

## *God Comes Near*

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

### **Prelude**

*Here I am to Worship*

### **Pastoral Welcome**

### **Scripture Reading**

### **Processional**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Hymn 169*

### **Advent Prayer**

*Come and See*

### **Story of God Coming Near**

John Jackson

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, Hymn 168*

### **Our Offerings**

*Come and Worship*

### **Compassion Coming**

John Casey • Isaiah 40:1-11

*O Come All Ye Faithful, Hymn 193*

### **Closing Prayer**

## WELCOME TO BLANCHARD

We are one church with two congregations in Wheaton and Warrenville, being formed as God's own people and revealing God's grace and truth to people in our lives. Meeting God and meeting others: this is our desire for your visit with us. Thank you for checking out Blanchard this morning. We'd love to meet you at our Welcome Center after the service.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

PADS	November 30
Women's Christmas Lunch	December 5
Blue Christmas Service	December 6
Men's Breakfast	December 12
Albany Park Soup Kitchen	December 27

## BLANCHARD NEWS

### BLUE CHRISTMAS

Some people dread the approach of the holiday season because of loneliness, or the loss of a loved one, job, or relationship. In a service of comfort and rest, we acknowledge that pain and sadness and move toward hope. Join us on Sunday, December 6: contemplative music will begin at 5:30 P.M., and the service will be from 6:00-7:00 P.M. in the lower level at Blanchard Wheaton. For more information, please contact Linda Putnam at 630.665.3544. If you'd like to invite a friend to the service, invitation cards are available at the Welcome Center in the foyer.

### 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 this week. 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.

### SAYING "YES" TO GOD IN ADVENT

Advent is about waiting with anticipation. Our anticipation for God is heightened by the choices we make in this season to be still. At Blanchard we call our community of believers to finish shopping early, and scale back some of the Christmas preparations in order to meet with God. In that choice, may you find God waiting for you. We also have Advent Scripture Reading Guides available in the foyer – pick one up this morning and join the church body in hearing from God together.

## *Praising God Who Comes Near*

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### **Welcome & Ministry Notes**

Jeff Kamphausen

### **Advent Processional & Prayer**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

### **Our Offerings**

### **Trusting the Big Story**

Jeff Kamphausen • Luke 1:5-25

### **Open Sharing**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

### **Closing Prayer**

### **Postlude**



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