

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 26. Please join us for worship at 10:30.

OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed, December 25 through January 3.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS Tax-deductible contributions to the church for 2009 must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2010.

Poinsettias have been placed in the Sanctuary in recognition of our gratitude to God

In honor of:

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| My dad, Bruner Bosio | by Judy Young |
| Jane and Norm Davis | by Nancy Jewell |
| Jennifer Edwards | by Catherine, William, and Madeleine |
| Linda Edwards | by Catherine, William, and Madeleine |
| Sheila Hudson | by Richard and Gail Kuehn |
| Joan Kuehn | by Richard and Gail Kuehn |
| Our children, Trenton and Michael Kuehn | by Richard and Gail Kuehn |
| Pat Pilkington | by Catherine, William, and Madeleine |

In Memory of:

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| My mom, Gloria Bosio | by Judy Young |
| Howard and Phoebe Hudson | by Richard and Gail Kuehn |
| Doug and Isabelle Jewell | by Nancy Jewell |
| Ervin Kuehn | by Richard and Gail Kuehn |
| Craig Marshall | by Nancy Jewell |
| Marie Noah | by Richard and Gail Kuehn |
| Sam Price | by Nancy Jewell |
| Stuart D. Schaeffer | by Stan and Kem Schaeffer |

You may take your poinsettias after the service.



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Delighting in His Worship
for the Joy of All Peoples*

**DECEMBER 24, 2010
LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**“CHRISTMAS POEM”
BY G.K. CHESTERTON**

There fared a mother driven forth
Out of an inn to roam;
In the place where she was homeless
All men are at home.
The crazy stable close at hand,
With shaking timber and shifting sand,
Grew a stronger thing to abide and stand
Than the square stones of Rome.

For men are homesick in their homes,
And strangers under the sun,
And they lay their heads in a foreign land
Whenever the day is done.

Here we have battle and blazing eyes,
And chance and honour and high surprise,
But our homes are under miraculous skies
Where the yule tale was begun.

A child in a foul stable,
Where the beasts feed and foam;
Only where He was homeless

Are you and I at home;
We have hands that fashion and heads that know,
But our hearts we lost---how long ago!
In a place no chart nor ship can show
Under the sky's dome.

This world is wild as an old wife's tale,
And strange the plain things are,
The earth is enough and the air is enough
For our wonder and our war;
But our rest is as far as the fire-drake swings
And our peace is put in impossible things
Where clashed and thundered unthinkable wings
Round an incredible star.

To an open house in the evening
Home shall all men come,
To an older place than Eden
And a taller town than Rome.
To the end of the way of the wandering star,
To the things that cannot be and that are,
To the place where God was homeless
And all men are at home.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #208

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #203

WELCOME AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

RESPONSIVE READING

Luke 1:68-75

Leader: Praise be the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

Congregation: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David.

Leader: Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us --

Congregation: To show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,

Leader: To rescue us from the hand of our enemies,

Congregation: And to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #194

LIGHTING OF THE PROPHECY CANDLE

Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4 and Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #200

LIGHTING OF THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE

Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 2:1-7

"What Child is This?" #213

LIGHTING OF THE ANGLE'S CANDLE

Lesson: Luke 2:8-14

"Angels We Have Heard on High" #214

LIGHTING OF THE SHEPHERD'S CANDLE

Lesson: Luke 2:15-20

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" #201

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" #211

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE AND PASSING THE LIGHT

Lesson: John 1:1-18

"Silent Night" #210

"Joy to the World" #195

BENEDICTION

"Early on One Christmas Morn"

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