

We enter the sanctuary in quiet meditation as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship

PRELUDE

GREETING

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***OPENING SONG** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 211

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC Faith Askew

PSALM 80 No. 801

SPECIAL MUSIC "Waiting for a King" Choir

TIME OF PRAYER – Joys and Concerns

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.

You are invited to come to the sand table during worship to light a candle or kneel in prayer as the Spirit leads you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** "Give Thanks" No. 2036

***HYMN** "In the Singing" No. 2255

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1: 1-8

MESSAGE "Turning from Shadow to Light" Deborah Schmidt

HOLY COMMUNION God's invitation is a gift to each of us regardless of age or membership

***CLOSING HYMN** "Blessed Be the God of Israel" No. 209

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE MUSIC**



*Please stand as the Spirit leads you, or sit if you are more comfortable. Hearing assistance devices are available – please ask an usher for one.

If you must leave the sanctuary during worship, please exit through the side doors as they are much quieter. Thank you!

Liturgist: Sue Paulson

Fellowship: Birthday Cake

THIS WEEK

TODAY: Sunday school after Children’s Time
MONDAY: “Knit-Wits” knitting class 3-5 pm, Finance Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
WEDNESDAY: UMYF 6:00 p.m., food provided.
THURSDAY: Bulletin announcement deadline 5:00 pm
Flowers are provided by Sue Paulson to celebrate Erica’s birthday

Prayer Calendar for Dec. 4th

Billings Shiloh prays for wisdom & grace as they seek to live with each other according to the Rule of Christ.

We are looking for a nursery caregiver to replace Kim Kinsella. Kim has so lovingly taken care of all our nursery children over the last year, and we will miss her. If you are interested, please contact Andrea or Erik Schroeder or Michelle Wharton.

Heifer International

Persons wishing to write checks for Heifer please make checks to Whitefish UMC with Heifer on notation. Please return banks on December 18th. Gift cards to honor family or friends are available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 8 - John Floridis Winter Concert 7:00 pm
Dec. 15 – Church Conference
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 & 9:00 pm

The Adult Bible Class taught by Pastor Debbie will be suspended until after Christmas as so many are involved with the choir.

There are still times available for **Salvation Army bell ringing**. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Join us for this fun and worthy cause.

Welcome to all of our new members who will be joining us on December 11th!

Also, we will be adopting a family or two for Christmas. Please watch for the angels on the tree and consider helping a family in need.



DOING THE MOST GOOD®

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Monday, Dec. 5th at 5:30 pm.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
The People of the United Methodist Church



The Whitefish United Methodist Church
Welcomes You!

December 4, 2011 Second Sunday of Advent

Mark 1: 1-8

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight" ',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

