

**CHRISTMAS MOURNING:**  
**Remembrance and renewal for those coping with loss**  
**Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010 6:00 p.m.**  
**Westdale Reformed Church**



*Welcome*

*God's blessing: Light in our darkness*

*Hymn of Praise and Trust #243: "Emmanuel"*

*Scripture: Psalm 88:1-5, 13-14, 18*

*Prayer requesting God to hear our prayers*

*Sharing of losses before God and each other: Each person is invited to take a candle  
and share his or her loss*

*Prayers of lament*

*Hymn of "comfort and joy:" "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" (see reverse)*

*Scripture: Psalm 121*

*Affirmation of faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1 (responsive)*

**Leader:** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People:** That I am not my own,  
but belong—body and soul,  
in life and in death  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.

*Scripture: Romans 8:34-39*

*Hymn of Peace #255: "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

*Sharing of comfort: Each person is invited to light his or her candle from the Christ  
candle*

*Prayer of thanks*

*Blessing*

*Hymn of Sending #286: "Once in Royal David's City"*

*Worship Leader: Pastor Stan Seagren*  
*Guitar accompanist: Klaas Detmar*

## ***God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen***

God rest you merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day;  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray,

*Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

Refrain

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright,  
This day is born a Saviour of a pure Virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's power and might.”

Refrain

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.

Refrain