

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Traditional and Contemporary Worship - Mary Church

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Praise Team – Ian Billingsley, Interim

Chancel Choir – Sue Burgoyne, Interim

Prairie Bells – Sue Burgoyne

Accompanist – Jinshil Yi (Diane Rabinovitch)

Sound Technician – Bill Robison

Ushers – Clark Montgomery and Donna Powell

Greeters – Pam Konsmo and Esther Henderson

Lay Readers – Barbara Riggs

Wedding Ministry Committee - Mary Church, Kate Burch & Patsy Zofkie

Worship Ministry Annual Report January 2011

The year 2011 brought some changes to our Worship Ministry Committee. Elder Barbara Reisdorfer resigned her position on Session and on the Worship Committee in February 2011, citing personal reasons. Sue Burgoyne continued through June 2011 as Interim Chancel Choir Director, as well as directing the Prairie Bells. Diane Rabinovitch submitted her resignation as Organist in July, and Jinshil Yi was hired as Interim Organist. Ian Billingsley took over leadership of the Worship Team for the contemporary service in September 2011. His position is also considered an interim position. Volunteers who serve on the committee are Esther Henderson (Greeters for Contemporary Service), and Carol Wier (Flowers). Other Volunteers who supported Worship in 2011 were:

Pam Konsmo	Greeters (Traditional Service)
Barbara Riggs	Lay Readers (Traditional Service)
Clark Montgomery	Ushers (Traditional Service)
Donna Powell	Ushers (Contemporary Service)
Bill Robison, Jr.	Sound System Coordinator
Kathy Stevens	Care of Sanctuary (Paraments, Candles, Visitor Pads, etc.)
Lavonne Northcutt, Jane Macpherson	Nursery Committee

A brief review of the year 2011 brings to mind these highlights:

- Bill Edwards and others on the committee contacted many of our members, and 47 people responded by writing a page for our Lenten Devotional Booklet.
- The committee researched possible purchase of sound amplification for our members who have difficulty hearing the sermon. After considerable research and talking with members who might benefit from such a system, it was decided to not proceed at this time.
- LCOP hosted the March meeting of the Presbytery, which included worship following the dinner meal. The choir provided an anthem, and Pastor James preached the message.
- Worship times were adjusted to add 15 minutes to each service, so that we don't run over into the fellowship time and Christian Education hour. Traditional service now begins at 8:45 AM. The change appears to be working well.
- The Chancel Choir was invited by former choir director Evin Lambert to participate in a program "Great Hymns of the Church" to be presented in June 2011 at PLU. Several members of the choir attended the practices and sang in the program. It was an exceptional opportunity to sing with a 250 voice choir, orchestra, and organ.
- A specially appointed committee continued with the task of seeking a qualified Director of Music. The position remained unfilled at the end of the year.
- A special recognition of September 11, 2001 was done on the tenth anniversary of the attack on our country. Patriotic music was chosen, and a time of remembrance and prayer was included in the worship service on 9/11/2011.
- Sue Burgoyne agreed to direct the choir during Advent and Christmas.
- The Worship Ministry co-hosted a "Deck the Halls" event with the Fellowship Committee to decorate the church for Christmas. Approximately 35 people from the

congregation participated in a soup dinner prior to the decorating party. All participants had a fun evening and enjoyed the fellowship while we made the church look festive for Christmas.

- The family of Margo Aldag graciously offered her piano as a gift to the church, and we were thrilled to accept this incredible gift. The parlor grand piano is now located in the Elgin Room.
- A mini Christmas program was presented, written and directed by Stephen Neufeld, on December 11, 2011. The program included scripture readings, traditional carols, and a short play.
- The Worship Ministry discussed options for changing our worship times to run “simultaneous” services. After consideration and concerns presented by members of the congregation, Pastor Kim determined that a better course of action would be to develop “back to back” services. This concept will be further evaluated and implemented later in the spring of 2012.
- Two services were held on Christmas Eve, with less than average attendance at 5 PM, fewer in attendance at 7 PM. Suggestions were made to have a much later candlelight service (perhaps 10 or 11PM start time) next year, thus avoiding having both services during the dinner hour.
- Combined services were held at 10 AM on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Communion was celebrated on New Year’s Day.

The worship committee wishes to extend a sincere invitation to anyone who has a passion for our church and its services; we meet the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00 PM. If you are unable to attend meetings, but have input you would like to give, we welcome that and encourage you to write a letter to the committee. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Church, Elder
Committee Chair