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Sunday, December 6 2015, 10:00am
Theme: Advent 2 - Born of Fire

✠ indicates stand as you are able
Bold indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

We Gather With

PRELUDE

CAROLS OF ADVENT *The Strummers*

What Child Is This VU#74

In the Bleak Midwinter VU#55

A Candle Is Burning VU#6

WELCOME & GREETING VISITORS (*Leader*)

✠GREETING ONE ANOTHER (Please feel free to move around)

SPIRIT LINES (Announcements)

SILENCE & TONE BOWL

CANDLES OF ADVENT

OPENING PRAYER: (*Unison*)

Holy God, we have a job to do this Advent season.

You call us to prepare the way, as you called the prophets of old.

You are doing a new thing through us.

Like a refiner's fire that destroys the old so that the new may shine through, refine us and give us courage – courage to be messengers of justice and righteousness, and courage to be bearers of grace and light. Ignite a fire within us so that we may carry that light in the world. Amen.

†HYMN: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (on-screen)

VU#2

(Children and Youth are invited to join with their leaders at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary)

Open Minds

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:68-79 (NRSV)

Scripture Reader: Sheila Campbell

Affirmation:

One: This is the witness of The Church,

Many: thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Adult Choir~ Christmas Cantata Selections*

THE MESSAGE: *“Life Refined”*

Open Hands

†HYMN: *Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness* (on-screen)

VU#28

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *“Peace with Love”*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS (*Leader*)

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Tithes, Offerings, & Prayers.

(Please print clearly and place your Prayer Slips in the Prayer Baskets.)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Strummers~ It Wasn't His Child~ Erwing*

†OFFERTORY: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* (on-screen)

VU#541

†OFFERTORY PRAYER (*Unison, on-screen*)

God of abundance and grace, we offer these gifts as a sign of gratefulness for all that you have done in our lives. Like a refiner's fire you are constantly at work in us. Like molten lava you shape us and mould us. We offer our very selves to you and ask that you use

us to be your hands and feet and voice in our communities and in the world. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER: *All Who Are Thirsty (on-screen)*

MV#4

PASTORAL PRAYERS & PRAYER OF JESUS

Open Hearts to Each Other and the World

†COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

†HYMN: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (on-screen)*

VU#35

POSTLUDE

I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

Participating in worship leadership today: Rev. Bob, Rev. Tracy, The Adult Choir, The Strummers, John McCrea, Barb & Bill Cousens, Cathy Rivard, Hope Cochran, Carrie-Faye Wong, Sheila Campbell, Bobby Fillier, Kristin Raugust, Quinn Braaten, Lynn McCrea.