

**Today's Scripture**  
**Malachi 2:17-3:7**

<sup>17</sup>You have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, 'How have we wearied him?' By saying, 'All who do evil are good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them.' Or by asking, 'Where is the God of justice?'  
<sup>3</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.  
<sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?  
 For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.  
<sup>5</sup>Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.  
<sup>6</sup>For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. <sup>7</sup>Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.

**FLOWERS SUNDAY** in the Family Life Center are provided by Bob & Diane Hawkins in memory of Bob's dad, John Hawkins.

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

The Longest Night Service in Sanctuary Dec. 16, 7:00pm, Sanctuary  
 Cantata "Morning Star" Dec. 19, 7:00pm, Family Life Center  
 Dec. 20, 2:00pm, Family Life Center  
 Dec. 20, 4:00pm, Family Life Center  
 Bluegrass Christmas Dec. 21, 7:00pm, Family Life Center  
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**Christmas Eve Services Thursday, Dec. 24**  
 1:00pm Communion & Candlelighting in Sanctuary  
 3:00 & 5:00pm Family Friendly Service in Family Life Center  
 7:00, 8:30, 10:00pm Carols & Candlelighting in Sanctuary



**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday, December 6, 2009**  
**Contemporary (10:30)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**Gathering** "Jesus, Come/Emmanuel"  
 "Prepare Ye the Way"

**Welcome**  
 Please sign and pass the welcome pads down the rows and back again, so that you can learn the names of those sitting near you.

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**  
 "Prepare the Way"

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
 Music during Communion

**Praise Songs** "Everyone Arise"  
 "Cover the Earth"

**Prayer** "Purify My Heart"

**Offering Music** "Shine on Us"

**Scripture** Malachi 2:17-3:1-7

**Message** "Prophets Foretold, A New Kind of Advent"  
 Pastor Karen Bruins

**Song** "The Lord's Prayer"

**Blessing**

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Wednesday, 7:00 pm - Blended  
 Sunday, 9:00 am - Traditional  
 Sunday, 10:30 am - Traditional  
 Sunday, 10:30 am - Contemporary

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**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday, December 6, 2009**  
**Traditional (9:00 & 10:30)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

*Gathering* "Veni, Emmanuel" ..... Heathcoat Statham

*Lighting Of The Candles*

*Welcome*

Please sign and pass the welcome pads down the rows and back again, so that you can learn the names of those sitting near you.

*Prelude* 9:00 "Keep Your Lamps" .....arr. Andre Thomas

Chancel Choir

10:30 "Do You Hear What I Hear" .....arr. Nick Klemetson

K.F.C. Choir

*Call to Worship*

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

**All: Make God's paths straight.**

Leader: Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled.

**All: The crooked will be made straight.**

Leader: The rough and rocky ways will be smoothed.

**All: All will see the salvation of God.**

Leader: See the light from on high. The dawn is breaking.

**All: The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!**

*\*Opening Hymn* "Prepare the Way of the Lord" ..... #207

*Lighting the Second Advent Candle* (Worship Leader)

Today we light the second candle on our Advent wreath. This is the candle of hope.

The prophet Isaiah said, "Listen to me, my people. Hear me, Israel, for my law will be proclaimed, and my justice will become a light to the nations. My mercy and justice are coming soon. My salvation is on the way. My strong arm will bring justice to the nations. All distant lands will look to me and wait in hope for my powerful arm." (Isaiah 51:4-6)

As we light this candle today, we proclaim our hope in the coming Messiah. Let us pray,

**Loving God, You are the hope of the nations and the light of the world. Come into our Advent, Lord and help us to prepare the way of the Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn*

"Prepare the Way of the Lord" ..... #207

*Scripture* Malachi 2:17 - 3:1-7  
*Message* "Prophets Foretold, A New Kind of Advent"  
Pastor Karen Bruins  
*\*Hymn* "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" (Insert)

*Silent Prayer, Prayers for the People*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Offering*

Offering Prayer (Unison)

**We delight in your love and salvation, Lord, there can be no greater gifts than these. We will gladly serve you in holiness and righteousness. We offer ourselves. We offer all that you have provided for us. May it be used to bring your light to those who dwell in darkness. Prepare us and complete us, Lord. Amen.**

9:00 "Veni, Emmanuel" ..... Flor Peeters

The Chancel Choir

10:30 "I'm Gonna Sing" .....arr. Andre Thomas

The Women's Ensemble

*\*Doxology* ..... #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

9:00..... Hymnal pg. 18 Musical Setting B

10:30 .....Hymnal pg. 15

Music during Communion

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" .....#211 (see slides)

*Announcements / Share A Greeting*

*\*Closing Hymn* "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ..... #206

*Blessing* (based on Philippians 1)

May your love overflow, rich and wholesome in the world. May you be found pure and blameless, having prepared a way and a place for the Lord in your hearts. May you reap the bountiful harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God. Amen.

*Postlude* "Fugue in D major" .....Johann Pachelbel

**Welcome! We're glad you're here today.**

**FIRST TIME GUESTS...** are invited to stop by the Welcome Desk for a coupon for a free cup of coffee at one of two local coffee shops. We're glad you're here!

**SUBSCRIBE TODAY...**to receive the Monthly Newsletter and news items, go to [www.rosemountumc.org](http://www.rosemountumc.org). At the top of the screen go to red "Subscribe" button, click on "Subscribe to Newsletter", enter your information, click "Subscribe".

