

IT'S AN ADVENT-KIND-OF SUNDAY
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Worship 8:30 & 11 Thursday evenings 7:30
Sunday School & Breakfast Club, 9:45 Adult Choir, 9:30
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IT IS ----- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

Worship at All Saints is a moment, laced with quiet and celebration.

We hope your soul is nourished, being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church ... but when they are noisy and 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, good-looking, over-achieving and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendant. Most of all --- welcome to our church ... coffee laced with the Advent – spirit awaits you in CHARTER HALL.

welcome, maybe an announcement or two

opening prayer

Lord, when life goes too fast ... can you help me slow down?
When life goes too slow ... can you "quicken" my spirit??
I know "advent" is a time "to get ready" ----- for a birth, for your son, for a moment forever changing the world.
Sometimes, Lord ... I'm not sure what TO GET READY for.
Life is so noisy.
Life can be so harsh and unpredictable.
I worry about "stuff" I can't control ... I try to control "stuff"
I shouldn't worry about ...
I'm a "piece of work" ... right, Lord?
I want, with your help ... for this SEASON to be different. I want to hold onto the manger ... hold onto the star ... hold onto the discoveries of the shepherds and wise-men ...

I don't want the so-called "busy-ness" of the season to bury the gentle message of your son.

Just saying these words makes me realize ... this is one thing I can control. I can focus on what's real & true ... and I will start today ----- amen.

opening song

"My Lord, what a morning" 627

the liturgy ... page 78

readings for the day

sacrament of baptism ... 11:00 (song 474)

We are honored to share in the baptisms of ---- Hannah Lisa Flanagan, daughter of Brad Flanagan & Jamie Carmen ... and Thomas William Miller, son of Steven & April Miller ... and we are baptizing April Miller, too ---- what a blessed and glorious day!!

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

song

"Rejoice, rejoice, believers" 25

meditation

the creed ... page 85

offering and offertory

(choir anthem: "Mary, Mary" 11:00)

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

(Communion songs from blue book --- 644, 741, 710)

closing song

"Joy to the world" 39

benediction and 3-fold "amen"

*We have beautiful altar flowers this morning ... from Wayne and Nancy
Diericks, in honor their grandson William Jon Dierick's
#1 birthday ... happy birthday, William!!*

*The eternal light shines brightly ... from Alan and Debbie Facius,
in honor of Alan's mom Shirley Facius' #85 birthday.
Happy Birthday, Shirley. Thanks for the gifts of flowers and light.*

A FEW HUMBLE HAPPENINGS IN A SPECIAL PLACE

*CONFIRMATION CLASS tomorrow ... 7:15 – 8:30

*Wednesday: FINAL BIBLE STUDY for this session, 7:00

ADVENT SUPPERS “around the tree”

Thursdays, Dec. 3 and 17, 6:30 ... only \$3 ... a great way to share in the
spirit ... and then we have worship at 7:30.

On December 10 ... we will have appetizers, as we enjoy the “celebration of
the arts” faire before and after worship.

Still time to register for our art faire ---- forms in narthex.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you want to donate a plant for the Advent – Christmas season,
the forms and payment envelopes are in the narthex. A “good
angel” has made it possible for the plants to be bigger and the cost
has gone down!@! --- “Lutheran economic stimulus” package.

We enjoy sharing your Christmas cards ...

when you send one to the church, we will put it up!!

ALSO, IF YOU ARE ABLE ... your check/cash donations

in the mailbox or love-bucket really make a difference as we try to help
families & individuals in need this holiday season. We will
be “sharing the love” on Sun., Dec. 20. We also need lots of wrapping paper
& gift boxes for our gifts.

Next Sunday --- “unity Sunday” for our Sunday School kids.

Parents are welcome to share in the presentation ... which will be in the
sanctuary, beginning after 1st service.

our incredibly humble and festive staff

Debbie Facius and Kathy Janik, office administrators

Mark Nussle, choir director Ed Steele, Mr. Fix-it

Mike Hefter, organist Kathy Klang, comptroller

Linda McAley, custodian Craig Nelson, pastoral support s