

SILVER FALLS



UNITED CHURCH

Sunday Service
December 13, 2009

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

** Please stand if able.*

Personal Prayer of Preparation

Show us the way, O God, to reshape our lives to reflect your reign of justice and peace. Open our hearts to rejoice in renewed relationships, and send your Spirit to help us find direction and purpose in all that each day brings. Amen

Organ Prelude

Introit Sing Out vs 1

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.**

Prepare the Way

VU 882 vs 1 & 2

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: Sing! Shout! And rejoice with all your heart!

All: Sing aloud! Rejoice and exult with all your heart for we have much to celebrate!

One: God is in our midst, we have nothing to fear; we are renewed by Love's song exulting over us with loud singing as though it were a festival day.

All: Healing Presence is among us gathering in our neglected souls and enabling that which is lame.

One: The shame of yesterday is transformed into praise and in wholeness we sing out across the earth.

All: We have been brought home, gathered into the heart of the Homemaker; here our deepest longings are fulfilled before our eyes—praise be to God! Amen

Lighting the Advent Candle –Advent III

See Advent Candle Liturgy

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

VU 2 (tune 333)

Call To Confession

One: Katherine Turpin writes, "Through repentance we come to greater awareness of the ways in which we are involved in the consumer system of meaning and the impact this involvement has on our lives and others." Let us pray--

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Spirit of God, you flow over these waters and between and within your baptized people. Reveal to us the ways we compromise your justice in order to seek and secure our own comfort. Through the prophets of former times and today you call us to return to you. Move our hearts through these cleansing waters and give us a passion to become your gospel people.

We hear your call to repent; to turn away from all that keeps us from living your way.

We hear your call to be made new; to begin again and to become more clearly reflections of Christ.

We hear your call to become people of justice; to open our hearts in compassion and to bear the fruit of our relationship with you.

Words of Assurance

One: Rejoice. Rejoice in God always. Again I say, rejoice. For God is near. And the peace of God, which is beyond understanding, will keep you centred in Christ always and enable you to serve the world so loved by God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

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

Children's Hymn Hope is a Star

VU 7 vs 1 & 2**Theme Conversation****Hymn VU 7 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:

Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-6 **VU 880**

CANTATA**Silent Was the Night – L. Smith**

Narrator: John Woollven
Silver Falls Senior Choir

First Reading: God speaks to His people

Choir: Silent Was the Night

Second Reading: Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem

Choir: The Lord My God My Shepherd Is

Third Reading: Mary gives birth to Jesus

Choir: Away in a Manger

Fourth Reading: The Wise Men follow the star to Bethlehem

Choir: The Star

Fifth Reading: The shepherds watch over their flocks

Choir: Shepherds Watching, Shepherds Resting

Sixth Reading: The Angels bring good news to the shepherds

Choir: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Seventh Reading: The wise men find Jesus in the stable

Choir: Sleep, Holy Babe

Eighth Reading: With Mary we reflect on God's gift of Jesus

Choir and Congregation: Silent Night

(we invite all who are able to rise and join in the singing of Silent Night. Please follow the words in your order of service).

Silent night, holy night

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon Virgin Mother and Child

Holy Infant so tender and mild

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** (responsively)

One: Our desire is to live in ways that reflect a sincere turning
 towards God and we wonder; That then should we do?

**All: Whoever has in abundance must share with
 anyone who is in need.**

One: What then should we do?

All: Live honestly and do not acquire more than we need.

One: What then should we do?

**All: Live in peace with one another and love our
 neighbors as ourselves.**

One: May this offering be a symbol of our intention to dedicate all
 that we are to living in God.

All: 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 Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness

VU 28

Commissioning and Benediction

One: We have heard the good news of God's realm where all have enough, no one lives in fear, and peace and justice guide each heart. Let us go now to be people of good news.

All: We are on the way! Thanks be to God. 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 Allan S. (Dick) Janes by wife Barbara and family.

Scripture for Sunday, December 20th – Jean Watters

Micah 5:2–5

Psalm 80 Part one

Hebrews 10:5–10

Luke 1:39–45

Greeter for December 20th : Ken & Ethel Roach

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, Tashia Phillips, Marion Stackhouse
& John Kilpatrick***

*Thank you to all those who volunteered their time on
Wednesday night. The turkey dinner for the Marco
Polo Quilters was a success in spite of a very stormy
night. A big thank you to our Honorary U.C.W.
members John Redstone, Dave Young and Len Cyr
for their many hours of help.*

A New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God; who has created and is creating,
Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
To reconcile and make new, who works in us and others
By the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church;
To celebrate God's presence,
To live with respect in Creation,
To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
Our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

MID-WEEK GROUPS

Adult

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| U.C.W. Quilters | 12:30-3:00, Monday & Wednesday |
| UCW | 7:00 p.m. 1 st Tuesday |
| Senior Choir | 7:30 p.m. Thursday |
| Unified Board | 7:00 p.m. 3 rd . Tuesday |
| Bible Study | 10:00 a.m. Wednesday |

Children/Youth

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| Sunday School | Sunday 11am church 11:15 to classrooms |
| Youth Group | As Announced |
| Beavers | 6:30 p.m. Wednesday |
| Cubs | 6:30 p.m. Tuesday |
| Scouts | 6:30p.m. Wednesday |
| Messengers | 6:30 p.m. Monday |
| Explorers | 6:30 p. m. Monday |

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6:30 p.m. Monday