

SILVER FALLS



UNITED CHURCH

Sunday Service

January 3, 2010

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Congregational Responses are in **Bold** print.

** Please stand if able.*

Personal Prayer of Preparation

Hold us close, Creator God, and whisper your word of love and transformation into our hearts. Reveal your Christ at work in the world among us and give us the courage to listen and follow. Amen

Organ Prelude

Introit Arise, Your Light is Come **VU 79, vs 1&2**

Call to Worship

(based on Sirach 24: 1-12)

One: Listen as wisdom gives praise, and tells of her glory in the midst of the people.

Two: I came forth like a word from the mouth of God. I covered the earth like a mist, I reigned in the heavenly places, and travelled through the deepest abyss. I held sway over all the earth and over every people and nation I ruled supreme.

*Then I was ready to settle down and I sought a resting place
for my wisdom ways: Where shall I abide? Where shall my
hope, peace, joy and love remain?*

One: Make your home among us, O Wisdom, and in God's people
come and live forever!

*Two: Before time came into being I was created, and forever and
ever I will live on. I will live and breathe among God's
people and my home will be on the earth for eternity.*

One: Let us worship Wisdom born in us.

Opening Hymn As With Gladness Men of Old **VU 81**

Call To Confession

One: God is still revealed to us in surprising, even sometimes
unsettling ways. Let us allow that God to be here with us now
as we listen to this poem. Let us pray

Prayer of Confession

A Prayer to the Infant Christ by Pamela Porter.

Baby Jesus, tell me how it is you are born
In every shade of skin.
I saw you once on the train to Lujan.
Your father played pan flutes for coins,
Your mother walked the aisle, palms out,
And you rode, limp as a doll in that sling on her back.

I saw you, too, in a squatters camp—Luanda, Angola.
I'd followed Louse, the missionary, to sewing class.
All of us wondered what your mother
Would name you once certain you would live.

I remember how I saw you affixed with tubes
In the intensive care, this side of the world.
There were problems with your birth
Your parents struggle even now
To accept you as you are.

And I nearly missed you yesterday, downtown,
 Your mother too young
 The cup at your feet cradling a bit of change.
 The bitter wind distracted me, and the concrete sky,
 The accumulation of trash.
 I'll admit I didn't want to see you in that place.

I don't need to tell you
 The daily news is bad and getting worse.
 Oh, light no darkness can overcome,
 Let me not forget that every moment,
 Still, still, you are born.

Words of Assurance “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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

Children's Hymn I am the Light of the World VU 87 vs 1 & 2

Theme Conversation

Children's Hymn

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 31: 7-14

Reader: These are our sacred stories

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Psalm 147 VU 868

Epistle:

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading:

John 1: 10-18

Reader: Glory be to you, O God

Ministry of Music

Now the Joyful Bells Aringing –
Traditional Welsh Carol

Sermon

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

Offertory Invitation

One: As we give our tithes and offerings today, listen for God's voice who makes intercession for us. Let us receive our offering.

Receiving our Offerings and Par Cards

Offertory Hymn From A Distant Home **VU 89**

Dedication of Offering (tune 232)

Joyful, joyful, Lord, we bring you
 Gifts that you can use today
 Take them, bless them, may your kingdom
 Spread to all the world, we pray.
 We are here, our time and talents
 We would dedicate as well
 May we show Christ's love within us
 By our lives, our faith to tell.

***Offertory Prayer** (unison)

**Star giver, Life bringer, Love sharer, bless these gifts we bring
that your Light might shine more brightly, your Life be lived
more abundantly, your Love be shared more abundantly, in
Jesus' name. Amen**

Baptism Hymn #445 VU "A Little Child the Saviour Came"

Sacrament of Baptism Braxton Avory Bonds son of Amber Bonds
Jenna Lee Anderson daughter of
Scott & Emily Anderson

Closing Hymn The First Noel **VU 91 vs 1 to 5**

Commissioning and Benediction

One: We have been filled with the loving presence of God's Word,
enabling us to shine out as reflections of God's love. Let us
go forth singing the good news: Wisdom has made a home
within us and we have become children of God. Thanks be
to God.

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.

Scripture for Sunday, January 10th – **Donna Melanson**

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Greeter for January 10th : **Evelyn & Murray Ewart**

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*

