

Some ADVENT LOVE ... "from above"
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Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30
Sunday School & Breakfast Club, 9:45 Adult Choir, 9:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2008

Worship at All Saints is a time of quiet, joy, and celebration.

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy & disruptive, we ask you please to respect the quiet and dignity --- both of our worship experience and your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under ... and our highly paid and moderately festive staff is anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendant. Most of all ---- welcome to our "humble temple" ... there is fine coffee and lots of beauty & art in Charter Hall.

welcome ... and a bit of stewardship talk

opening prayer

*Life may feel like a train-wreck, at times ... but this morning --- I hear the angels. I know, Lord ... angels come in all shapes and sizes.
My shape, perhaps? ... my size?
One size fits all: it's called goodness and grace ... gentleness and kindness ... giving, when I don't feel like I have much to give.
For a few moments today ---- my motor stops running full throttle, my spirit relaxes, I long for a quietness grounded in you.
It's time to re-discover the "magic" of this time of year.
When kids dream ... angels dance ... the table is set ... I can smell tradition and love. Lord, I'm sorry when I forget all this.
When I say "all the right things" ... but I scurry & worry & shout & get goofy ----- like I always do. Can you help me????...
to mean what I say, to say what I mean, to follow-through on what's important and what's not.*

Your son. His birthday. His presence: not just "back then" ... but now ... in the twists and turns of my humble-yet-crazy journey through this world. Thanks for listening ... thanks for caring ... thanks for "being" ----- THANKS AND AMEN!!

opening song

"My Lord, what a morning" 627 (blue)

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

"will my younger friends come forward?" ... kids' time

song

"The first Noel" 56 (green)

meditation

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

choir anthem: "Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light" 8:30

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

Communion songs: 41 ... interlude ... 65

"alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"

closing song

"O come, all ye faithful" 45

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

Beautiful altar flowers abound this morning!!

**from the Volkman family, in loving memory of Janet's dad --- Herbert Gunther --- on what would have been his 79th birthday.*

**from Jane Clark & Mary Sue Cullinan, in honor of Veronica's b-day.*

**from Joanne Triezenberg, in loving memory of her mom ---*

Elise Kozack.

**from the Mitchell family, in honor of Jack's #10 b-day.*

THANKS TO ALL FOR THESE WONDERFUL GIFTS.

The eternal light shines brightly today ...

**in loving memory of Janet Volkman's dad, Herbert Gunther.*

Thanks for sharing the gift of light.

a few musings from "around the humble temple"

KIDS CLOTHING EXCHANGE ... just outside the gym!

**LAST CALL for our "outreach"... your cash/check donations are
deeply appreciated and really make a difference.*

Also --- send a card to the church, and we'll display it.

*POINTSETTIAS --- if you'd like to have a plant for the Christmas
season, the forms & payment envelopes are in the narthex.*

*WINE-TASTING next Saturday, 6:30. Please buy your tickets today,
so we know how many to expect.*

*LAST CONFIRMATION CLASS BEFORE CHRISTMAS --- tomorrow,
Dec. 8 ---- 7:15 – 8:30.*

*BOOK CLUB CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION this Tuesday (Dec. 9),
7:00 in Charter Hall. (Call Nancy Ellis if you are interested in the
field trip to Hollywood Blvd. Theater, Dec. 19 ... 815-557-3440)*

*LAST BIBLE STUDY for this "season" --- Wednesday, Dec. 10
at 7:00 ... lots of great discussion on the gospel of Matthew.*

*MEN'S CLUB POTLUCK, Thursday, Dec. 18, 8:00 ----- we hope some
of you "new guys" will come and check us out!!@*

*CHISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD ... Dec. 21 between services ...
sign-up to bring a bit of food from your ethnic tradition.*

*ADVENT WORSHIP the next two Thursdays ... come a bit early,
have some coffee and/or a glass of wine around the tree ... a great
chance to put the "spirit of the season" into your life!!*

OUR HUMBLE AND FESTIVE STAFF

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Craig Nelson, pastoral support Linda McAley, custodian

Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it Kathy Klang, comptroller

Mark Nussle, choir director Mike Hefter, organist