

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*
The Congregation, *Ministers of the Gospel*
Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr., *Pastor of the Flock*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
18 December 2011 — 11:00 a.m.

*On Christmas morning long ago
Into this world of sin and woe
The blessed Savior came;
God's wondrous gift of love was He,
God's gift to lost humanity. – Staples*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We are glad that you are here for worship today!

*The * indicates that you are invited to stand ... as you are able.*

*The ** indicates times for the ushers to seat latecomers.*

*The **bold print** indicates readings/choral responses of the congregation.*

If you have a cell phone, please turn off the ringer. Thank you.

Prelude "I Saw Three Ships" arr. Brian Finley
"Ding Dong! Merrily On High" arr. Howard Cable
"The First Noel" arr. Dan Forrest/A. Carpenter

Consider using this time to meditate upon the *Pastor's Pointers* and prepare yourself to receive a blessing from God. Kindly be considerate of your neighbor's need for silence. We encourage your conversations to be held during the fellowship hour ... following worship ... in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

Lighting of Altar Candles *Symbol of the Spirit's Presence*

Lighting of the POW/MIA Candle

Ringling of the Ship Bell

Lighting of the Fourth Candle of the Advent Wreath

L = Leader P = People

L: We come on this last Sunday before Christmas to light the fourth Advent candle.

P: We bring our Advent wreath to full blaze in hope that we may see clearly all that is made known to us in the coming of the Christ.

L: Let us pray.

P: Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way in our world for the coming of your Son. By your Spirit you are still bringing the light of the Gospel to darkened lives. May we be sufficiently prepared to be able to welcome the Christ Child to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

***Processional Hymn of Praise** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 255

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1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold him, born the King of angels!

(Refrain) O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2. Sing, choir of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest:

(Refrain)

Regarding Parking: The *DNR* has communicated to us that **vehicles cannot be parked along any yellow curbs**. These areas must be available to emergency vehicles only. They have warned us that violators will be ticketed. If the Chapel parking lot is full, please park at the MN Historical Society parking lot ... and let *RideShare* take you to-and-from the Chapel. Thank you.

In the Event of 3" or more of snowfall on a Sunday morning, the *DNR* has requested that we not enter the Chapel parking lot until **after 9:30 a.m.** This will enable the state to clear our much needed parking spaces. Thank you for honoring this request. Please call our *Foundation* office at 612/970-7866 for any announcement of **corporate worship cancellation**.

Adult Christian Education ... each Sunday (10-10:30 a.m.) ... in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Bring your Bible and a writing instrument.

If you can pray, knit a row, single/double crochet, or sew a straight line, then **THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** can use your help. Call Becky VanMeter (952/895-6056) to have your questions answered and to hear how easy **Knit One, Pray Two** can be a blessing to those who serve. *Prayers go up-Blessings come down.*

Pick Up & Distribute ... the business size cards for use in extending an invitation to attend worship services at the Chapel.

The "**2012 MN Fallen Heroes Remembered**" calendar is available for purchase (**\$10**) in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds benefit the Bryan McDonough Military Heroes Foundation.

Consider purchasing a tax-deductible memorial item from the list of approved things desired for the chapel. Secure a copy of the complete list of memorial items in the Fellowship Hall.

Checkout ... the numerous photos and correspondence posted in the glass showcase mounted in the Fellowship Hall.

Many Thanks ... to the following who prepared and distributed the names of deployed soldiers and home-bound to send Christmas greetings: Janet Brautigam, Ginger Carter, Gloria Doyle, Stephanie and Megan Michaelis, and Becky VanMeter.

Our (2010) Chapel Directory is available. Pick up a copy in the Fellowship Hall today.

A Memorial has been received in memory of **Melvin Rabine**. His name has been added to the *Book of Remembrance* located on the altar.

Beanie Babies ... are being collected to send to a U.S. surgeon in Bagdad who gives them to little children after he attends to their health care needs. Just drop them off here at the Chapel. Shipping costs are already covered. For more information, contact Les & Linda Hanson (651/428-0834). Thank you.

Show Your Support ... for our troops ... by securing a **Yellow Ribbon** in the Fellowship Hall to display on your property. Please do not take more than one per family. These are provided by Marlene Willock.

MN & the Civil War: A special exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of Minnesota's role in the Civil War and Dakota War, has opened at the Minnesota Military Museum at Camp Ripley (Little Falls, MN). For more information, see the posting on our glass bulletin board or e-mail: mnmuseum@yahoo.com

This Week in U. S. Military History —

18 Dec 1972 — *Operation Linebacker II*

20 Dec 1989 — *Operation Just Cause*

21 Dec 1864 — Union forces captured Savannah

24 Dec 1814 — Treaty of Ghent signed, ending War of 1812

24 Dec 1964 — began *USAF Strikes on Laos*

MN Historical Society Exhibit — *"The 1968 Exhibit"* - the Vietnam veterans remembered. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and college students; \$5 for children (ages 6-17); free for children 5 and under. For more information about the exhibit and discounts for Vietnam vets call (651) 259-3000 or visit [www.mnhs.org/mmggevents]. ► Any Vietnam vets who did not receive their *free* pass, please contact Ted Stamos (651/633-7067).

