



**December 2, 2007**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

## *Welcome to Worship! We are glad you are here!*

*Sometimes we go about our lives ignoring Christ and the world around us.*

**Prelude** *The lighting of the altar candles is a visual reminder of the presence of Jesus in our midst.*

### **Time of Greeting**

**Call to Celebration** *We gather to worship, because we are called by God as individuals and as a community.*

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed** hymnal pg. 203, verses 1, 2, & 3 on screen and song sheet

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** hymnal pg. 196, both verses, on screen and song sheet

### **Lighting of Advent Candle**

Isaiah 2:1-5 *We hear the holy words of our scriptures, the Bible;  
we hear the holy words in song; and we hear the holy words in the message for this day.*

### **Sharing of Joys and Celebrations**

**Call to Giving** *We celebrate our blessings as we offer ourselves and our gifts joyfully to God.  
We are invited to bring our gifts to the altar.*

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** hymnal pg. 95 on screen and song sheet

### **Small Talk**

**Time of Prayer** *It is vital to the life of our spirits that we connect with the Creator of all things: we call this  
connectional prayer. We do it silently and aloud, individually and as one body.*

**Down by the Riverside** on screen and song sheet

### **Prayer & Intercessions**

#### **The 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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** hymnal pg. 206, verses 1 & 3 on screen and song sheet

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 24:36-44

**Morning Message** "From the Wilderness: I Know Nothing!"

**Message in Music** God So Loved the World

**Celebration of Holy Communion** *All are welcome at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ. We receive communion by the  
method of intinction. You may take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the cup. You may go to the altar to pray. Stay as long  
as you would like.*

*It has been a tradition to receive an offering for those who are poor when communion is shared. There is a fish shaped offering  
basket in the front of the sanctuary if you would like to give money or gift cards; or you are invited to bring non-perishable food.  
As we freely receive the grace of God, we are given the opportunity to freely share with others from our abundance.*

**Ancient of Days** on screen and song sheet

**Blessing & Sending** *We don't just leave-we are sent by God into the world to be light and hope until we meet again.*

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*At Horizons of Faith Church we share Jesus-the Christ faithfully, teach compassionately, and love obediently, so that all may accept God's grace!*

### Newcomers and visitors:

If this is your first time with us, please know you are not expected to give financial gifts. We celebrate our offering as a joy to give, and invite you to do so, whenever and however you feel led. **We welcome you!**

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP, DECEMBER 24

Worship Services will be at 5:00 pm (this service is very child friendly), and 11:00 pm

### Things You Need to Know...

**Please make sure your cell phones and pagers have been silenced.**

**We're celebrating December's Birthdays today, but we will celebrate with cake next week.**

Holly (your pastor) and Claude would like to invite you to their **Open House today from 12:15 – 2 p.m.** There will be plenty of food, so come hungry. And if you come, there will be great fellowship! We are located at 7319 Crickwood Place.

**The Outreach Project for Horizons of Faith Church for December is the Angel Tree for Prison Fellowship and the Presents for Patients at LaRue Carter Hospital.** Please see your copy of Hearts on Fire for all the details concerning these ministries.

**Horizons of Faith has a new website address – we can now be found at [www.horizonsoffaitth.org](http://www.horizonsoffaitth.org).**

**Now through December 13 we will be taking Poinsettia orders.** The flowers will help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas services. The cost for each flower is \$10.00

**If you have a special Nativity Set that you would like to share for everyone to see, we have an opportunity for you.** We have an area to displace Nativity Sets. Please bring it in or check with Jane Ann Lemen 293-4660 on where to put it. Please share your name, where it is from (nationality, etc.), and / or by whom it was made.

Coming **December 8 at 6:30 pm** is Horizons of Faith's **Annual Christmas Dinner – Jingle for Jesus.** There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Cost is \$10 per person and no charge for children 5 and under **All monies must be turned in by December 2.**

An **Implementation Team** meeting is scheduled for **December 11 at 7:00 pm.**

**Blue Christmas Service with Andy Griffith on Monday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.** Join us for a time of watching a classic *Andy Griffith* Christmas Episode, and a time of recognizing the grief and sorrows—ours and others—that are very real especially during Advent and Christmas. Mark your calendars and invite someone to come along.

**Choir practice** is on **Wednesday's at 7 pm.**

The **Congregational Care Group** will be having its annual fundraiser again this year by helping to deliver your Christmas cards to church members. Just bring your Christmas cards to church on either **Sunday, December 2 or December 9** and put them in the designated box. Cards will be delivered on December 16 and December 23. You are welcome to donate the money you would have spent on postage (make check payable to HOF and put "Care Group" in the memo note).

