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The Rev. Raymond H. Phyles — Mrs. Margaret Knowlton
Pastor (phone 531-2264) — Organist
Second Sunday in Advent — December 6, 2009
Service of Holy Communion III — 9:30 a.m.

Preparation

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*The Postlude			Depart joyfully to serve

Congregation Standing

Lay Assistant: Fred Faust
Lector: Susan Dancewicz **Acolyte:** Jolie Todd-Sousa
Ushers: Fred Faust & Chip Bott
Nursery: Kristin Phyles

Please disable all cellphones and other devices upon entering the sanctuary. Thank you.

The flowers on the Altar this morning have been presented by Steve Gemma to the glory of God and in honor of his son Brandon's birthday

We rejoice to prepare for the advent of our Lord with this morning's celebration of the Eucharist. St. John practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized Christians who have been admitted to the sacrament in other traditions are invited to receive the bread and wine of the feast. If you prefer to receive the elements in your place, please let an usher know. If you prefer non-alcoholic wine, please let Pastor know quietly at the communion rail. Young people are invited to approach the altar to receive a pastoral blessing. Please note that for the duration of the flu season, Pastor and the lay assistant will sanitize their hands before beginning the service, and, in the spirit, feel free to exchange the peace in a way that does not involve hand shaking or other physical contact.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors who may be worshipping with us this morning. Please sign our Guest Book before you leave today, and please join us downstairs following the service for coffee and light refreshments.

We shall use Setting III of the liturgy today and throughout the Christmas and Epiphany seasons.

The Coat Drive ends today. Please leave any clean and wearable winter clothing in the large carton downstairs, to be delivered to those in need. Our thanks go to Linda Berg for looking after this ministry.

Christmas poinsettias to beautify the chancel for our Christmas Eve candlelight communion service are available this year from Evans Florist for $11.00 per plant. Please place your order on the reservation sheet posted downstairs by December 20. Please pay Raudna Pelletier for plant(s) ordered.

The Flower Chart for 2010 is posted downstairs. Please sign for the Sunday(s) you wish to reserve. The cost remains $30.00 per Sunday.

Liturgical Calendars for 2010 are now available downstairs on the cabinet shelf. Our sincere thanks go to the Conway, Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home for their generous gift of these calendars.

We invite you to send one Christmas greeting to fellow members here to the church, to be displayed downstairs, and to contribute the money saved on postage to World Hunger or any local provider of food for the hungry.

Next Sunday we shall dedicate our pledges of support of our ministry for 2010. If you have not yet made a pledge, we ask your prayerful consideration to do so. If you have not received offering envelopes and wish to have them, please let Sue Reed know.

We ask your prayers and concern for these members and friends of St. John today and throughout the coming week.

Ellen Hepburn — David Fredricksen — Anna Snow — Carol White

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We join with those who mourn in remembering before God and one another, those who have departed this life in the sign of the faith.

Brian k Sisolak - 12/1/97
Mary Kankalo - 12/3/70
Niels-Peter R. Hansen - 12/4/08
Richard D. Othote - 12/8/96
Aina M. Laitinen - 12/9/86
Matti Berg - 12/13/70
Aune E. Laitinen - 12/2/88
Karin L. Carlson - 12/4/00
Gertrude E. Barry - 12/6/92
Yvonne Kauppinen - 12/8/08
Marie Slate - 12/9/91
Ruth Wrenn - 12/13/04