

# 14th Sunday of the Semester

November , 2011

8:30 p.m.



First Sunday in Advent

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## Protestant Worship

Linehan Chapel

Nazareth College

Alison Schmied, Protestant Chaplain  
Stephanie Preece and Eric Hauck, Music Leaders  
Lacey Wilson Graduate Assistant

GATHERING MUSIC *Please sign the Friendship Binder and kindly silence phones.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alison Schmied

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

As the days grow shorter and the nights grow longer,  
we light the first candle of the advent wreath  
as a symbol of the coming of Christ our Hope.

**In hopeful anticipation,  
we prepare for the coming of the Reign of God.**

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the light of God's glory,  
bringing hope to a world of people in darkness.  
Listen for the Word of God in the words of the prophet:

*Though darkness covers the earth and gloom the nations, the Lord will shine upon you:  
God's glory will appear over you. Nations will come to your light and kings to your  
dawning radiance. (Isaiah 60:2-3, CEB)*

Lighting the first candle reminds us to wait with expectant hope for the  
coming of the Messiah.

**May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us Jesus'  
way to salvation. Come, thou long-expected Jesus.**

INTROIT *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Choir and Congregation  
UMH #196

ADVENT PRAYER (unison)

**Ever-present God,  
Your word teaches us that the night is far gone,  
and now is the time to awake to your presence,  
for salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers.  
Rouse us from the slumber of selfishness and sin,  
and lead us into the light of living the Jesus way.  
Grant that we may wait with expectant hope for the day of the  
Lord, and so live in Christ that when he appears we may be filled  
with joy. Amen.**

HYMN *Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel* UMH #211

\*SHARING SIGNS OF CHRIST'S PEACE

\* indicates please stand

**Bold lettering indicates what congregation says**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME!

Protestant Worship is a place of belonging in Christian fellowship. It is a place for becoming, for discerning God's call in your life. Come— observe, question, participate, seek. This is a good place for you to be. You are welcome, just as you are. We meet at 8:30 p.m. in Linehan Chapel, whenever dorms are open.

### Join the Choir! 7:30pm Sundays in the CFS Community Room

Come sing with us! No auditions! No long term contracts! Just an opportunity to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Contact Music Leaders Stephanie Preece (spreece2@naz.edu) or Eric Hauck (ehauck1@naz.edu) for more information.

### We want YOU to take an active role in Protestant Worship!

Whether it's helping plan or prepare for worship, greeting people, preparing snack, singing in the choir or cleaning up, worship is more meaningful when you are involved. How is God calling YOU to be a leader in worship on the Nazareth campus this semester?

### Want to Give Your SPIRIT Some Attention?

Why not meet with Protestant Chaplain, Alison Schmied (Alison). Since I am part-time, it is best to make an appointment or stop my office at GAC 164. Give me a call or send me an e-mail: aschmie1@naz.edu and 389-2306. I am on campus all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## LOOKING AHEAD: MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dec. 4, 7:30-9:30 **Advent Open House: Christmas Carols & Cookies!**  
Stop by the CFS Community room for a minute or more. De-stress and celebrate the season with friends before Finals! No Protestant worship service this week.

Dec. 11th, 12noon **FIELD TRIP! To Rush United Methodist Church!**  
Luncheon at 12:00 noon, Children's Christmas Play immediately following.

Dec. 11th, 8:30pm **Last Protestant Worship Service of 2011!**

WEBSITE OF INTEREST: [www.alivenow.org](http://www.alivenow.org)  
Prayerful. Practical. Powerful.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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.**

HYMN

*People Look East*

UMH #202

BIBLE READING

Mark: 13:24-37

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

SERMON

*Keep Awake!*

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH p. 15

*Please gather around the communion table for our closing hymn.*

\*CLOSING HYMN

*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.**

\*SENDING FORTH

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you--so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

\*BENEDICTION