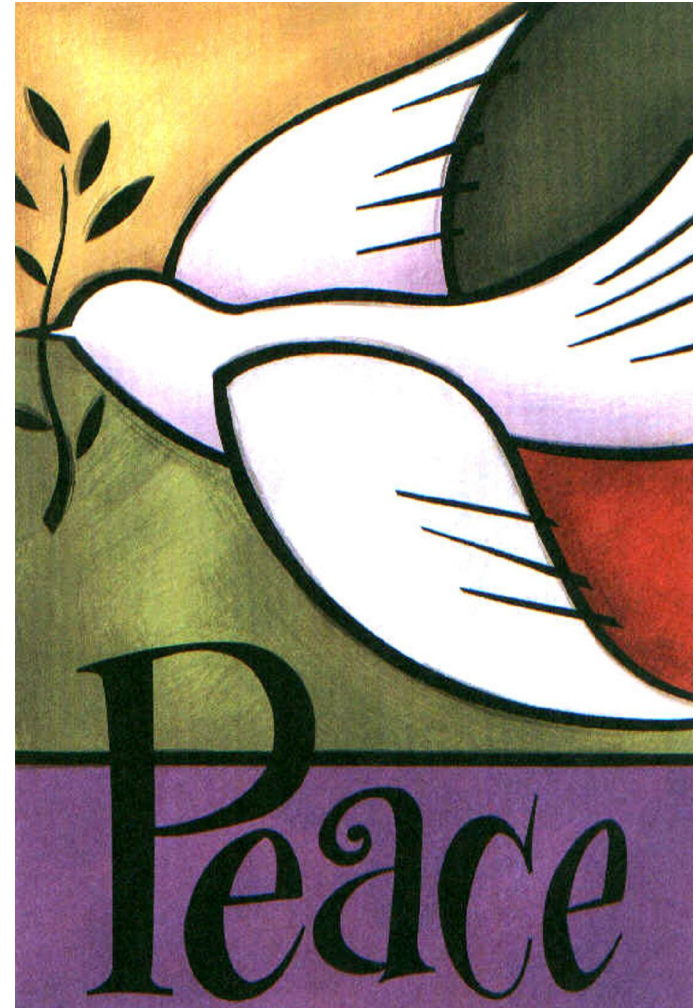


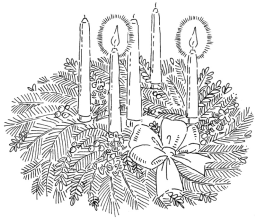
Cascade Christian Reformed Church

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Rev. Timothy Toeset—Pastor





December 6, 2009
Morning Worship — 10:30 AM

As we gather to worship during Advent, we meditate on the coming of Christ. We warmly welcome all who have come to join in the celebration of the coming of the One who brought peace to earth. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the lobby after the service.

Prelude.....Jean Hofkamp, Organ
Laurie Munneke, Piano

Welcome

*Greet One Another

*Opening Song: Psalter Hymnal # 340 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*God’s Greeting and Call to Worship

Pastor: People of God, receive God’s greeting:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ
through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior,

People: and grant us your salvation.

Pastor: Listen to what the Lord our God says:

**People: He promises peace to his people,
who are his beloved saints.**

Pastor: The Lord will indeed give what is good.

**People: Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.**

Pastor: May the Lord make his holy face to shine upon us
in this time of Advent worship. May we see God’s
face and so know peace.

People: Amen.
—based on Psalm 85:7-13, NIV

*Songs of Praise

Psalter Hymnal # 215:1, 3, 4, 6

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Psalter Hymnal # 214 “Glory to God”

Time of Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: It is Advent. It is the season in which we prepare
our hearts to welcome Christ, who is the bringer of
all peace. We confess to you the ways in which we
block the peace of Christ in our lives.

People: God of peace, hear our prayer.

Pastor: The rushing and scurrying to get things done;
the worry about the little details; the financial
burdens we put on ourselves,

People: we confess to you, O God of peace.

Pastor: The impatience and irritability we feel and take out
on one another; the bickering and quarreling we get
into because we are too busy,

People: we confess to you, O God of peace.
Pastor: Though we make ourselves less than peaceful at this time of the year, your peace is always there for us.

People: Instill within us your peace, O God.
Pastor: When we feel overwhelmed; when we are filled with worry; when we become irritable,

People: instill within us your peace, O God.
Pastor: When the guilt of our ways threatens to overcome us, help us to remember that we are forgiven in Christ.

People: Instill within us your peace, O God.
Pastor: Instill within us your peace, O God. Instill within us your peace and help us to make choices that bring us closer to you. Help us to be more peaceful so that we may spread Christ's peace and love to others.

All: Amen.
Assurance and Challenge

Pastor: The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

People: Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve.

Morning Prayer

Offering.....General Fund

(The offering is the opportunity for members of the church to give as God has blessed them for the ministries and causes the church has chosen to support. Visitors are invited to show gratitude to God for his gifts by giving as well, but are not expected to do so.)

