

November 30, 2008 SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY 11:00 AM

HANDBELL INTROIT

Let All Mortal Flesh

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
MOMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP**

INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Bredefeld Family

PRAAYER OF PRAISE

Deb Curran, Liturgist

***HYMN No. 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***CONFESSION OF SIN (*In Unison*)**

God, you identified yourself to Moses as “I AM”, revealing that you are greater than time. And yet, you came to earth and put on flesh that we might know you. We confess that we live lives that do not fully acknowledge you. We confess that we have taken for granted your invasion of time and your lordship over it. Lord, have mercy on us. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

(Let each worshipper pray silently)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, No. 579)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40: 1-11 (Pew Bible, OT Section, page 511; Large Print page 1119)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kyle Peters

(Children in grades Kindergarten to 3rd Grade will be dismissed to Children's Church)

ANTHEM: *Love Come Down at Christmas*

SECOND LESSON: Mark 1:1-8 (Pew Bible, NT Section, pg. 707; Lg. Print pg. 1552)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN No. 554** *Let All Things Now Living*

SERMON LESSON: 2 Peter 3:1-9 (Pew Bible, NT Section, pg. 861, Lg. Print pg. 1889)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What is True Love?

Rev. Jonathan Fettig

Please see the sermon notes page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – (In Unison)

Apostles' Creed (traditional)

(The Hymnal Page 14)

OFFERTORY

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Hand Bell Choir

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***PRESENTATION, The Doxology** (The Hymnal, No. 592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN No. 387**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Love, Love, Love

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

SERMON NOTES

WHAT IS TRUE LOVE? Advent 2008 –Part 1 – Love 2 Peter 3:1-9

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

TRUE LOVE WAS _____.

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day." Genesis 1:31

TRUE LOVE IS A _____.

". . .and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." Deuteronomy 30:20

TRUE LOVE IS AN _____.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

POINSETTA ORDER FORM



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Help Decorate the Sanctuary with a Christmas Poinsettia

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Orders must be received by December 8, 2008

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Given by:	In Memory of:	Red	White

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