

## ORDER OF SERVICE

"You, therefore, must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."  
-- Matthew 5:28

PRELUDE ***Guardame Las Vacas*** -- Luis de Narvaez

CHALICE LIGHTING Number 493

\* HYMN Number 38 (standing) ***Morning Has Broken***

\* UNISON READING Number 484 (standing) -- Wm. Henry Channing

\* SONG OF EXALTATION (standing) Genevan Psalter, 1551  
**All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing ye to God with cheerful voice;  
Come serve with mirth, God's praise forth tell.  
Join ye together and rejoice. Amen.**

READING "A Complicated Christmas" -- Bruce T. Marshall

\* INTERLUDE ***Sarabande*** -- Francis Poulenc

READING "Stairway to Heaven" -- Meg Barnhouse

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

MOMENTS OF SILENCE (A time for contemplation and prayer.)

OFFERTORY ***Chinese Blossom*** -- Jaime M. Zenamon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN 89 (standing) ***Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life***

SERMON ***The Perfect Holidays***  
The Reverend Burton D. Carley

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ***Wilson's Wilde*** -- Anon.

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\* Persons arriving late may be seated at these times.

**Large Print or Braille Hymnals, and Assisted Hearing Devices** may be requested from the ushers.

**Web Site:** Check out our web site at [www.churchoftheriver.org](http://www.churchoftheriver.org). You will find relevant information about our church, including a calendar and the weekly newsletter.

**To receive the newsletter and/or have a nametag**, please visit the welcoming table at the back of the church to sign our guest register.

**A Crying Room is available** in the Beacon Room (library) of the Channing Wing. You can hear the service while rocking the little one.

**The Care Coordinator** for December is Marti Holladay at 725-4103.

**SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS:** The Quest Group meets in the Beacon Room at 9:30 a.m. to ponder "The Bible - Down and Dirty". The Questions of Faith discussion group will begin the study of Gladwell's Blink on Jan. 10. There are no more sessions until then. For information contact Carol Straughn at 387-4850. All welcome!

**What are you called to do? Four opportunities:** (1) Soup Kitchen (Dan Bing at 763-2384); (2) COR meals-on-wheels (Jeane Umbreit at 374-9114); (3) Shady Grove Elementary School (Juliet Wischmeyer at 219-5817); (4) Hospitality Hub (Ellen Klyce at 323-0123).

**SERMONS AVAILABLE: CD's for \$5 or on loan from the library. Print copies on the Welcome Table. PODCASTS** on the website by Tuesday.

**GREEN TIP FOR DECEMBER:** By reducing your shower time by one minute each day 2,190 pounds of water will not have to be purified, thereby reducing your greenhouse gas emissions by 4,700 pounds per year.

The church office is closed this week and reopens on Monday, Jan. 4.

We welcome **Matt Blake** today on guitar. The choir takes a much deserved break for the holidays. Next Sunday the choir returns and the new church school semester begin.

**Interested in being a Census Taker?** Pick up information in the church office. The U.S. Census 2010 is conducting testing and training at COR on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week in January from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. You can schedule yourself by calling 1-866-861-2010.

All high school youth are invited to the epic holiday adventure. The fun begins at 5:30 at the Wheat's and continues all night with pizza, movies, lazer tag, foosball, video games and lock in. Call Tim Wheat for details.