Advent Reading.....Van Kooten Family

Children's Message/Lighting of the Advent Candles.....Pastor Tim

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 343
"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"
(The children age three through kindergarten may be dismissed for Jesus' Little Lambs.)

Scripture: **Isaiah 11:6-9** (page 686)
John 14:27 (page 1068)

Message: **PEACE**
Prayer

*Song: Psalter Hymnal # 345 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
*God's Blessing
*Closing Song: "Soon and Very Soon" (projected on front wall)

Postlude

**Please Stand If Able*

OUR VISION
We at the Cascade Christian Reformed Church seek to be a fellowship growing in understanding of God and His Word causing us to reach out to those who are unchurched, desiring to bring them into fellowship with God.

CALENDAR

Today:	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:45 AM	Ladies Chorus
	6:00 PM	Service of Christmas Music
Monday:	7:00 PM	Congregational Meeting
Tuesday:	9:45 AM	Coffee Break Bible Study/Story Hour
Wednesday:	7:00 PM	Jr. High Youth Group Meets at Church
Thursday:	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday:	AM Offering:	General Fund
	PM Offering:	Christian Schools

THE CONGREGATION is encouraged to seek God's presence for this time of worship with a moment of personal silent prayer after being seated.

JESUS' LITTLE LAMBS is a ministry for children age three through kindergarten and is held during the morning service. The children may be dismissed during the singing of song # 343, "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light." **Parents, please bring your children directly to the classroom. The congregation's policies now require that only a child's mother or father may pick up the child following the worship service.** The children will be in classroom 5.

THIS MORNING'S OFFERING is for the General Fund. In this season of giving we celebrate the gifts of peace, hope, and joy. The gifts we bring to God this week will be used for the many things the General Fund encompasses. The joyful giver has hope and receives peace. Let God's peace be a part of your Christmas season, and celebrate the good news with all the brothers and sisters in Christ.

THIS EVENING we will have a service of Christmas music featuring the gifts of various members. Be sure to join us for this special time.

THIS EVENING'S OFFERING is for the Building Fund. The tabernacle that contained the Ark of the Covenant of our Lord was a

portable sanctuary during the forty years the Jews wandered in the Sinai Desert. Today our church is a sanctuary in a spiritual desert for those who seek refuge and guidance in a difficult world. Please give generously so that our church, God's church, may continue to inspire its members and the community at large.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING the choirs of Cascade Church and the First Christian Reformed Church of Everett will join their voices to present "Emmanuel—God with Us," a contemporary version of the service of Lessons and Carols. Through narration and song we will be reminded of God's promise of a Savior which was realized in the coming of Jesus Christ. Please join us for this special service.

THE OFFERING SCHEDULE for December is as follows:

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
December 6:	General Fund	Building Fund
December 13:	General Fund	Christian Schools
December 20:	General Fund and New Building Fund	Overman Family
December 27:	General Fund	Marysville Food Bank

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS GIFTS: The deacons will be giving grocery gift cards again this year to those in need instead of preparing food baskets. If you know someone who should be remembered with a gift card, please contact a deacon **today**. If you would like to contribute toward the gift cards, you may give your donation to a deacon or place it in the offering marked for Thanksgiving/Christmas gifts. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Council is urging all members to attend the annual congregational meeting **tomorrow** at 7:00 PM. At this meeting the annual budget will be approved, missionary support will be affirmed, and one elder and one deacon will be selected. Elder nominees are Joel Faber and Stu Johnson. Deacon nominees are Joe Ruff and Anson Statema. Kim DeGroot and Ron Haveman are completing their terms. Your participation is very important. Plan on joining us.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP, grades 6–8, will meet at church on Wednesday, December 9, at 7:00 PM.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Children singing with the choir next Sunday evening are asked to attend choir rehearsal here on Thursday evening, December 10, at 7:00.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB: Please meet at noon this Wednesday, December 9, in the parking lot of the Everett Christian Reformed Church to share rides to Julia McClimans' home (1103 93rd St SW, Everett). Food will be furnished, but please bring a plate of finger goodies for dessert.

TAPROOT THEATRE: Live out a holiday classic as a part of our "live studio audience" when Taproot Theatre brings *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* to the stage. Set in 1947 as a radio broadcast, this heartwarming tale will remind you and yours of the important things in life and send you home laughing, loving, and living the magic of Christmas. *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* runs now through December 30. All performances of this show will be held at North Seattle Community College's Stage One Theatre (9600 College Way N, Seattle). For more details call 1-206-781-9707 or visit www.taproottheatre.org.

NEW FROM FAITH ALIVE: Take a 3,000-year journey through the songs of God's people! "Hymns for Worship" is a new collection of 256 hymns in chronological order from Old Testament psalms to the present. See a sample at www.FaithAliveResources.org or call 1-800-333-8300.

CALVIN SYMPOSIUM ON WORSHIP: Online registration is now open for the Calvin Symposium on Worship, January 28 - 30. Thursday offers ten day-long seminars and Friday and Saturday include over 80 workshop choices. The six worship services, which are open to the public, will center around "The Great Stories: Narratives of the Old Testament." Registration and complete information are available at www.calvin.edu/worship.

