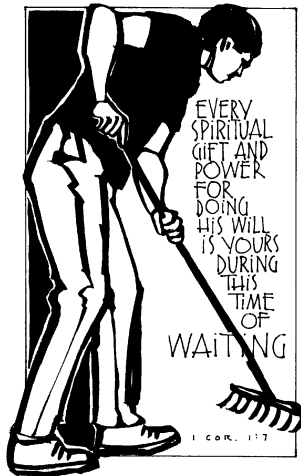


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## First Sunday in Advent November 27, 2011

WORSHIP. . . . . 9:00 a.m.

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Lord, help us this Advent to "keep awake"--to make ourselves aware of all that God is doing in the world through Your birth, to open our eyes to the signs and wonders of salvation, and to make ourselves ready for Your coming among us.

*Christ, our Dayspring from on high, make Yourself known to us this season.*

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### OUR WORSHIP TODAY

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service Setting 1. . . . . pg.151  
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**HYMNS:** 331; 355; 348

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 64:1-9 (pg.623)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (pg.952)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 11:1-10 (pg.847)

**SERMON:** He Indeed Has Come Down!- Isaiah 64:1-9

A JOYOUS WELCOME to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Faith your church.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** 'Rehoboth Girls' Home of Refuge and Support works with single moms or those in troubled pregnancies, providing Christian counselling and training. Your support does great things.

**WELCOME VISITORS AND FRIENDS!** This is God's House, so you and we, too, are His guests. Together we have come to hear His word, and to grow in faith and love to motivate us in our walk with Christ. Do come again to this house of prayer for all. Please sign the Guest Register, and if the pastor can help with any spiritual need, please talk to him. A nursery is available downstairs in our fellowship hall.

**OFFERINGS LAST WEEK:** Current 472.00; Missions 50.00; Building Fund 52.00; Strathroy Mission 120.00; Loose 23.00 *Praise the Lord!*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 40 ('10:17)

### **IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Special Needs:** Gail Bugbee, John Crowther, Melvin and Geraldine Dale, Else Jacobsen, Frank Kleiber, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Carol Schmitt, Sandra Stewart, David Strike, Sandra Stockman, Grace Woolner, Doris Jensen, Erna Kampken, Konrad Gmehlin, Michael Dieterle, Susan Gajdos, David Biederman, Christopher Atkinson, Sarah Holden, Ellen Phillips, Marianne Issendorf, Scott Mitchell

**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Paul and Ana Greksa, Erna Kampken, Marsha Kennedy, Jean Mountenay, Scott Mitchell

**Family Focus:** Carole Atkinson; Joanne, Terry and Kelly Austin; Henry, Judy, James, Joseph, Matthew, Hannah, Lydia and Deborah Balasch; Stephen, Lisa, John, Emma and Isabelle Baldock

**NOMINATION FORMS** are available today. As we prepare for our **Budget and Election meeting on December 4th**, we want to have a slate of names for the offices of the church, and you can help us identify those workers who can represent us and lead us as a congregation. We have been *very* blessed through the faithful service of so many in the past—help us continue that grand tradition. If you are asked to serve, we hope you will give prayerful and careful consideration to serving the Lord and His people.



**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2012** are being organized and will soon be distributed mid December. If you do not presently have an assigned envelope number and desire one, please let the Financial Secretary (Lisa Bilty) know.



**IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT POINSETTIAS!** A sign-up list is available with the Pastor. The cost of each poinsettia plant is \$7.50 and all orders must be in by December 1st. Your help to adorn our altar at Christmas is truly a blessing.



**THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT** continues, as we look forward in joyful expectation to the Lord who comes to save His people. Beginning November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm, we invite you to make our midweek Advent Services a special part of this preparation. We will also host a simple soup supper at 6:20 pm. Can you help with that supper? Please use the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the lower hallway. The sign-up lists will be posted on the "Forward in Faith" bulletin board.

**MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR:** Our voters' meeting will be held next week at Faith, after the service. This is an election meeting and it is important to have as many members present as possible. A light luncheon will be served before the meeting.

**DEDICATION AND BLESSING:** Today we dedicate our new Advent Wreath to the glory of God for use in His house of worship. Thank you again to Pastor Bode and Brenda for this special gift.

**WHY NOT BOOK A VISIT?** Our pastors are looking for the best way of finding time to meet, to share, and to care for our members. We often let the office or the pastors book the appointments. You could send an email or call the office, both to say you would like a visit, and to offer some times when that might work. Help us to serve you in the Lord!



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**BAPTIZED INTO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**, and into God's family today at Faith and Grace, is Callie Lynn Humphrey, daughter of Marissa Humphrey. Her sponsors are Nydia Humphrey and Nicole Humphrey. We pray that God would bless Callie and her family, and that He would keep her in His grace, poured out this day.

### THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

<b>Mon.</b>	4:00 p.m.	CEF Eng. District Mtg.
<b>Tues.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	8:00 p.m.	Church Council
<b>Wed.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper
	7:15 p.m.	Advent Service
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thurs.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers
	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study
<b>Sat.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Children's Christmas Practice- Faith
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship w/Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class (Faith)
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Voter's Meeting

