

Dundee Presbyterian Church Newscaster

Loving God, Sharing Jesus Christ



November 27, 2011

First Sunday in Advent

***Christmas Prequels:
The Light of the World***

Rev. JP Carlson

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 42:1-9 & John 1:1-9

WORSHIP & EDUCATION TIMES

9 am: Worship Service - Rejoice! Praise Team

10 am: Sunday School, CRASH, & Christian Education

11 am: Worship Service - Palladium Brass



The Light of the World

"I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness" (Isaiah 42:6b-7).

Light plays a central role in scripture. From the beginning when God declares, "Let there be light," (Genesis 1:3) to the end when John testifies, "...for the Lord God will be their light," (Revelation 22:5) light serves as a primary biblical image, either illustrating God's presence in the world or our life in relation to God and one another. The passage from Isaiah quoted above is yet one more example of the way God's light manifests itself in the biblical witness. In this particular instance the light shines through the "servant" to a people who do not yet know God. The "servant," initially understood as Israel and later as Jesus, functions as a vessel through which God's light shines in a world otherwise covered in darkness.

Light plays a central role during Advent. The fact that the Christmas season is filled with lights, from Advent wreaths to candlelight services, is no accident. The lights are more than a quaint and sentimental holiday tradition. All of these lights, understood in the context of scripture, bear witness to the "light of the world," the Savior who is the "true light." During Advent we rehearse the coming of Jesus as we recall the anticipatory words of the prophets, retell the story of Christ's birth, and fill our lamps with oil in expectation of his return. The lights of Advent merely focus our attention upon the main event, Jesus Christ, the Light of all lights.

Light plays a central role in our lives...but all too often this divine light is resisted, avoided, or placed under a "bushel basket." Sometimes the light shines too brightly, hurting our eyes, and we feel compelled to look away. Sometimes we prefer the cover of darkness, fooling ourselves into thinking that we can hide our sinful condition from God. Sometimes we see the light clearly but we choose the darkness instead. The truth is we are inclined to play the central role in our lives. The light we prefer is a light of our own making, a human invention that can be controlled by switches and buttons.

Even so, the light has come, a light we neither invented nor can we control. There are no "on" and "off" switches for this light. It's here to stay, no matter how long we keep our eyes shut, how often we escape to a dark corner, or how many bushel baskets we throw on it. The brilliant light faces us in the face of Christ. Will you turn your gaze toward him? Will you allow him to play the central role in your life?

-- Rev. JP Carlson

Help with Dining Room Chairs

Our new dining room chairs – all 200 of them – are scheduled to arrive sometime on Tuesday, November 29. The delivery is only to the curb. We need help in transporting them from the truck to the Dining Room. If you, or anyone you know, would be available to help with this task, please contact Renee Mehrer at 402-397-7717. The shipper will contact us 24 hours prior to delivery so as soon as we know the date and time from the shipper, I will let you know. We deeply appreciate your help!

The Dundee Dining Room Chair Committee

Confirmation

Are you ready to confirm your faith? Now is the time! All 8th-12th graders are invited to join our confirmation class. The class will give you an opportunity to explore your faith and deepen your relationship with Christ. There will be time for Bible study, fellowship, hot wings, and *The Passion of the Christ*. The confirmation class begins Sunday, December 4th from 4:00-5:15 pm. We will continue to meet every other week until April 22nd. Sign up now by calling the church office (402-558-2330) or emailing Andy (amenth@dpcomaha.org).

Advent Event

Dundee families and friends are invited to join us for the Advent Event, Wednesday, November 30 from 5:15-7:00 pm. We will start with a brief time of worship in the Chapel. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:00 pm. From 6:00-7:00 pm children will be separated by age for a lesson and activity that answers the questions, "What is Advent?" and "How can we prepare for Jesus' birthday?" Preschoolers-3rd grade will go home with a personal Advent calendar. Club 456ers will have completed an Advent activity and each family will receive an Advent wreath and devotional to work through together throughout the season. Suggested donation for dinner is \$3 per person. Parents and adults are invited to stay for the lessons as extra hands will be helpful! As always, friends are welcome! See you there.

