

Five Gifts to Create

1. Christmas Ornaments- a couple of hours with felt, foam, clay, balls or markers and you've got a gift for a dozen people.
2. A cookie, bar or hot chocolate in a jar mix. www.allrecipes.com has lots of ideas.
3. A ribbon bulletin board is something everyone can use. Pick ribbons to match the recipient's personality and slip a photo of you together into it to get them started.
4. Make dog biscuits. www.cooks.com has 91 recipes for dog biscuits.
5. Create a jar of blessings. Decorate a jar and fill it with scripture verses, poetry, affirmations and memories chosen just for the recipient.

8:00 am – Worship and Communion
in the Chapel
9:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 am – Emergent Worship in the
Education Conference Center
6:15 pm Wednesday Worship
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December 13, 2009

11:00 am

Today at Emergent Worship

Gather:

Gathering Music
Welcome, Praising
Centering

Encounter God's Word:

Word: Luke 3:10-18; AC video

Message: "Give More: What's Your Story?"

Pastor Amanda Larsen

Responding:

Offerings
Sharing our Joys, Concerns, and Prayers
Sacrament of Baptism

ReEntering:

Praising
Blessing
Closing Music

Welcome to Emergent Worship

Emergent worship comes from within the community. The origin of the word liturgy is λειτουργία (leitourgia in ancient Greek), “work of the people.” Emergent worship is liturgy. Members of our community provide some of the ideas for this service.

Each service has several elements that do not change from week to week. We take time to center ourselves and we take time to reenter the world. Other parts of the service change each week, especially how we connect to God’s words and the music we use to praise God.

The Advent Conspiracy – The story of Christ’s birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it’s all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event again? Welcome to the Advent Conspiracy. (learn more at www.adventconspiracy.org)

Children are invited to sit in the front (near the action!). We do have nursery care for children through age three. However, we encourage children to worship with us. When they cry, or giggle, or shout “ba!” they remind us to praise God in all things. Quiet toys are available outside the sanctuary in worship bags. Coloring supplies

are in the “loft.” Our Children have created a behavior covenant that they live into together.

Centering Breath One of the Hebrew words for Spirit is ru’ah, which is also translated as breath. Our centering breath ritual enhances our participation, sets our intention, and focuses our thoughts. This helps us to be fully present for anything, including worship.

Music for this service today is offered by the Christ Church Band. If you are interested in being a part of music for this worship service, please speak to Pastor Amanda.

Offering We take an offering in gratitude to God for what God is doing in our lives.

Encountering the Word of God is the central portion of this service. We encounter God’s words in many ways and in many places throughout the week. It is at this point in worship we are especially attentive to listening to God’s words for us.

ReEntering We take time at the end of the service to ReEnter the world of our daily lives. On a good day we leave as changed people. We share a blessing with one another to transition into a time of Christian fellowship.

If you are interested in being a part of the planning for the service please join us following worship today. We’ll be eating at the brunch and discussing what’s going well, what needs to be tweaked, and what themes we should explore this spring.