

## The Indwelling Face of God

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### GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE AS CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

#### Early Singing

H 197 Angels we have heard on high  
H 191 O little town of Bethlehem  
H 210 Good Christian friends rejoice

#### Lighting of Advent Candles

#### Call to Worship

God is looking for a house, a place to move into, a place to reside.

**And not just any home. Not just any temple.**

God is interested in flesh-and-blood houses, bodies to receive God's presence.

**Not perfect bodies, but willing bodies, ready to welcome the gift of God's life.**

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

**The Most High desires us as a house, a place to move into, a place to reside.**

*All: For nothing will be impossible with God. Thanks be to God.*

#### Opening Prayer

**Gathering Song** H 172 O Come, O Come, Immanuel

#### Prayer of Confession

**Song of Praise** H 178 Come thou long-expected Jesus

### HEARING GOD

**Scripture reading** 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Romans 16: 25-27

#### Children's Time

**Scripture reading** Luke 1: 26-38; Luke 1: 46-55

**Message** Full of the Spirit: The Indwelling Face of God  
– Roland Kuhl

**Response Song** G 603 We know and believe

#### Communion

### MINISTERING TO ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST-LIKE COMPASSION

#### Sharing and Prayers of the Congregation

G553 La tenebre (the darkness)

Indwelling God, we struggle with our desire to keep control of our lives. Our complacency fills us, leaving little room for your presence. Our wealth and power isolate us from the suffering of others.  
Have mercy on us O God.

*(voicing prayers of concern and praise)*

Indwelling God, we rejoice today because you extend grace to us in our unworthiness. We live expectantly, for we long to be your dwelling place. We live in hope for nothing is impossible with God.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### Offering

### SENT OUT BY GOD IN CHRIST-LED COURAGE

**Song of Sending** H 318 Joy to the World

#### Benediction

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*“As a living body of Jesus Christ,  
our vision at North Suburban  
is to be a Christ-centered community,  
embodying Christ-like compassion,  
living with Christ-led courage.”*

**2009 Advent Series ‘Let your face shine’**

Nov 29	The hidden face of God
Dec 6	The comforting face of God
Dec 13	The restoring face of God
Dec 20	The indwelling face of God – communion
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service at the Civic Center at 5:30 pm - Potluck following
Dec 27	The embracing face of God
Jan 3	Epiphany: The welcoming face of God

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## NORTH SUBURBAN MENNONITE CHURCH



**Sunday, December 20, 2009  
Fourth Sunday of Advent**