WORLD MISSIONS: 'Tis the season... Remember your missionaries during this holiday season and send them a card. This is more than a festive greeting—it's a greatly appreciated dose of encouragement and care. Your missionaries are Sam and Anne DeJong, Matt and Kristy Faber, Cal and Jamie Hofland, and Joe and Nellie Strong.

OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE—*Advent Devotions on Peace*: As we prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace this Advent, we will focus on the theme of peace. We hope you'll join us to consider how God calls us to better embody our call to be peacemakers in the world. Subscribers will receive an e-mail each weekday with a reflection on the theme—some celebrating peace-building work already happening, some raising a longing for peace in a certain region of the world, some encouraging the seeking of peace in our every day lives. Visit www.crcjustice.org to subscribe.

BACK TO GOD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL: Media has transformed North American culture, but are lives being transformed for the sake of Jesus Christ? Your gifts to support ReFrame Media—Back to God Ministries English-language outreach—help speak the truth of God's Word to today's culture. With your support of several new web-based programs we are able to more effectively reach people of all ages in various stages of their faith journey.

BACK TO GOD HOUR—*Grafted into the Tree*: How many people do you know who at one time were believers in Jesus Christ but have now rejected him? How can we avoid becoming like dead wood that is pruned from a tree? How can we help others from becoming dead wood? Find out on the December 13 *Back to God Hour*. Go to BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

KIDS CORNER—*Merry X-Monsters*: What's the true meaning of Christmas? Help Liz figure it all out on this week's *Kids Corner*. Then check out the *Kids Corner* website at www.kidscorner.net for stories, devotions, puzzles, and more.

CROSSROAD CONNECTION—*Tell the World That Jesus Lives!*

This week Dr. David Schuringa shares the third and final reason from Luke 24 for how you can be absolutely certain that Jesus is alive in the world today! Go to www.cbi.fm to listen to *Crossroad Connection*, a restorative justice ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute.

AREA OF MINISTRY	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
JESUS' LITTLE LAMBS 3-Year-Olds through Kindergarten	Leanne Sytsma Emma Sytsma	Michele Poortinga Kyle Poortinga
NURSERY AM 10:15	Andy Sytsma Michele Poortinga Grady Poortinga	Dee Dee Sytsma Michelle Statema Kelsie Sytsma
HOSTESSES	Cheryl DeJong Bé Grimberg	Irene Feddema Elaine Zonnefeld
GREETERS (West Door)	Marge Toeset Betty Oosterwyk	Lloyd & Jean Hofkamp
USHERS	Andy Sytsma Dean Lampers Eldon Wichers	Jim Boersema Andy Sytsma Dean Lampers
VIDEO	Zachary Smith	Joel Faber
SOUND AM PM	Phil Zylstra Bernie Sytsma	Phil Zylstra Bernie Sytsma

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

Call Bé Grimberg at 425-609-1002 or e-mail her at JGrimberg@bardicgrove.org with your prayer items. Items received by Thursday evening will be included in Sunday's guide.

NEW CONCERNS:

- ✝ Pray for Patti Nobach's brother-in-law, Rick Greaves, who is receiving radiation treatments for an inoperable brain tumor.
- ✝ Pray for the families of the four police officers killed in Lakewood.
- ✝ Pray for the safety of all those in law enforcement.
- ✝ Pray for Jacie DeGroot's second cousin, Karen Gast, who is dealing with stage three cancer.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

- ✝ Pray for Sharon Hanson and her family as they mourn the death of her sister Gloria.
- ✝ Pray for healing and freedom from pain for Harriet Lampers who has a broken rib.
- ✝ Pray that the results from Dena Wichers' stress test will be positive.
- ✝ Pray for good health for the congregation.
- ✝ Pray for those traveling during this holiday season.
- ✝ Pray that the legal process regarding Melinda Duty will be resolved.
- ✝ Pray that God will use Michael Chadwick in any way that God wills.
- ✝ Pray that Esther Daniels will find peace in her new apartment.
- ✝ Pray for Sam and Anne DeJong as they minister in Uganda.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:

- ✝ Pray for good health and a rewarding and fulfilling stay for Jim, Minah, and Millie Andrienas, Joe and Henny Bartholomeus' daughter and family, who are in Ethiopia on a two-year mission.
- ✝ Pray for Shirley Perry's nephew Bradley who fell and injured his elbow.
- ✝ Pray for healing for Shirley Perry's brother Dick following carpal tunnel surgery.
- ✝ Pray for Debbie Templeman who is having health issues.
- ✝ Pray that the Lord will restore the joy of his salvation for Paul, Natalie, and Beth and grant them willing spirits.
- ✝ Pray for Minnie Puhlman's mother, Hilda DeKubber, who recently fell fracturing vertebrae in her back.

PRAISE THE LORD:

- ☺ Give thanks that Brad Haveman has a new job.
- ☺ Give thanks that Barb Overcash's neighbor Peggy is doing well following knee surgery.