

Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church

Lake Worth, Florida

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 21, 2008

10:30 A.M.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (Sussex Carol)*

arr. Robert Elmore

Welcome and Announcements

John Brandt, 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:** *1 John 4:9-10*

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn:** *No. 208 - O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Traditional Latin Hymn

Fourth Advent Candle: *LOVE*

The Myers Family

Emmanuel, to Thee We Sing (Carl and Marie Ashley) Text by Paul Gerhart (1650); music by John Purifoy

Emmanuel, to Thee we sing, Thou Prince of life, almighty King.

That Thou, expected ages past, didst come to visit us at last.

For Thee since first the world was made, our hearts have waited, watched and prayed.

Prophets and wise men, year by year, have longed to see Thy light appear.

All glory, worship, thanks and praise, that Thou art come in these our days!

O Thou, our heavenly Guest expected long, we hail Thee with a joyful song!

That Thou, expected in ages past, didst come to visit us at last.

DEDICATING OUR LIVES

Stewardship Challenge: "Giving Where God Is Working"

Mrs. Ann Mejeuer

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem: *Love Has Come*

(Megan Wade and Jordan Gauger, soloists)

arr. Gary Rhodes

If I could have a special dream coming true on Christmas morn, I would want the world to see how the Father smiled when Christ was born. The greatest gift the world has known. So come on kids, look high and low for all the toys you've dreamed to find. But I believe you'll never know a greater joy than Jesus' love in side.

Love has come for the world to know as the wise men knew such a long time ago. And I believe that angels sang that hope had begun when the God of glory, who is full of mercy, sent His Son.

Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights! The most incredible Gift! The most amazing blessing when the God of glory, who is full of mercy sent His Son!

The Father gave the Son, the Son gave the Spirit, the Spirit gives us life so we can give the gift of love. And the gift goes on and on and on!

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn:** *No. 227 - On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

Traditional English Carol

Prayer for Children's Church

Seminary Youth Intern John Panico

PREACHING HIS WORD

Scripture: *Luke 1:5-25; 57-80*

Dr. Larry Roff, Associate Pastor

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "ZECHARIAH'S SONG: *Blessed Be the Lord God of Israel*"

Prayer for Divine Blessing

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn:** *No. 211 - God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

Traditional English Carol

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** *Hallelujah! (from "Messiah")*

George Frederick Handel

