

DECEMBER 23RD, 2007



Worship Team: *Linda Wiens, Roland Kubl,
Becky Kaufman, Chuck Swan*
Speaker: *Anne Munley*

Christ-centered **community** Christ-like **compassion** Christ-led **courage**

Prelude

Time of Centering

Opening Hymn

H 184 *Hark! The glad sound!*

– GATHERING AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY –

Call to Worship *(congregational response)*

Light a flame of love in our hearts to all,
from the lowliest thing that lives,
to the Name that is highest of all. AMEN.

Confession & Personal Prayer

Leader: In our gathering we celebrate Christ. We give thanks and praise to God for the gift of Jesus Christ.

People: **We lift our voices in song and prayer, praise and worship.**

Leader: Jesus Christ calls us friends. He is the center, the purpose, the life, of our community.

People: **We gather around Jesus as devoted followers as those who are at times uncertain unsure of life centered in Christ. We open our lives to him that all that we are and do is an expression of our being centered in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: We give thanks and praise to God for the gift of Jesus Christ.

People: **We extend our hands in loving service and embrace our sisters and our brothers.**

Leader: Jesus Christ calls us friends. He enables our loving

compassion.

People: **We abandon our prejudice, our hatred, our disgust, our indifference, asking Jesus to deepen our love for all – even our enemies.**

Leader: We give thanks and praise to God for the gift of Jesus Christ.

People: **We step into the unknown of doing Christ's work, confident that we will be guided by the Spirit of Christ.**

Leader: Jesus Christ calls us friends. He leads us through the valley of the shadow of death, where we fear no evil.

People: **We follow Jesus in unmasking the powers of this world, telling the truth when pressured to be silent, and picking up our cross to follow. God of merciful salvation, make this yoke easy and this burden light.**

Gathering Hymn

(insert) *Christ Has Made Us Friends*

– LIVING WITH CHRIST-LED COURAGE –

Scripture

Revelation 5:6-14

Time of Receiving

Message

A Celebration of the Christ
Anne Munley

– SHARING WITH CHRIST-LIKE COMPASSION –

Time of Giving

(insert) *Jesus, be the center*

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Hymn of Sending

H 318 *Joy to the world*

Blessing & Sending

Coming up

December 24: Christmas Eve Service. 5:00PM at Chuck Swan's House. Worship Team: Mark L. Vincent & George Wilmes. Contact Chuck for directions.

December 30: Worship Team: Chuck Swan, George Wilmes.
Speaker: Mark L. Vincent.
Scripture: Genesis 1:14-19 *Facing a New Year.*

December Birthdays

Chelsea Kaufman 12/2	Maryn Munley 12/14
Jeff Yordy 12/2	Isaac Longenecker 12/19
Cliff Williams 12/7	Zach Yordy 12/20
Philip Longenecker 12/8	Kenton Longenecker 12/27
Dennis Kaufman 12/12	Matthew Munley 12/27
Mark Duban 12/13	Anne Munley 12/29

Announcements

- There are benefits to sitting in the front row, from being able to see everything on the table to having a clear view to the music leader. We encourage you to try it.
- Just a reminder--to enjoy the prelude music and not miss the opening of the worship service, plan to arrive at 10 minutes before 9:00 a.m.
- There will be 5 minutes of caroling at the end of fellowship time. Please gather 'round and join in as we *lift our glad voices!*

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