ass,
To hail the King of Glory.

Christina Rossetti

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

11/29	Sun.	10:00 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Fellowship & Refreshments
		11:30 AM	First Advent Service
11/25	Wed.	7:00 PM	Mid Week Service Prayer, Praise, and Bible Study Adult Study: I Thessalonians Kid's Club: "Jesus' Name" Youth: "God's Love"
12/23	Wed.	7:00 PM	Christmas Candlelight Service Christmas Fellowship following
12/26	Sat.	10:00 AM	De-greening of the Church

Bill Myers wants to thank those who have sent cards and letters to him. He said it is such a help and blessing each time he receives one.

Collecting for a GAL child's transition.

On the table at the entrance to the sanctuary you will find visitor cards, prayer cards, the attendance register, and the offering box. If you have never completed a visitor card, please complete one and place it in the offering box. If you have completed a visitor card on a previous visit, please register your attendance today by signing the attendance register.

Please, please, examine the prayer list and tell Pastor of any changes that need to be made.

BIRTHDAYS

- 11/29 Cindy Lundy
- 12/02 Carolyn Lowry
- 12/05 Zoe Pointer
- 12/19 Ian Pointer
- 12/25 Olivia Thomas
- 12/27 Sylvia Beall

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/23 Mike & Evelyn Prado

IN HIS SERVICE.....IN HIS HOUSE

Date	Nursery	Refresh.	Ushers
11/29	Zoe	Leeson	R. Lowry
12/06	Jordyn	French	R. Blackman
12/13	Katie	Miller	J, Bottomley

A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE A MEDICINE

STUFF

Multitasking - screwing up several things at once.

DOUBLE TALK

SELFISH:

What the owner of a seafood store does.

THOUGHT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING?

Turtles can breathe through their behinds.
(I know some people like that, don't YOU?)

A DC AIRPORT AGENT SHOWS WHY OUR COUNTRY IS IN TROUBLE!

I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman (Carol Shea-Porter) ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window. (On an airplane!)

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

PROVERBS FOR LIVING

"The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom;
and before honour is humility."

Proverbs 15:33

DECK THE HALL

TRADITIONAL
Rollicking

WELSH

C⁷ Dm F C F C F

1. Deck the hall with boughs of hol-ly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
2. See the blaz-ing Yule be-fore us, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
3. Fast a-way the old year pass-es, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

C⁷ Dm F C F C F

'Tis the sea-son to be jol-ly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the cho-rus, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lass-es, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

C⁷ F C F C G⁷ C

Don we now our gay ap-par-el, Fa la, la la, la la la,
Fol-low me in mer-ry meas-ure, Fa la, la la, la la la,
Sing we joy-ous all to-gether, Fa la, la la, la la la,

F C⁷ Dm F B^b F C⁷ F

Troll the an-cient Yule-tide car-ol, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
While I tell of Yule-tide treas-ure, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Heed-less of the wind and weath-er, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

O CHRISTMAS TREE (O TANNENBAUM)

Translated from the German
English version by Ruth Heller

GERMAN

Happily G Am D⁷

1. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, O tree of green, un-
2. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, You set my heart a-
3. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, You come from God, e-
4. O Christ-mas tree, O Christ-mas tree, You speak of God, un-

G C D⁷

chang-ing. Your boughs, so green in sum-mer time, Do
sing-ing. Like lit-tle stars, your can-dles bright Send
ter-nal. A sym-bol of the Lord of Love Whom
chang-ing. You tell us all to faith-ful be, And

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brave the snow of win-ter-time. O Christ-mas tree, O
to the world a won-drous light. O Christ-mas tree, O
God to man sent from a-bove. O Christ-mas tree, O
trust in God e-ter-nal-ly. O Christ-mas tree, O

Am D⁷ G

Christ-mas tree, O tree of green, un-chang-ing.
Christ-mas tree, You set my heart a-sing-ing.
Christ-mas tree, You come from God, e-ter-nal.
Christ-mas tree, You speak of God, un-chang-ing.

Medieval Latin Hymn
Trans. by John Mason Neale

German melody, 14th century

1. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice, — With heart and soul and voice; —
2. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice, — With heart and soul and voice; —
3. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice, — With heart and soul and voice! —

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
Now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And he is in the man - ger now.
He hath oped the heav - en - ly door, And man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! — Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! — Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! — Christ was born to save!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO YOU

A happy birthday to you. . . a happy anniversary to you.
Every day of the year. . . may you find Jesus near.
A happy birthday to you. . . a happy anniversary to you.
The best you have ever had.

FREELY, FREELY

Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in My name and because you believe
Others will know that I live.

There's a Song in the Air!

KARL P. HARRINGTON, 1861-1953

Att. by John Willard, 1921-

JOSIAH G. HOLLAND, 1819-1881

1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep
2. There's a tu-mult of joy O'er the won-der-ful birth, For the Vir-gin's sweet
3. In the light of that star Lie the a - ges im-pearled, And that song from a -
4. We re-joice in the light, And we ech-o the song That comes down thru the

prayer And a ba - by's low cry! And the star rains its fire while the
Boy Is the Lord of the earth. Ay! the star rains its fire while the
far Has swept o - ver the world. Ev - 'ry hearth is a - flame - and the
night From the heav - en - ly throng. Ay! we shout to the love - ly e -

beau - ti - ful sing, For the man-ger of Beth-le-hem cradles a King!
beau - ti - ful sing, For the man-ger of Beth-le-hem cradles a King!
beau - ti - ful sing In the homes of the na-tions that Je - sus is King!
van - gel they bring, And we greet in His cradle our Sav - ior and King!

11/29/2009
"Waiting"
Luke 2:21-35
II Thessalonians 3:5

(Luke 2:25) And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

(Gen 3:15) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

(Gen 49:10) The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

(Num 24:17) I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

(Deu 18:15, 15-17) The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

(Isa 7:14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

(Isa 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

(Isa 11:1-2, 10) And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

(Isa 42:1-4) Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

(Micah 5:2) But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

(Psa 62:5) My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

(Isa 28:16) Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

(Psa 25:3) Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

(Isa 30:18) blessed are all they that wait for him.

(Isa 40:31) But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

(Lam 3:25) The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

(Lam 3:26) It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

(Psa 37:7) Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

(Heb 6:12) That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

(Luke 21:19) In your patience possess ye your souls.

(2 Pet 1:6, 8, 10) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

(2 Th 3:5) And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.