An Honor Roll: The *Foundation* wishes to recognize family members currently serving in the "War Against Terrorism." If you have a relative currently serving in the U. S. Armed Forces, please complete the form found in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

Altar Flowers: Select the Sunday nearest an event for purchasing (\$15. for one arrangement or \$30. for both) altar flowers *in memory* or *in honor* of loved ones or *to the glory of God*. Such notations are made in the bulletin. Simply secure and complete the envelope form in the Fellowship Hall ... and deposit it (with payment) in the offering plate or mail it to the *Foundation* Office. Donors are welcome to take the flowers following worship. Any flowers remaining are given to veteran homes to enjoy.

All Reports are due to the *Foundation* Office by **Sun, 8 Jan** ... in preparation for publishing the *2011 Annual Report*.

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning: Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (Refrain)

***Invocation**

***Choral Response** (sung by all)

**The Lord is in his holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before him.**

**** Organ Interlude**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Dear God, we join our hearts together before You to confess that like so many in the world we fail to grasp Your plan of redemption and what it really cost You to save us. You have put eternity in our hearts and drawn our attention from worldly pursuits to the glories of Your heavenly Kingdom. Yet we content ourselves to be so absorbed in our own little plans that we fail utterly to find joy in our walk with You. Forgive us for making Your great plan for us nothing more than a religious obligation. Faith and forgiveness are what we need and these are what we seek until at last You bring us home to be forever with our Lord. For we pray in His name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri** (sung by all)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

***Statement of Faith** A Christmas Creed

L: Christian, what do you believe?

P: **I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the Gospel begun in Bethlehem.**

**I believe in the One whose Spirit glorified a little town;
and whose Spirit still brings music to persons all over the
world, in towns both large and small.**

**I believe in the One for whom the crowded inn could find
no room.**

**I believe in the One who the rulers of the earth ignored
and the proud could never understand; whose life was**

among common people; whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.

I believe in the One who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible.

I believe in the One whose cradle was a mother's arms; whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth; who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them; who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I believe in Jesus, the Christ-child, born in Bethlehem for sinners like you and me. Amen.

****Organ Interlude**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation of the Child
Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith
Thanksgiving Over the Water
Baptism of Water

Antonio Nerios V

Born: 7 August 2011

Parents: Antonio Nerios IV and Stephanie R. Trusten

Sponsors: James Trusten and Amy Vanguilder

Referencing the Lighted Candle

Prayer

Commendation and Welcome

Response: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Special Music "Silent Night, Holy Night"
arr. Hal Hopson/A. Carpenter

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7 (refer to insert)

Sermon "The Advent of Prophecy" Chaplain Wallman

***Hymn of Response** "What Child Is This" # 272
"Greensleeves" words and music by Dix and English traditional melody
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1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

If You Did Not Receive ... the current issue of *The Snelling Spirit* newsletter, be sure to get a copy in the Fellowship Hall today!

If You Would Like To Receive our bimonthly newsletter (*The Snelling Spirit*) ... mailed to you ... please note such on the card found in the pew pocket holder ... and place it on the offering plate.

Assisted Hearing Devices are available from an usher ... upon request.

For Your Health & Safety: The *Foundation* has secured a new Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) ... in case of a cardiac emergency. Eleven members of the *Foundation* have received CPR/AED training.

Upcoming Meetings ... open to anyone interested in attending:
Sat 14 Jan (9 a.m.) — **Worship Committee** @ Mpls Am Leg Post
Sat 14 Jan (11 a.m.) — **Fellowship Comm** @ Mpls Am Leg Post
Sat 21 Jan (9 a.m.) — **Publicity Committee** @ Mpls Am Leg Post
Sat 21 Jan (11 a.m.) — **Membership Comm** @ Mpls Am Leg Post

The large Blue Star Service Flag hanging in the chancel area ... just below the eternal flame ... will remain on display until all our loved ones who have been mobilized for "The War on Terrorism" return home. (You can read their names on the *Honor Roll* on display in the Fellowship Hall.)

New & Used DVDs can be deposited in the designated AMVETS collection box for shipping to our deployed troops. For more information, contact Dick Volkert (651/755-2547). Thank you.

