

# Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church

Lake Worth, Florida

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 2008

10:30 A.M.

### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude:** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

arr. Diane Bish

**Welcome and Announcements**

Babe Ruth, Ruling Elder / Shepherd

### CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

**\*Introit:** *Come and Receive!*

(Dr. Carl Ashley, Choral Director)

Claire Cloninger and Gary Rhodes

*Come and receive the Wonder of wonders! Come and behold the Gift of grace!  
Come and believe the song of the angel! Come and give the Father praise!*

**\*Ascription of Praise:** *Isaiah 40:9*

**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** *No. 203 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Charles Wesley

**Second Advent Candle:** *PEACE*

The Dookie Family

*O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion (Isaiah 40:3-9) John Purifoy*

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, good tidings to Jerusalem,  
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, say unto the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"*

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight a path for our God.*

*Let every valley be lifted up, and every hill be made low.*

*And the glory of the Lord is risen now upon you.*

*Go up unto the high mountain, Zion, and sing!*

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, good tidings to Jerusalem,  
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, say unto the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"*

### DEDICATING OUR LIVES

**Stewardship Challenge:** *"Giving Where God is Working"*

Tatiana Cardona

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

*Please fill out Blue Cards in pews, and place them in the offering plates.*

**Offertory Anthem:** *Come and Receive*

Gary Rhodes

*He is the Gift and He is the Giver; He is the Savior come to deliver.*

*He is the Love that flows like a river into our waiting hearts!*

*Come and receive the Wonder of wonders! Come and behold the Gift of grace!*

*Come and believe the song of the angel! Come and give the Father praise!*

*Light the lights and sing the carols! Spread the story far and near!*

*Jesus Christ has come to His people! Our Emmanuel is here!*

*O come, all ye faithful; O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

*This Gift of God we'll cherish well That ever joy our hearts shall fill.*

*How great our joy! (Great our joy!) Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)*

*Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high. (Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!)*

*How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is giv'n!*

*So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.*

*Hear the angels sing together, Lift your praises with one voice.*

*For the Child sent down from Heaven is the gift of peace and joy! Gloria!*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** *No. 216 - Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Traditional Polish Carol

*Children please come forward during the final stanza*

**Prayer for Children's Church**

Mr. John Panico, Youth Ministry Intern

### PREACHING HIS WORD

**Scripture:** *Jonah 4*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon: "LIFE'S TOUGHEST QUESTION"**

Dr. Larry Roff, Associate Pastor

**Prayer for Divine Blessing**

**\*Hymn:** *No. 703 - Loved with Everlasting Love (Stanzas 1 and 3)* George W. Robinson  
*Please leave Blue Cards in the bronze boxes at the exits if you have questions, requests, or comments.*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** *Praise Him! Praise Him!* (Mrs. Carol DeMonaco) Robert J. Hughes

### Sermon Notes

## “LIFE’S TOUGHEST QUESTION”

Jonah 4:1-11

### 1. The TOUGH Question ... “Why did God love Ninevah?”

**God’s love is gracious ... it’s for the undeserving**

**God’s love is forgiving ... it’s for the repentant**

### 2. The TOUGHER Question ... “Why did God love Jonah?”

**God’s love is comforting ... it’s for the hurting**

**God’s love is purifying ... it’s for the rebellious**

### 3. The TOUGHEST Question ... “Why does God love you?”

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