

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent personal preparation for the worship of God.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Savior of the Nations, Come J.S. Bach
"Christ Doth End in Triumph" from *Christmas Oratorio* . . . J.S. Bach
Eric Schweingruber, Darin Kelly, Jeffrey Miller, *trumpets*;
Jeffrey DeVault, *organ*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

The Hays Family

*HYMN -- O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? #11

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together) John Weicher

Loving God, when our days are punctuated by angry words, by rudeness and ingratitude, forgive us, we pray, and grant us peace. When the pained cries of the oppressed grow louder around us because we have not shown compassion or love . . . when war's alarms silence the sweet voices of children . . . when we heed the call of commerce and ignore the cries from the manger . . . when the sinful noise of this world wearies you, Holy One, forgive us and grant us peace. Forgive us, Lord, we pray, and grant us your peace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

*RESPONSE - Come and Fill Our Hearts



Come and fill our hearts with your *love*. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your *love*. Al - le - lu - ia.

**All who are able, please stand.*

*THE PEACE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children ages 4 through 5th grade may leave for church school classes.

*HYMN - Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #48

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS -- Isaiah 12:2-6 (OT p. 641)

MEDITATION Richard Wohlschlaeger

GLORIA

by Francis Poulenc

Christine DeVault, *soprano*;
Dennis Elwell, *organ*;
Eric Schweingruber, Darin Kelly, Jeffrey Miller, *trumpets*;
Sophie Bruno, *harp*;
Angela Nelson, *timpani*;
The Chancel Choir

Jeffrey DeVault, *director*

see insert for Latin text and translations

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY -- "Interlude" from *A Ceremony of Carols* . Benjamin Britten
Sophie Bruno, *harp*

*DOXOLOGY Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SENDING

***HYMN --** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates. #8

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Alleluia” from *Cantata 142* J.S. Bach

The Swarthmore Presbyterian Church

Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

December 13, 2009

10:15 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Advent



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H. DOUGLAS DICKS *Israel, Jordan, Palestine*

As you leave during the closing voluntary, please do so quietly in respect for those who wish to remain seated.

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