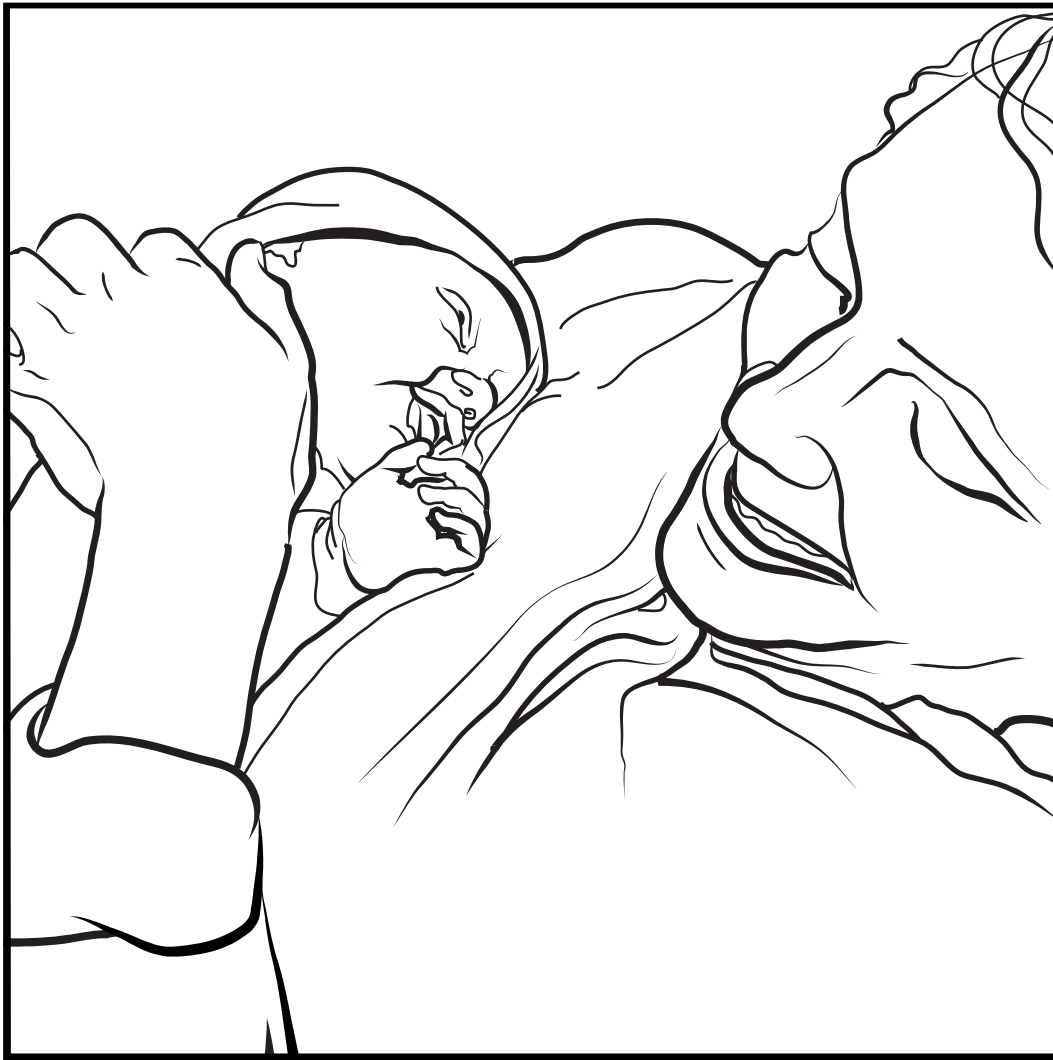


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*Service of Worship*  
*December 25, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.*

*Fellowship Hall*

*Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.*

**Call to Worship**

**from *The Iona Community***

Leader: God of creation, shaper of seas and stars, of planets and people;

**All: You are here with us.**

Leader: God, born in Bethlehem gurgling, crying, laid in a manger;

**All: You are here with us.**

Leader: God, breath of the universe flickering, dancing in the candle flame;

**All: You are here with us.**

Leader: God, Emmanuel, among us, within us;

**All: We bring ourselves for we want to be here with you.**

**\* Hymn**

**“Joy to the World”**

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and  
grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

\* Hymn

“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

While shepherds kept their watching  
Over silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens,  
There shone a holy light:  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Saviour's birth:  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And God send us salvation,  
That blessed Christmas morn:  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.

Family Meditation

“A Celebration of Gifts”

Anthem

Scripture Lesson

John 1: 1-14

*After the reading*

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

\* Hymn

“What Child Is This”

What Child is this who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Refrain

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Communal Reflection on the Word

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

*please use debts, debtors*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sacrament of the Eucharist

*We will gather around the table in groups of 12*

Ritual of Friendship

*all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance*

Offertory

\* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

**\* Closing Hymn No. 31**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled" Joyful, all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem" Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"	Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come Offspring of a Virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the Godhead see Hail the incarnate Deity Pleased as man with man to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"
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Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"



**■ ■ ■ Parish Notes**

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

Ruth Brickel, Bill Currie, Marian Frederick, Ron and Florence Klein, Debbie Ungemach, Johanna Wilcott

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

Bob Bielek, Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Dorothy Hales, Elizabeth Kosnik, Merdine T. Morris, Marilyn Oviatt, Joyce Peters, Anne Taylor

**This Month's Ushers**

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; Amy Davis, Chris Davis, Scott Duncan, Jean Duncan, Brian Klein, Jim Roosa, Ayodele Solaru. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

**■ ■ ■ Announcements**

***TODAY***

***Welcome Visitors!***

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We're looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

***THIS WEEK***

***Office Schedule***

The office will be closed December 26, December 30 and January 2.

***NEXT SUNDAY***

***New Year's Day***

Classes and choirs will not meet. Worship will be held in Fellowship Hall at 11 am.

***LOOKING AHEAD***

***Care Group***

The YOU CARE Group – all members of the church – is responsible for meeting needs that arise this month. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care Group leader.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

**Today:** Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**This Week:** Winter Break Lock-In, Dec. 29-30, 8 pm – 8 am at Mayfield Church  
(7747 Mayfield Rd., Chesterland)

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 22: 22-40. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study.

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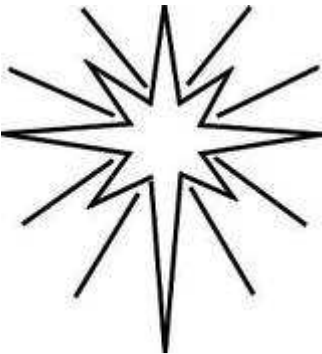
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■ ■ ■ *Calendar: December 25, 2011 – January 1, 2012*

<b>Sunday, December 25</b> <b>Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord</b> 11:00 WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall 12:15 Coffee Hour <i>No classes or choirs</i>	<b>Thursday, December 29</b> 8:00 pm YOUTH: Lock-in at Mayfield Church  <b>Friday, December 30</b> The office is closed
<b>Monday, December 26</b> The office is closed 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)	<b>Sunday, January 1</b> <b>New Year's Day:</b> <b>The First Sunday after Christmas</b> 11:00 WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall 12:15 Coffee Hour <i>No classes or choirs</i>



*Merry Christmas to All!*

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