

WELCOME TO ELK LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 13, 2009

“JOY”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Entering Into God’s Presence

Call to Worship - Philippians 4: 4-7

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #271 - “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*”

Advent Prayer

Worshipping God

Advent Reading - Zephaniah 3:14-20

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Hymn #269 - “*How Great Our Joy!*”

Song - “*I Will Call Upon the Lord*”

Song - “*Better is One Day*”

Offering

Christmas Carol #258 - “*Go Tell It On The Mountain*”

D R A M A

“Promises to Keep”

We are Sent Into The World

Benediction

Dispersal - “Go in Peace”

Postlude

TO OUR GUESTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us this morning as we celebrate the Lord’s presence. Please sign the guest book in the foyer and join us after the service for coffee and conversation in our Fellowship Hall.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to be an outreaching Christian community that is learning to follow the teaching of Jesus and growing together in passionate, worshipful love for God. Prayerfully listening to God, and energized by the Holy Spirit, we will serve Him where He leads us, locally and globally, bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed, with the abundant resources and gifts God has granted us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ~ **Les Biggs is on Sabbatical** from October 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. During the Sabbatical, Ryan Johnston will be in the Church Office on Fridays. Leave a message on Ryan’s cell to reach him mid-week (250) 884-7583.
- ~ **Today is our much anticipated Christmas drama!** We hope you will all enjoy it and stay for a light lunch after the presentation.
- ~ **Thank you to all who brought non perishable food items for the Mustard Seed!** This is a reminder that donations can be made to the Mustard Seed on any Sunday. A bin is located beneath the coat rack in the hall leading to the church office.
- ~ **The Baptist Women Christmas Jam, Jelly and Pie Sale** was a great success last week with well over \$400.00 being raised. Today there will be more items for sale and we will have the grand total available next week. Thank you all for your generosity in helping our worthy causes.
- ~ **During our Advent Service we raised \$560 for the Mustard Seed!** Thank you all for remembering the impoverished during this season. (“*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this – to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world*” - James 1:27)

- ~ **Attention parents of small children!** Just a little item here, but we have started to supply small pieces of paper for your children to write on and play with while they are in the sanctuary. The offering envelopes in the pews cost approximately **30 cents each** and some weeks more than a dozen of these are mutilated or scribbled on and then discarded. Would you please direct your children, whenever possible, to use the other papers which we have placed near the ends of the pews? Thank you for your cooperation!
- ~ **The position of custodian is open once again and is effective immediately!** The position is 3 hours per week, plus 1 - 2 hours per month for the hall in the lower building. This is an hourly paid position. Please submit a written application to the Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, George Cooper.

THIS WEEK AT ELK LAKE BAPTIST

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

~ Wendy Wagemaker

ADVENT PRAYER OF JOY

God of light and hope,
of stars and surprises:
open our eyes to your glory
and our hearts to your presence,
that we may respond with joy.

Immanuel,
we rejoice that you are with us
in everything,
through everything.
Lord Christ, be born in us today.
Word of God become flesh in us
that we might live your gospel.

Spirit of Life
Light of the world, shine
in us and through us
be our strength,
our hope and
our joy!

Amen

I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD

I will call upon the Lord
Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.

BETTER IS ONE DAY

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied; within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus:

***Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere***

2. One thing I ask, and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

(repeat)

3. My heart and flesh cry out for You the living God
Your Spirit's water for my soul
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You

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