

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! Protestant Worship is a spiritual home - a family on the Naz campus. It is a place of **belonging** in Christian fellowship. It is also a place for **becoming**, for discerning God's call in your life. Come - participate, observe, question, seek. *You are welcome, just as you are.*

Student Worker Jobs Available for Next Semester!

Protestant Worship at Naz needs a few student workers willing to provide assistance with creating Sunday bulletins, email, website and Face Book updates, and leading worship music. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to think this might be a way to use your gifts, please contact Alison at aschmie1@naz.edu or (585) 389-2306. (Undergrad and graduate student positions available, work/study funding eligible is preferred, but not required.)

Urban Plunge Service Retreat Sun., Jan. 6-Sat., Jan. 12 (Rochester)

During the last week of winter break, live in intentional community with some Naz students and some nuns (Sisters of St. Joseph) in a big old house in Rochester's South Wedge neighborhood. Each participant will serve at a volunteer site based on their interest. Space is limited, and the cost- for the whole week- is \$35 (scholarships are available). Contact Jamie Fazio at jfazio1@naz.edu for more information.

Harry Potter and the Moral Imagination Lecture Wed., Dec. 5 at 6:30 PM

This lecture is for people who grew up knowing the Harry Potter stories! It will be held in the Sanctuary of the Interfaith Chapel. Stephen Cady from the Princeton Theological Seminary will draw moral and spiritual parallels to Rowling's series. Email aschmie1@naz.edu for more information.

One World Goods & ZuluLand Hospice Sale Thurs., Dec 6 (Chapel Foyer)

Come support God's children living all over the world by purchasing handmade crafts. Funds will benefit people living in developing countries. Sale will go on all day!

Children's Christmas Play! Sun., Dec 9 (Rush UMC)

Join the Rush United Methodist Church for lunch and a matinee. The children of Rush UMC will be performing a Christmas play and NAZ students are invited! Worship is at 10:45 followed by a noon luncheon for \$1. The play is at 1:00, and we will return to campus at 2:30.

To meet with Rev. Alison Schmied (Alison), please email her at aschmie1@naz.edu, call (585) 389-2306, or visit her office (GAC 164). She's part time, so it is best to make an appointment. She's usually on campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

1st Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2012

8:30 pm



Protestant Worship

Linehan Chapel
Nazareth College

Alison Schmied, Protestant Chaplain

Sydney Schierer and Eric Hauck,
Music Leaders

Erma Perkins, Guest Preacher

GATHERING MUSIC

Eric Hauck

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Binder,
and kindly turn off phones.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alison Schmied

INTROIT

“Rain Down”

Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Olivia Abbott

One: Come, O Come Emmanuel; be with us in this Advent season.

Many: Enfold us, comfort us, and inspire us.

One: Come, O Come Emmanuel, heal us today.

Many: Make us whole, perfect us in love, and breathe into us your hope.

One: Come, O Come Emmanuel, empower us today.

Many: Convert us, move us, and strengthen us to be a force for change from now on, bringing the Advent of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

*HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
The United Methodist Hymnal

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OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Whitney Merritt

God of Hope, the whole world waits for the coming of the Healer.

At this time of Advent, as we prepare for the coming of your Son into this world we give thanks for signs of Hope: for growing understanding and for greater awareness and concern in your church. God of Unity, bind us together with strong ties of love that this community may be a place where all can find acceptance. May it be a place where your love is given and received. May it be a place where stories are told and heard, where fear is overcome by love, and where you are to be found.

(Adapted from the Diakonia Council of Churches in South Africa)

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

SUNG RESPONSE

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

**Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator,
children all are we.**

**Let us walk with each other,
in perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now
with every step I take,
let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.**

Worship is over...service begins!

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. In Christ, you are forgiven. Amen. (1 Thessalonians 3)

*SHARING SIGNS OF GOD’S PEACE Tamara Louison

BIBLE READING: **Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NRSV)** Amy Gettig

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS Alexis Scangas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

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

BIBLE READING: **Luke 3:1-11 (NRSV)** Tom Caraher

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’ ⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’ ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ ¹¹In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’

*HYMN “Away in a Manger” #217
The United Methodist Hymnal

SERMON Erma Perkins

*HYMN “O Come All Ye Faithful” #234
The United Methodist Hymnal