Fresh Hope

Fresh Hope is a free, weekly, peer-led self-help support group for individuals who have a mood disorder and their friends and family members. A new group is forming at Dundee Presbyterian Church and will begin December 5. The group will meet at 7 pm in the Chapel. Please email freshhope@dpcomaha.org with questions.

Church Record

Dr. Kessler served our church as interim pastor in 1982. His distinguished career included 36 years as pastor of First Church in Hastings, with its strong ties to Hastings College, and a term as moderator of the General Assembly. While here, he shared the ministry with his son, Rev. Stanley R. Kessler. Judge Richard Peck said, "Si is just generally loveable."

Dundee Christian Education

Adult Sunday School & Bible Study

All classes and Bible studies always encourage drop-in visitors. **Join Us!**

SUNDAY, 10 am

- **Truthseekers** - Chapel - The class uses videos to teach about Scripture, doctrine, and theology. There is lively discussion. All are welcome.
- **Bible Delvers** - Parlor - Studying church history
- **Homebeginners** - Room 314
- **Parenting for Life** - Room 315 - A group for parents of teens and young adults. Currently focusing on Bible study and a book by Beth Moore.
- **Listening for God**, Library - We will follow the sermon series using the scriptural references and materials recommended by Dr. Jordan.
- **Young Adults, Youth Room** - Anyone in their 20s and 30s is welcome to join the group for a Bible study and fellowship.

MONDAY - Attending the Bride of Christ - 9:30 am & 1 pm, Dining Room Annex

TUESDAY - Women's Bible Study - 7:30 am, Paradise Bakery (Regency)

WEDNESDAY - Bible Study - 1:15 pm, Dining Room, with Dr. Jim Eckman
Gospel of John study - 6:00 pm, Dining Room Annex

THURSDAY - Men's Bible Study - 6:30 am, Rockbrook Garden Café

Retired Men's Bible Study - 8 am, Village Inn (78th & Dodge)

FRIDAY - Men's Bible Study - 6:30 am, Rockbrook Garden Café

Women's Bible Study - 6:30 am, Wheatfields (One Pacific Place)

SATURDAY - The Bagel Bunch - 7:30 am, Parlor, Men's Bible Study

Youth Ministries

CRASH - For junior & senior high students. Sundays, 10-11 am in the Underground. Come Rejoice And Sing Hallelujah! There will be singing, praying, hearing God's word, and spending time with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Junior High - Wednesdays, 5:59 - 7:15 pm - includes small group discussion, games and worship. Dinner optional at 5:30 pm. Donation \$3.00.

Senior High - Wednesdays, 7:31 - 9:00 pm - includes small group discussion, irresistibly fun games and worship.

Children's Ministries

SUNDAYS

Kids' Own Worship - 9 am or 11 am, Room 304, Preschool - 2nd Grade. Children are dismissed for Kids' Own Worship for age-appropriate worship and activities.

Sunday School - 10 am, ages 3 years - 6th grade

Preschoolers - Room 308

Kindergarten & 1st Graders - 313

2nd & 3rd Graders - Room 312

Grades 4-6, Club 456 - Room 302

WEDNESDAYS

Children's Choir - 5:15 - 5:35 pm, Chapel, Kindergarten - 6th grade. Children learn songs to sing in worship.

Dinner - 5:30 - 6:00 pm, Dining Room. For anyone wanting to share a meal and a time for fellowship. Donation: \$3 per person.

FISH - 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Designed for children in Preschool - 3rd grade. Children rotate through story, craft and activity stations to learn a particular Bible story or concept.

Club 456 - 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Grades 4-6. Students meet for a time of fellowship, friendly competition, and opportunities for worship and discipleship.

