



Worship at Eleven

December 18, 2011 11:00 AM

The Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

**Congregation, please stand if able.*

Please turn off the sound on all electronic devices.

Piano Prelude Craig Harris

Call to Worship Christia Mantzke-Voss

*Opening Songs of Praise The Worship Band

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle – Love The Brenot Family

Message in Song Sonshine Choir/ Terri Walsh, Director
First Christmas Day by Mary Rice Hopkins Susan Canjura, Piano

Time with the Children Martha Roberts

**As the children come forward, please join together to sing,
*Jesus Loves Me.***

As the children depart, please sing *Happy Birthday to Jesus.*

Greetings and Announcements Nick Barrett

News for Our Community – Financial Update Elder Fred Gruberth

Reading – Hebrews 1:1-3a (NIV) Rita Barrett
In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Prayer of Confession Nick Barrett

Merciful God we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Assurance of Pardon and Prayers of the People

Message from God's Word

"Light from Dark"

Pastor Dan Baumgartner

Today's Sermon Text

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord – and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decision for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

-Isaiah 11:1-10 (NIV)

Reflection on the Word Craig Harris

Our Response to God's Great Love Christia Mantzke-Voss
The offering is an act of worship. Recognizing that all we have belongs to God, we gratefully return a portion of the financial resources entrusted to us.

Worship Songs

Benediction Pastor Dan

Postlude Craig Harris

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – Saturday, December 24th

Family Service at 5:00 – Petting Zoo in the Garden.

Christmas Eve Worship at Eight (childcare available)

and Lessons & Carols with Cathedral Choir & Organ at 11:00 pm.

Pastor Dan will bring a message at 8:00 and 11:00.

**Next Sunday, December 25th - Christmas Day!
One Service only at 10:00 in the Sanctuary.**