

# South Church in Andover

United Church of Christ

Order of Worship

December 25, 2011

10:30am

*Christmas*

In the Chapel

No Sunday School or Nursery Today

MEDITATION: *And the Word became flesh and lived among us...* (John 1:14a)

**Prelude** *The First Noel/Christmas Eve Waltz* [Comp/Arr by Lanz]

**Welcome** Exchange of Peace  
THIS is the day that the LORD has made!  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Responsive Call To Worship** In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.**  
**Let the seas roar and the mountains quake.**  
Christ was in the beginning with God.  
All things came into being through him.  
**Sing to the Lord a new song,**  
**for God has done marvelous things.**  
What has come into being in him was life,  
and that life was the light of all people.  
**Let heaven and earth break forth**  
**into joyous song, singing praises to our God.**  
The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness did not overcome it.  
**Christ, our light, shines forth in glory.**  
**Christ, our life, brings us grace and truth.**

**\*Hymn**  
#130 Blue *Joy to the World!*

**\*Unison Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

(Please remain standing)

**God of life and light, as you came on that Christmas morning so many years ago, come to us today. Gather us into your light and love and fill us with the brightness of your glory. Shine the light of your love into the recesses of our lives, that we may walk in darkness no longer. This we pray in Jesus' name, saying "Our Father... (debts)." Amen.**

**\*Prayer Response**

**Hear our prayer, O God,  
Hear our prayer, O God.  
Incline your ear to us,  
and grant us your peace.**

**A Time with the Children**

~ Laura Rex

**Scripture**

John 1:1-14 (NT p.70)

~ Rebecca Hoerner

**Favorite Hymns**

(Members of the choir and any who love to sing are invited to come forward to lead in the singing)

**Meditation**

**Christmas Season Retrospective**

~ John Zehring

**Offering**

A plate is available in the back of the chapel for those who desire to make an offering this morning.

**Special Music**

*The Birthday of a King* [Arr. Victor Labenske]

**Prayers of the People**

*"I lift up in prayer..."*

**\*Hymn**  
#140 Blue

*What Child Is This*

**\*Benediction**

The Birthday of a King [Arr. by Labenske]

**\*Postlude**

*Joy to the World/Angels We Have Heard on High* [Arr. By Alexander]

**\* All who are able, please stand.**