Each Week ... in the chancel area ... we light a single candle placed in the unoccupied pew designated for the remembrance of POWs (prisoners of war) and MIAs (missing in action) — lest we forget.

Future Veterans/Patriotic Events: Throughout the year the chapel community pays tribute on the Sunday nearest to a number of national commemorations, including this up-coming events: **Four Chaplains** (29 Jan 12); **Memorial Day** (27 May 12); **Independence Day** (1 Jul 12); **9/11 Remembrance** (9 Sep 12); **POW/MIA** (16 Sep 12); **Gold Star Mother's Day** (30 Sep 12); **Veterans Day** (11 Nov 12); **Pearl Harbor Remembrance** (2 Dec 12). Mark your calendar with these dates!

Collecting for Deployed Troops: You are welcome to place items in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall ... at any time. (Refer to the list of preferred items ... available on the information table.)

FREE Devotional Materials are available to you in the Fellowship Hall. Choice of over thirty topics in *Care Notes*. The (Dec-Feb) *Our Daily Bread* devotional is available. Also, we have LARGE PRINT copies of *Our Daily Bread* (Jan-Mar) now available.

Attention All Bakers: The *Kitchen Angels* are in need of cookies and bars for upcoming Sundays. Please sign up outside the kitchen entrance. Thank you. — Terry Ulstad, *First Angel*

Interested in Helping? There is a hanging sign-up roster in the Fellowship Hall ... near the kitchen entrance ... for **assisting with our weekly fellowship hour**. Please consider volunteering. For more information call Carol Nygaard, *Fellowship Hour Coordinator* at 952/882-1787.

If You Have a Prayer Request ... our *Prayer Chain* can be activated by calling our coordinator, **Kay Tennison** (651/481-1416). Your prayer concerns will be held confidential and shared only among the prayer chain members. Consider joining the *Prayer Warriors* who gather at the altar each Sunday following the worship service.

Wanted: Caring Hearts — Men and women of compassion who would be willing to make contact with our cherished “home-bound” members or to write to our deployed troops. If interested, please contact Janet Brautigam (952/758-2364). And if you know of any member who is permanently home-bound, please call.

Chapel Lapel Pins are available following worship in the Fellowship Hall for just **\$3**. Consider wearing this pin as a witness to your participation in the *Chapel Foundation*.

FREE Decals ... of the *Chapel Foundation* logo ... are available for placing on your home and automobile windows.

Full-Color Note Cards ... of a historic painting of the Chapel and an exterior photo of the Chapel ... are available for purchase. For **\$10** you get 10 cards and envelopes. **Also**, picture **postcards** are available (3 for **\$1.**) ... in the Fellowship Hall.

Chapel is Appearing on Cable: Metro Cable Network - Channel 6 airs *Talk of the Twin Cities*; and *The Chapel Call* airs weekly on a number of community access channels including: Bloomington (16), Edina (15), Savage (15), White Bear Lake (14), Inver Grove Hgts (16), Stillwater (18) and others. Consult your TV guide for additional broadcasts. Tune in ... and encourage your friends to do the same.

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you: Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary!
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby: Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary! Amen.

Greeting and Sharing of Church Life

We share the community announcements and invite visitors to register attendance with us by completing the card provided in the pew card-holder. Also, prayer requests may be written on the card and placed on the offering plate.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Dedication Prayer

Offertory Music “Hark! The Herald Angels”

arr. James Taylor/A. Carpenter

*Stewardship Response

(sung by all)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer of the People

The Lord’s Prayer: **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

****Recessional Hymn of Dedication***

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice” # 246

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2. Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now give heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He unbars the heavenly door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now we need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to
save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting
hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

***Benediction**

***Extinguishing of the POW/MIA Candle**

***Choral Response** (sung by all)

**Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King. Amen.**

***Extinguishing of Altar Candles** *Taking the Light into the World*

Postlude "Organ Selection"

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE
AT THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY. ALSO,
CHILDREN'S BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE.**

WORSHIP LEADER: Chaplain Ken Beale

LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLES: Dick and Willa Studiner

FELLOWSHIP GREETERS: Allen and Mary Jo Elsbury

SPECIAL MUSIC: We sincerely welcome to the **Land of Lakes Choirboys** under the direction of Aaron Carpenter. This group has been a favorite at this Chapel for many years. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us this Lord's Day!

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Presented by Lydia Skarsten in honor of her daughter, Sherry Skarsten, on the occasion of her birthday (18 Dec).

Announcements

Please Join Us ... in the Fellowship Hall ... **each Sunday** following the worship service. A cup of coffee, tea, or punch awaits you, along with delicious treats prepared by our *Kitchen Angels*.

