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Bulletin

December 5, 2010

“Second Sunday of Advent”

10:30 am

God’s Call and Our Commitment:
To be an authentic and accessible community in Christ,
celebrating and extending God’s love into the world.

We welcome the diversity of all God’s children.

SILENT MEDITATION

“Each year some new heart finally hears, finally sees, finally knows love. And in heaven there is great rejoicing! The Child is born anew and one more knee is bowed.” —Ann Weems

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Come, Redeemer of Mankind” (J.S. Bach)

-Carol Graham

*(Please complete the registration card found in the bulletin and place in the offering.
Prayers and comments may be written on the back of the card.)*

INTROIT

“Wild and Lone the Prophets Voice”

-Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the house where everyone is welcome.

People: And where everyone is invited to experience hope.

Leader: This is the place where the spirit of God reigns.

People: And where hope comes through the Christ Child born in a manger.

Leader: This Christ Child comes to teach us righteousness.

People: This Christ Child comes to teach us justice.

Leader: Let us live out God’s vision.

All: Let us live in the hope of the manger.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

-UMH 196

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Candle of Hope)

First Reader: (Isaiah 11:1, 2) “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”

Second Reader: God promised the people of Israel something new. He promised a wise and strong leader who would bring peace. He gave the people hope.

Third Reader: We live in a world desperately in need of hope. We face uncertainty in many areas of our personal and our communal lives. The coming of the Christ child brings us hope, just as in the days when the prophets foretold the birth of Jesus from the lineage of Jesse.

First Reader: We light the Candle of Hope as a reminder that Jesus came as a beacon of all that is fair and good. We pray that our lives might reflect the hope that God has for us.



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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Hope, we love You for all of Your patience and kindness. You never give up on us despite our attitudes and behavior. We are humbled by Your enduring love. You welcome each of us, and all of our brothers and sisters everywhere, into Your kingdom. You ask only that we help You build up the kingdom. When we give in to excess in our physical desires, we fall short. When we focus on outward appearances, we fall short. When we hang on to our prejudices and stereotypes because of fear, we fall short. When we judge our loved ones and strangers by our human standards, we fall short. In this season of Advent, help us instead to reflect Your love and Your hope in the world. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

-Peggy Muir

Isaiah 11:1-10 (NRSV)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips, he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSV)

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Never a Brighter Star"

-Chancel Choir



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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE

“Jesus: Judge”

-Rev. George Hooper

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

“Wake, Awake for Nights Flying” (J.S. Bach)

-Carol Graham

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

-UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please join in “A Service of Word and Table III” in the hymnal, pages 15-16. The United Methodist Church practices an open table for Holy Communion. You need not be a member of this or any church to come forward for the bread and cup. God's grace is free to all.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup Songs During Communion

“Blessed Be the God of Israel” -UMH 209

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” -UMH 218

“The First Noel” -UMH 245

The Prayer After Receiving

GOING FORTH

APPLYING THE WORD - Sharing ways to respond to God's work in our lives through our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Star-Child”

-FWS 2095

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Bock)

-Carol Graham

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Note: Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle written by Lyn Berry.

Flowers on the altar are given by John, Carole and Lily McCullen in honor of Sue Hernandez's birthday and the birth of her new great-grand daughter, Avarielle Firkus.



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