

SILVER FALLS



UNITED CHURCH

Sunday Service

November 29, 2009

Silver Falls United Church

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

** Please stand if able.*

Personal Prayer of Preparation

Help us, O God, to discern the signs of our times with trust and hope. When everything seems confused, may we stand firm in your purpose and mercy. When nothing seems to change, may we move freely toward the coming of new days and new ways. Amen

Organ Prelude

Introit

Prepare the Way

VU 882 vs 1 & 2

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: God says, “The days are surely coming when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.”

One: God says, “the days are surely coming, when I will fulfill the promise I made to Saint John.”

One: God says, “the days are surely coming, when I will fulfill the promise I made to Silver Falls United Church.”

One: The days are surely coming.

All: The days are surely coming!

Lighting the Advent Candle –Advent I

See Advent Candle Liturgy

Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
VU 1

Call To Confession

One: As we come to God in confession let us create a space to allow the Spirit to move amongst us and refresh our lives. Let us pray together the following peace prayer:

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Source of all we hope and desire, we stand on the edge of a new year in the church which begins with an age old story of longing and waiting, promise and fulfillment, newness and possibility. Yet we are often harried, hurried, busy and worried. Longings to spend time with you are set aside—drowned out by consumer ads for a new and improved, super-sized life. Our vision can be obscured by “to do” lists, too busy to see the signs of your presence. We confess those times when we have not paid attention to the groaning of our planet and the sighs and the murmurs of your peoples—we have not paid attention to you. We are listening now—help us hear your call. We are watching now—help us see as we turn ourselves back to your way.

Words of Assurance

One: We see in the colors and candles of this season that it is a new day and God gives us a new way. God is near and invites us all into a loving embrace as together we journey in hope.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Faith in Action **Life and Work of the Church**

Children's Hymn Sing A Happy Hallelujah
VU 224 vs 1 and 2

Theme Conversation

Hymn VU 224 vs 3 & 4

Introit for the Word

One: Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your kingdom be known. Amen

Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Reader: These are our sacred stories

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 25 VU 752 refrain 2

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36
 Reader: Glory be to you, O God
All: Praise be to you, O Christ

Ministry of Music Where Will We See Him
 D. Besic

Sermon

Offertory Invitation

One: “The days are surely coming,” says the Lord. I invite you now to be a part of God’s good future. Your gifts to the church bring God’s vision of justice a little closer to reality.

Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards

Offertory Hymn Sing Out (see back cover)

Dedication of Offering VU 544 (tune VU 185)

In gratitude and humble trust
 We bring our best today
 To serve your cause and share your love
 With all along life’s way.
 O God, who gave yourself to us
 In Jesus Christ, your Son,
 Teach us to give ourselves each day

Until life's work is done.

***Offertory Prayer** (unison)

Gracious God, we are cautious about so many things. Sometimes our caution masks our lack of commitment. Help us to see our giving as an urgent statement of our faith. Bless these gifts, and those already given through PAR, that they might indeed serve God's purposes here and in the world. In the name of the one who is yet to fully come. Amen

Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving

Lord, listen to your children praying,
 Lord, send your Spirit in this place,
 Lord, listen to your children praying,
 Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Response: In the name of Christ who was, who is and who shall be

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done,
 On earth, as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 As we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,

**But deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen**

Closing Hymn How Great Thou Art **VU 238**

Commissioning and Benediction

One: It is a new day. We have a new way: God's way made known in Jesus whose spirit lives in us this day and always.
Amen

Choral Blessing

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen

Organ Postlude

If you are a visitor with us, we give you **special welcome** in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. If you are a regular worshipper, do you know the person in front of you, or even beside you? If not, why not introduce yourself?

Today's Service and Bulletin are dedicated in loving memory of loved ones by Jean Watters and family.

Scripture for Sunday, December 6th – **Creighton Bustin**

Malachi 3: 1-4

Luke 1: 68-79 (pg. 900)

Philippians 1: 3-11

Luke 3: 1-6

Greeter for December 6th : **Audrey Shillington & Lacey**

Thank you goes out to last weeks

Readers & Greeters for all your help!!

Prayer Corner *This information is given so that you may
"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."
(Rom. 12:15) Please pray for them.*

Shirley Whitebone and Tasha Phillips

Sing Out

Come, O God of all the earth; Come to us O Righteous One,
Come and bring our love to birth; in the glory of your Son.

Chorus:

**Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you.
Raise your joyful cries, dance to the life around you.**

Come, O God of wind and flame; fill the earth with righteousness
Teach us all to sing your name; may our lives your love confess.
(Chorus)

Come, O God of flashing light; twinkling star and burning sun
God of day and God of night; In your light we all are one.

(Chorus)

Come, O God of snow and rain; shower down upon the earth

Come, O God of joy and pain; God of sorrow, God of mirth.

(Chorus)

Come, O Justice, come, O peace; come and shape our hearts anew

Come and make oppression cease; bring us all to life in you. **(Chorus)**