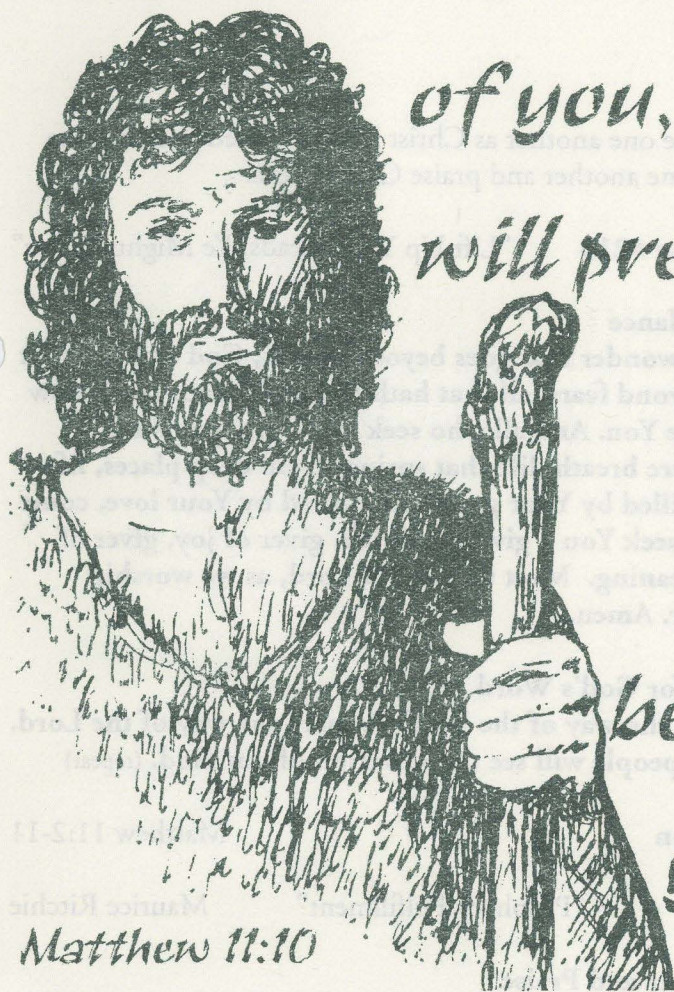


"See, I am sending
my messenger ahead



of you, who
will prepare
your
way
before
you."

Matthew 11:10

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church
Early Worship Service
December 16, 2001

Theme: "Joy"

***Praise Music**

***Greeting**

Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you. Rejoice with one another and praise God's name.

***Opening Hymn #213** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Prayer for Guidance

God of wonder that goes beyond words, God of hope that goes beyond fears, all that hath life and breath come now to praise You. And all who seek life – life that is more than mere breath, life that springs from deep places, life that is filled by Your grace and graced by Your love, come now to seek You – giver of all life, giver of joy, giver of life's meaning. Meet us here, O Lord, as we worship together. Amen.

Thanksgiving for God's Word

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God. (repeat)

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 11:2-11

Meditation

"Prophecy Fulfillment"

Maurice Ritchie

A Time of Prayer and Praise

Invitation to Communion (see insert)

Offering Ourselves to God

The Great Thanksgiving (see insert)

***Closing Hymn #203**

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

***Benediction**

Thought for the Week...

“Go and tell what you hear and see.”

