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Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30
Sunday School & Breakfast Club 9:45 Adult Choir 9:30

Sunday, January 4, 2009
"A blessed and spiritual new year to all"

Worship at All Saints is a moment laced with a quiet dignity & grace.

We hope your spirits are lifted-up a bit by being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy or restless, 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 & under ... and our highly paid and moderately festive staff is anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendants. Most of all --- welcome to our church ... and the coffee in Charter Hall ... well, it's almost indescribable!!

Welcome and announcements

opening prayer

It's a time to reflect, Lord ... the new year.

I look in the mirror, I look inside myself ... I'm sorry for all the ways I fall short ... too much into myself, too often putting my agenda first, not listening to the heart-beat of my neighbor.

I know there is a lot wrong in the world ... like I'm telling you something you don't already know.

Our state ... the work-place ... the violence ----- so many lives are affected and changed forever.

So, in the midst of all this ... I long to grow: spiritually, personally, humanly, gradually, As time goes by ... I realize how precious "the times" of our lives are: the moments, the people, the twist & turns that I'm often too pre-occupied to notice ... let alone taking the time to say "thanks."

So, in the words of little-yet-prophetic Mattie Stepanek --- help me re-discover my heart-song. May I embrace it,

listen to it ... and use the "music" to make the world a little kinder along the way.
Thanks for listening, Lord ... amen.

Opening song
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" 45

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

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

song
"Go, Tell it on the Mountain" 70

meditation

song
"O, Little Town of Bethlehem" 41

the creed ... page 65

offering and offertory
choir anthem ... "Carol of the Bells" 8:30

prayers and Lord's prayer

closing song
"Joy to the World" 39

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

Don and Jude (remember him?!) are returning from their family vacation late Tuesday. Thanks to Craig Nelson and Bruce Fredrick for leading worship today.

The ETERNAL LIGHT shines brightly today from the Nicosia family loving memory of their daughter Jennifer.

Coming Up in the Humble Temple:

Today is **MUG SUNDAY!!** Help out as All Saints goes green!
Please have your coffee or tea in one of our festive mugs. We will do
the dishes for you!

YOUTH GROUP

*Today – Team Connect – meet in kitchen.

*Next Sunday – breakfast club in kitchen – then “lunch by Wayne”
and volleyball & games after 2nd service. All for only \$3!!

Our first **OUTREACH BINGO** for 2009 is Friday, January 16th,
6:30 pm (first call at 7:00). Please rsvp with your phone number
today.

ADULT BOWLING is coming up on Sunday , January 25th.
Please begin signing up. The cost is \$25/person ... dinner, bowling,
shoes all included. Lots of fun last year!!

The **SPAGHETTI DINNER** is right around the corner. Tickets are on
sale today for the February 28th event. Cost is \$22/person.

The **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is January 25th, after 2nd
service – about 12:15 pm. This is our Annual Meeting. Please try to
attend.

PLEDGE FORMS are available in the narthex.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are in Nickerson Bridge.

our humble yet festive staff

Debbie Facius & Kathy Janik, office administrators

Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-It Linda McAley, custodian

Craig Nelson, pastoral support Kathy Klang, comptroller

Mark Nussle, choir director Mike Hefter, organist