Dundee Church Calendar

Sunday, November 27

- 7:00 a.m. · Rejoice Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 8:15 a.m. · Prayer Walk – Sanctuary
- 8:15 a.m. · Weekly Prayer Group – Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. · **Rejoice! Worship**
 - *Kids' Own Worship* (age 3 - 2nd grade) – Room 304
- 10:00 a.m. · Café Connection - Room 202 & Narthex
- 10:00 a.m. · CRASH (7th - 12th grade) & Christian Ed.
- 10:00 a.m. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. · Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:00 a.m. · **Traditional Worship**
 - *Kids' Own Worship* (age 3 - 2nd grade) – Room 304
- 12:00 p.m. · Café Connection - Room 202 & Narthex
- 12:00 p.m. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary

Monday, November 28

- 8:00 a.m. · Low Impact Exercise Class - Sanctuary Annex
- 6:00 p.m. · Toastmasters - Dining Room Annex
- 6:30 p.m. · Troop 42 - Underground
- 6:30 p.m. · Pack 17 - Room 312

Tuesday, November 29

- 7:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Paradise Bakery in Regency
- 10:00 a.m. · Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. · Great Plains Presbyterian Church - Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. · New Officer Training - Dining Room
- 7:30 p.m. · Scandinavian Folk Dancing of Omaha - Underground

Wednesday, November 30

- 1:15 p.m. · Bible Study with Dr. Jim Eckman - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. · Kids Choir - Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. · Wednesday Dinner - EVERYONE WELCOME - Dining room
- 5:30 p.m. · Rejoice Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 5:59 p.m. · Junior High Youth Group - Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. · Family Advent Event
- 6:30 p.m. · Gospel of John Bible Study - Parlor
- 7:31 p.m. · Senior High Youth Group - Youth Room

Thursday, December 1

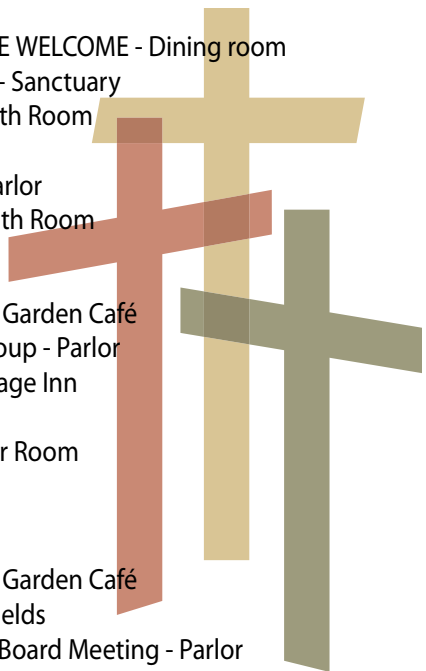
- 6:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Rockbrook Garden Café
- 8:00 a.m. · Taking Off Pounds Sensibly Group - Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. · Retired Men's Bible Study - Village Inn
- 6:00 p.m. · Dundee Ringers
- 7:00 p.m. · Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 8:00 p.m. · AA - Underground

Friday, December 2

- 6:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Rockbrook Garden Café
- 6:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Wheatfields
- 10:30 a.m. · Christian Women's Fellowship Board Meeting - Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. · CWF Luncheon - Dining Room
- 4:00 p.m. · Mission Supper - Dining Room

Saturday, December 3

- 7:30 a.m. · The Bagel Bunch Bible Study - Parlor



2011 Advent Schedule

1st Sunday of Advent - November 27

9:00AM Rejoice! - 11:00AM Traditional

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 4

9:00AM Rejoice! - 11:00AM Traditional

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 11

9:00AM Rejoice! - 11:00AM Traditional

3:00PM Journey to Bethlehem

4th Sunday in Advent - December 18

9:00AM & 11:00AM Christmas Choral Celebration

10:00AM Jesus' Birthday Party

Christmas Eve Services - December 24

5:00PM Family Celebration

11:00PM Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25 - Come as you are!

11:00AM Christmas Celebration & Carol Sing

Fellowship Servers: 9 am: Anna Castner Wightman, Blaine Ward

11 am: Barbara Ford, Peggy Burke

Ushers: 9 am: Doug Bliss; 11 am: Chris Olson

Prayer Team: 9 am: Jeanne Niederhaus, Julie Hertzler

11 am: Liz Newman, Ellyn Grant

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