**We have been looking into the purchase of a defibrillator for Horizons of Faith, we need to have 4-5 individuals trained in its use and also CPR before we can purchase one.** This number of individuals should be sufficient to perform needed CPR and instrument use should other trained members be absent on a particular Sunday. The training session has not yet been scheduled but once the list of volunteers has been established it will be. There is also a need for one individual to perform routine maintenance on the unit, ideally someone who is regularly at the church, not just on Sundays. If you have any questions please contact Bill Jackson at 293-0624.

### Wesley Small Groups and Studies:

**December 4 @ 1:00 pm** – Horizons House Small Group

**December 6 @ 6 pm** - TSMGFPWDHTFSG at the church

For more information on any of these group or locations please contact the church office at 253-1785.

### Weekly Gatherings

**Choir Practice** – Wednesday at 7:00 pm

**Thursday Evening Gathering** – Thursday at 5:45 pm

### Please Pray For

Waltra Sears	Mildred Kessinger
Jeffery White	Judi Ely
Bev Jackson	Betty Schoppenhorst
Matt Adams	Ila Hoskin
Pam Gavin	Mary Ann Deck
Phyllis Ricks	Kyle DeHoff

### Upcoming Meetings and Gatherings at Horizons of Faith:

all meetings are at the church building unless noted otherwise.

**December 2 @ 12:15-2:00 pm** – Holly & Claude's Open House

**December 3 @ 6:30 pm** – Cub Scouts

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**December 6 @ 5:45** – Thursday Evening Gathering

**December 8 @ 6:30 pm** – Christmas Dinner

**December 11 @ 7:00 pm** – Implementation Team meeting

**December 13 @ 5:45** – Thursday Evening Gathering

**December 17 @ 7:00 pm** – Blue Christmas Service

**December 18 @ 6:00 pm** – Youth Group Christmas Caroling

**December 21 @ 6:30 pm** – Family Movie Night

**December 24 @ 5:00 pm & 11:00 pm** – Christmas Eve Services

### Church Office Hours - Typically

Mon 9:30 – 3:00 Tues 11:30 – 3:00

Wed 9:30 – 3:00 Thurs 9:30 -3:00

The office is closed on Fridays

*If you have information that needs to be in the Worship Notes the deadline is Wednesdays at noon.*

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## Song Sheet

### Call to Celebration

One: My soul smiles

**Males: My heart dances**

**Females: My fears flee**

**All: My mind wrestles**

**Mothers: My tongue shouts praise**

**Fathers: My loneliness finds company**

**Children/Youth: My spirit meets God**

**All: Surely, we are in the house of the Lord!**

### Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth, love, joy, and hope,  
like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him, on the mountains,  
shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

### Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child an yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### Prayer of Confession

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Gracious God, let your kingdom come.

We know we war against your kingdom --

at school, we drop hate bombs on the kid who is different.

At home, we slice family with our tongues.

At work, we stab friends with the rumors we spread.

Even at church, we find enemies and attack.

But your kingdom can be on earth,  
we could experience the fullness of your glory  
if we would only lay down our weapons.

*Time of Silent Prayer*

**Forgive us. And help us, Lord, to study war no more,  
in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### Down By the Riverside

*African American Spiritual*

Gonna lay down my sword and shield,  
down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside;  
gonna lay down my sword and shield  
down by the riverside,  
gonna study war no more.

Refrain

I ain't gonna study war no more,  
ain't gonna study war no more,  
ain't gonna study war no more,  
ain't gonna study war no more,  
ain't gonna study war no more,  
ain't gonna study war no more,

Gonna stick my sword in the golden sand;  
down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside,  
gonna stick my sword in the golden sand  
down by the riverside,  
gonna study war no more.  
refrain

Gonna lay my burden down;  
down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside,  
gonna lay my burden down  
down by the riverside,  
gonna study war no more.  
refrain

### **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.  
(refrain)

### **Ancient of Days**

Written by Jamie Harvill and Gary Sadler  
Blessing and honor. Glory and power.  
Be unto the Ancient of Days.  
From every nation, all of creation.  
Bow before the Ancient of Days

Every tongue in heaven and earth  
shall declare Your Glory!  
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship;  
You will be exalted, O God,  
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,  
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Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth;  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days!  
For none can compare to Your matchless worth;  
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