- ▶ (1:00 p.m.) — The **Board of Directors** will have a brief meeting to approve the *2012 Budget*
- ▶ (2:00 p.m.) — **Christmas Caroling** at the *MN Veterans Home*

We are delighted you have chosen to worship here today! May you experience a sincere welcome and a sense of God's love for you. We gather as a community of faith to share the *Good News* of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to return again ... and bring others with you. We hope that we may provide the sense of community and stimulation of character you have been searching for!

We provide individual pastoral care by request. You may call the chaplains for an appointment. We are willing to provide additional services as needed; simply call the Chapel Office (651/456-4410) or Chaplains Ken (612/747-1059) or Mike (651/702-1031). If you would like to talk about the sacrament of baptism for yourself or a member of your family, arrangements can be made by contacting the chaplains. Persons desiring the a chaplain to officiate at a wedding may speak with the chaplains to schedule a pre-marital session.

For bookings of the Chapel, please contact the Fort Snelling State Park directly at 612/725-2390.

Upholding the Chapel with our Membership Vows of . . .

Prayers: George Dedeker, Guy Anderson, Bruce Mohn, Brenda Stormoen, Shirley Berglund, Juanita Rector, Gene Schultz, Dee Dee Wilcox, Gayle Scott, Mary Lou Oss, Marcel Olson, Clarice Nygaard, Ken Ziesmer, Lou Trowbridge, Les Nelson, Jim Bischoff, William Rasmussen, Liz Emerson, Ray Nagell, Gordy Ziesmer, George Weiss, Robbie Rudebusch, Kathy Johnson, Susan Livingston, Nancy Tjornhom, Gary Stormoen, Sunai, Mary Bischoff, Ed and Sylvia Schmidt, Beth Jakeman, Cortez, J.N. Beard, Jan Bjornberg, Warner Johnson, Mary Bangerter, Betty Farris, Robbie Disel, Andrea Neid, Larry Buberl, Mike Anderson, Miles Johnson, Ken Clough, Nathan Fetter, Bernice Rabine, Janet Thomas, Vernon Nyberg, Dale Westlund, Ruth Omer, Janet Brautigam, Lydia Skarsten, Paul Vetsch, Mike Dooley, Patsy Fahnberg, Mabel, Judy Blitz, family of Farrei Seevers

Presence: Sunday, 11 December 2011 witness at worship = **173**

Gifts: Sunday, 11 December 2011 offering = **\$ 5,107.00**

Service: Many thanks to those of you who remembered our deployed troops with Christmas cards from addresses provided by our *Caring Hearts*.

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff

Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr.
Rev. Michael H. Wallman
Craig Tennison
Leila Campbell

Chaplain
Associate Chaplain
Minister of Music
Office Manager

For Children at Worship: Parents are welcome to make use of the "activities clipboards" available in the narthex. Children may keep their used papers, but kindly return the board and supplies following worship. For children 4 years of age and under, we invite you to make use of our nursery located downstairs.

Kindly Assist Us by wearing your name tag each week. Learning one another's names is extremely important to our growth as a church family. If you don't have one or have misplaced yours ... so indicate on the pew card or call the Chapel Office at (651/456-4410) to request one. Be sure to pick up your name tag the next week in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for cooperating with this request.

DVDs of the sermon are available for a **\$5** donation and unedited **CDs** of the entire worship service for **\$3**. These are pre-paid and available for pick up the next week ... or shipped to you for an additional **\$2**. Place your orders in the Fellowship Hall today.

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ... will be held at **4:00 p.m.** The evening service will feature vocal and instrumental music of the season — **Regency Trio** and **Touching Hearts**. The chancel will be beautified by dozens of poinsettia plants and the sanctuary will glow with candlelight. Join in the singing of the Christmas carols. A shuttle bus will be available.

Next Week (25 Dec) is **Christmas Day**. Chaplain Ken will deliver a timely message that asks, "**What If There Was No Christmas?**" ... based on Luke 2:8-14. The congregation will join in the singing of the Christmas carols. This will be less formal ... so *come-as-you-are* on Christmas morn. Everyone at worship will receive a small Christmas "keepsake" purchased from monetary gifts given by parents ... to Chaplain Ken ... on the occasion of their child's baptism. [The Chaplain does not keep honorariums given to him for administering the sacrament of baptism.]

Reprints ... of Chaplain Ken's *Snelling Spirit* article about the *Foundation's* uncompromising stance on traditional values ... is available for distribution to neighbors and friends.

Benevolence: This congregation tithes (10%) its plate offerings. If you know of an organization/ministry ... that is in keeping with our purpose ... please feel free to secure an application to submit for financial support in 2011. Simply call the *Foundation* Office at 651/456-4410 ... and provide a name and mailing address.

Next Holy Communion is offered on **Sun 1 Jan** (11:00 a.m.) and is open for all to receive as a sacramental gift from God.