

*Worshiping God Who is Near*

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

**Prelude**

*Come, Now Is the Time To Worship*

*Praise Is Rising (Hosanna)*

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 16

*Psalm of Praise*

**Offerings of Worship**

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*, Hymn 466

**Ministry Notes**

Ron Mangin

**Our Offerings**

*The Least of These*  
Worship Choir

**Gratitude**

John Casey • Isaiah 38, 39

**Our Response**

**Closing Prayer**

**Postlude**

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\_\_\_\_\_ OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Childhood:** Care for babies and classes for two through four year olds is offered during both ministry hours.

**Kid's Community** offers ministry for K-5th grade children. At 9:00, Kid's Exploration provides a hands-on look at God's Word. At 10:45, Kid's Celebration teaches children to worship in fresh and creative ways.

**Student Classes:** Our classes for students meet during the 9:00 ministry hour; sixth graders meet at the Blanchard House; junior high students and high school students are currently meeting together in the Foundation Room.

**Adult Bible Communities:** Our Adult Bible Communities (ABCs) are Sunday morning gatherings of people desiring to grow and learn more about how God's Word applies to our daily lives. For a listing of communities that are currently meeting, please visit the Welcome Center in the foyer.

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## Praising God Who is Near

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

### Prelude

Matt Peterson

*Why So Downcast*

### Welcome & Ministry Notes

*Mighty to Save*

### Congregational Reading

Psalm 136

*We Sing the Greatness of Our God*

*Your Name*

### Our Offerings

### Message

E M • Mark 4:26-29

*I Surrender All*

### Closing Prayer

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**Student Classes:** Middle School and High School students meet together at 9:30 A.M. in the Student Ministries room (upstairs).

**Adult Bible Communities:** Our Adult Bible Communities (ABCs) are Sunday morning gatherings of people desiring to grow and learn more about how God's Word applies to our daily lives. Join us at 9:30 A.M. for *Spanish 101*, led by Phyllis Mitchell, or *The Beatitudes*, led by Dan Wisley.

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## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

### PRAYING TOGETHER

Let's pray for these concerns:

- Ask God to guide E and K in how to best use their time as they return in January to the field.
- Allen A, Krista A's father, has contracted a resistant form of pneumonia and is struggling to breathe. Pray for God's grace to sustain him and the family.
- Pray for Second Chance Coffee Co. as they seek investors in the hope of expanding their business in order to bless former inmates.
- Pray that small groups would be able to identify people outside of Blanchard to bless with deacon money.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Albany Park Soup Kitchen	November 22
Thanksgiving Eve Gathering	November 25
PADS	November 30
Women's Christmas Lunch	December 5

## BLANCHARD NEWS

### A WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We're glad that you chose to visit us this morning. Our prayer each week is that people attending would meet God. Tell us about your experience at Blanchard by dropping in at the Welcome Center after the service.

### NEW ABC IN WHEATON

Uche Anizor will be facilitating a four week Adult Bible Community on the Holy Spirit beginning this morning and meeting through December 13 at 9:00 A.M. Increase your knowledge and experience of this often misunderstood aspect of the Triune God and His role in our lives.

### ADVENT ABC IN WARRENVILLE: NOV. 29-DEC. 13

"Three C's of Christmas" with Lee Rieck: Join Lee as he leads a biblical study of the coming of Christ, the centrality of Christ and the characters surrounding his arrival.

### THANKSGIVING EVE

#### PRAYER GATHERING & PIE SOCIAL

Join us at Blanchard Warrenville on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 P.M. for a time to pray and give thanks together. Bring a pie to share after the service. Child care for infants-3 year olds will be provided for those who RSVP – if you'll need child care, please indicate so on the Connection Pad, or call the office by Wednesday morning.

### ADVENT ORCHESTRA

Adults and youth instrumentalists are invited to participate in the Advent Orchestra in Wheaton on December 20th. Players of strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion instruments should have at least 2 years music reading and playing experience. Sign up in the foyer, online, or contact Brian Reichenbach with any questions.

### WARRENVILLE CHRISTMAS CHOIR

If you like to sing, join our choir during the Christmas season for worship at the Warrenville site on December 20th and 24th. We'll be practicing Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. at Blanchard Wheaton. If you're interested, contact Larry Griffith.

### WOMEN OF BLANCHARD...COME AND SEE!

Tickets are on sale today in the foyer for our Women's Christmas Luncheon, December 5 from 10:00 A.M. to noon. This festive event kicks off the Christmas season and is a wonderful opportunity to bring neighbors and friends. Fill a whole table! Tickets are \$10.00 each. Sally Miller will be encouraging us to take *A Fresh Look at the Manger*.

### SAYING "NO" TO THE ADVENT RUSH

Encounter God this Advent season by simply giving Him space in your life and schedule. You can do this by cutting back or finishing a variety of Advent activities early- shopping, baking cookies, sending cards, etc. Remember, it's all about our Lord and not the other stuff.

### SAVE THE DATE

"Setting the Prisoner Free" is a powerful, one day workshop which will be offered at Blanchard Wheaton on Saturday, January 16. The workshop's focus is on sexual addictions: co-dependency, healing, and recovery.

### URBANA 09

Join thousands of students and young professionals at Urbana '09, the largest missions convocation held in North America. The dates are December 27-31 in St. Louis. For more information visit [www.urbana09.org](http://www.urbana09.org). The missions committee does have some scholarship funding to make available. Contact Peter Yee for assistance.

### CASUAL COMMUNITY DINNERS

Beginning this January there will be a series of casual dinners organized for the purpose of connecting with one another. You will be invited to host a dinner on an evening of your choice and people can sign up for the evening that works best for their schedules. More details will follow soon.

### WORSHIP PAGE FOR CHILDREN

Did you know? There are pages available at the Welcome Center in the foyer for children who attend the worship service with their parents. They contain questions and activities to help them connect with the message. Stop by and pick one up for your child this morning!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER

DuPage PADS provides homeless people with meals and a mat on the floor at a local church. The next PADS staffed by Blanchard will be Monday, November 30 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wheaton. Contact Laurel Lebo if you are interested in serving by preparing food or staffing the shelter.

### DRIVER NEEDED

Our Wednesday afternoon tutoring program needs a van driver from 4:00-6:00 P.M. to pick up nine students from our immediate vicinity. If you can help for two months, contact Heather Britton.

### INNER-CITY SOUP KITCHEN

The needs of the homeless are daily but we try to step in once a month to provide them a hot meal. You can bless those in need by either serving food on Sunday afternoon, November 22 or by preparing food to be shared. Contact Anita Sanchez for more information, or sign up at the Welcome Center.

### SHARING CLOTHES AND TOYS

Christmas Sharing will be held December 11 & 12 in Warrenville. It is a way for us to bless needy residents with clothes and slightly used toys. Please bring in clothes for all seasons and toys to either Blanchard campus in these coming weeks. In Wheaton, bring donations to the Cornerstone Room; in Warrenville, donations will be collected in the foyer. Also, consider volunteering to sort clothes and/or serve as a host on the days we open to the community. Sign up in the foyer on Sunday morning.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### THE EDGE - SENIOR HIGH MINISTRIES

*The Cutting Edge - Echo (The Story of God)*

The Edge and The Stand are joining together throughout this and next semester to go through The Story of God together. For this special class we meet in the Jubilee Room (below the sanctuary).

*Thursday, November 26*

The Edge won't be meeting this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. See you next week.

### THE STAND - JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRIES

*Stand Firm - Echo (The Story of God)*

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This week The STAND won't be meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday. See you next week.