**A SPECIAL NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT** is available for you to pick up today - help us save postage. Please review for accuracy year-to-date. They are arranged alphabetically in the Narthex. If questions, please contact Sandra Pearman, [spearman@rosemountumc.org](mailto:spearman@rosemountumc.org) or 651-423-2475 ext. 201.

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS USHERS, GREETERS, WELCOME DESK:** Many volunteers are still needed to usher, greet, host the welcome desk & serve communion during all the Advent & Christmas services. Please sign up on the clipboard at the Usher stand near the Sanctuary. Thanks to those who filled out the purple forms and handed them in.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS...** On Thursday, December 10, Ruth Eiler will celebrate turning 92. Please send greetings to PO Box 294, Rosemount MN 55068.

**THANK YOU...**to all the volunteers who came in to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas last Saturday. The building is beautiful!!

**OFFERING REMINDER...**Please be sure your offering is always in an envelope with your name on it regardless of whether or not you have an envelope number.

**"SOUNDS OF THE SEASON" CONCERT...** tomorrow at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Get in the spirit of the season with an evening of Christmas music presented by the Bloomington Medalist Concert Band, under the direction of Jerry Luckhardt. This FREE concert will include many of your favorite Christmas songs to get you in the holiday spirit. Come and enjoy!

**SUPPORT THE ROSEMOUNT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER...**On Sunday, Dec. 20, there will be a bake sale right outside the Family Life Center from 8:30am-12:30pm to support the Rosemount Family Resource Center. Non-perishable food items will be accepted and encouraged, and will be able to be traded for a plate of treats. All proceeds will go **directly** to the RFRC.

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING...** 1/2 hour slots are still available to ring bells for the Salvation Army. We will be at the entrance door at the Cub Foods in Rosemount, Saturday, December 19th from 10:30 - 5:30. The sign up sheet is on the Service bulletin board on the wall in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Todd or Chris Bishop. [bishop5@charter.net](mailto:bishop5@charter.net)

**THE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM** still has two children to "adopt". If you are willing to support this very important ministry please contact Deb Basurto at 952-985-5824 or via email [deborah.basurto@rudyluther.toyota.com](mailto:deborah.basurto@rudyluther.toyota.com)

**LA PUERTA CHRISTMAS** There are 113 names to 'adopt' for Christmas from La Puerta Abierta UMC in W. St. Paul. In order to serve their needs, we ask that you purchase a \$25 gift card plus a fun item for a child or a \$50 gift card for an adult (Cub, Rainbow, Wal-Mart, or Target.) Questions? Contact Meredith Johnson [meredith.johnson@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:meredith.johnson@thomsonreuters.com)

**TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CANTATA** are on sale in the narthex today or during the week in the church office. Ticket prices are \$5, with a \$20 cap for each family. The cantata will be presented on **Saturday, Dec. 19 @ 7p and Sunday, Dec. 20 at 2p & 4p. (Note the new times!)** Seating is limited for each performance, so get your tickets early. Childcare will be provided. Contact Nick Klemetson at [nklemetson@rosemountumc.org](mailto:nklemetson@rosemountumc.org) with any questions. *Regular morning worship services will be held at 9a & 10:30a on Dec. 20.*

**ADULT MINISTRIES**

**LOOKING THROUGH THE LENS OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS** at contemporary issues. Sunday mornings at 10:30.

**HIKER CHICKS (Girlfriends)...**will meet today, 3:30pm at the Farmington Heritage Village for a Christmas walk. Contact person, Deb Williams, 651-246-7088.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** was an amazing success this year for our Discovery Avenue Children's Ministries. Our 3rd/4th graders wrapped and assembled 35 boxes. One of our 1st/2nd grade classes pursued OCC as a special class project and wrapped and assembled 25 boxes (special thank you to teachers Mary Wilson and Angela Kohout). An additional 31 boxes were donated by church families for a total of 91 boxes. That is amazing and awesome! Thank you to all.

**ELEVATION YOUTH MINISTRIES - Students 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**SR. HIGH(9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders)** Sunday, Dec. 6th @ 6pm upstairs in the ATTIC. We continue our series entitled "CONFLICT: Overcoming stress in your relationships" We will be talking about conflict with authority. Join us!

**CLUB 78 (for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders)** Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm upstairs in the Attic. Our topic - the 10 Commandments. Our Topic "It's Bad to Dis' Mom and Dad".

**NOOMA NIGHT** - Tuesday, Dec. 15th from 6-7pm upstairs in the ATTIC. This meeting is for 8th & 9th grade confirmation students and their mentors.

**SENIOR HIGH MICHIGAN SKI TRIP** - January 15th - 17th - Contact Josh if you are interested! Cost - \$210/person - includes transportation, lodging, six meals, lift tickets, program. \*Rental equipment is extra.

June 12th - 18th, 2010 - **SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP** to Benton Harbor, Michigan! More information and sign up materials are available! See Josh

July 14th - 17th, 2010 - **SR. HIGH TRIP TO SONSHINE** Music Festival in Willmar, MN. More details and cost will be coming soon! Mark your calendars for this awesome event!

August 2nd - 6th - **CAMP SERVE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-7!** Join us for a Mission Trip Day Camp. Cost of the week is \$125/person. There are just 20 spots available! Please turn in your non refundable deposit of \$60 to Josh Corbett or Karen Klekner at Rosemount UMC! We will be participating in serving people in the Southweswtern Suburbs of Minnesota!