

**SILVER FALLS**



**UNITED CHURCH**

**Sunday Service**  
**December 6, 2009**

# Silver Falls United Church

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

*\* Please stand if able.*

## Personal Prayer of Preparation

Prepare us to embrace your presence and your leading, O God of promise. Open our hearts to the words of your prophets, who bid us to journey in your wise ways of justice and peace. Amen

## Organ Prelude

## Introit

Prepare the Way

**VU 882 vs 1 & 2**

## Call to Worship (responsively)

One: A new day is upon us,

*Right: A new day is upon us,*

Left: A new day is upon us,

One: When we are no longer defined by our past, but by the

**All: Spirit shining**

One: from within us.

*Right: let us*

**All: take off**

*Right: the garment of yesterday's sorrow and*

**All: put on the beauty of God;**

*Right: the robe of honour that comes from God.*

Left: For God has given us a new name: Righteous Peace,

**All: Righteous Peace.**

One: We make this journey to our True Home together,

**All: carried by the Everlasting One.**

*Right: Every mountain of resistance is brought down by truth and  
every valley of despair is filled in with love.*

Left: For God leads us with joy into the

**All: New Day**

## **Lighting the Advent Candle –Advent II**

See Advent Candle Liturgy

## **Opening Hymn**

Hark the Glad Sound

**VU 29**

## **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 take time for personal reflection

## **Prayer of Confession**

## **Words of Assurance**

One: Take heart, for we can be sure of at least one thing: the One who began the work of transformation and renewal within us is loving and

faithful and will bring it to completion. Therefore with confidence we say,  
**All: Thanks be to God! Amen**

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

**Children's Hymn** Jesus came, a Child Like Me  
**VU 583 vs 1 and 2**

**Theme Conversation**

**Hymn** VU 583 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:

Malachi 3: 1-4

Reader: These are our sacred stories

**All: Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Luke 1: 68-79 (pg. 900)

Epistle: Philippians 1: 3-11  
 Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 1-6  
 Reader: Glory be to you, O God  
**All: Praise be to you, O Christ**

**Ministry of Music** Gentle Mary, Tender Mary  
 Womens Choir -J. Althouse

## **Sermon**

### **Offertory Invitation**

One: The world is crying out, “Where is the God of justice?” The offering is our opportunity to answer them. Your gifts to the church and the M&S Fund loudly proclaim that the God of justice is here in this church and around the world, as your gifts are used in service to God’s kingdom. Let us receive our morning offering.

### **Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards**

**Offertory Hymn** Sing Out (see insert)

**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 who comes to us as unconditional love, may these gifts be pleasing to you. Refine us with the fire of your fierce love, melt our cold hearts, mould our lives, make us into the stewards you would have us be. 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!

**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** On Jordan's Bank VU 20 vs 1, 2, 4 & 5

**Commissioning and Benediction**

One: Renewed by the vision of God's way and refreshed by the companionship of community, we take up the call to go in a new direction.

**All: We will live the inclusive love of God, gift all with the peace of Christ, and do the good work of Spirit.**

One: Truly you are the people of God!

**All: 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 Lena Morrison and Verna and David MacDonald by Ruby and David Morrison*

**Scripture** for Sunday, December 13th – **Veneita Bustin**

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Isaiah 12: 2-6

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18

**Greeter** for December 13th : **Reta Moore**

*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, Tasha Phillips, & Marion Stackhouse*

*Condolences are being sent out to Dawn Steeves for the loss of her brother, Daryl. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Belated Congratulations goes out to  
**Diane & Michael McGovern**  
 On their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

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)**