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Bulletin

December 19, 2010

“Fourth 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

“This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ.” –Frank McKibben

*(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.)*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“I Wonder As I Wander” (Bock)

-Carol Graham

GREETING

INTROIT

“Austrian Carol” (Stephenson)

-Anderson Handbells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We praise God who is all around us.

People: We praise God who dwells in each of us.

Leader: Emmanuel, God is with us.

People: God has come to us through the Christ Child.

Leader: This is the promised Prince of Peace.

People: Let us listen for the songs of angels.

Leader: Let us respond with shouts of praise.

All: Here, in the presence of God, we come to worship. PRAYER AND PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Stanza 1-3, & 5)

-UMH 234

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Candle of Love)

First Reader: (Micah 5:4) “He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then His greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.”

Second Reader: If ever we needed a sense of security, we need it now. Our world is in disarray. We face threats of war, and we struggle in an unpredictable economy. We fear for our children. We search for answers that never seem to come.

First Reader: In the midst of this insecurity, God has promised a Savior. He has given us strength through the gift of His Holy Child. He has offered us a way to face the challenges of this life. God gives us hope, peace, joy and love.

Second Reader: We light the Candle of Love to show God’s immeasurable love for us. As the flame ignites, we pray that our hearts will be aflame with spirit of Christ.



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UNISON PRAYER

Lord God, You have shown us mercy and gracious love in ways we cannot even begin to name. Every day You provide new creation. You make possible what seems to be impossible. Help us to give up our feelings of inadequacy. Free us from our fears. As we ponder the coming of the Christ Child, we ask for humble hearts. Help us to see the needs of the most disadvantaged. Guide us in tending to the lonely. As You see value in each of us, help us to value one another. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

BLAKESLEE CHIMES “*Make a Joyful Noise*” & “*Silence*” -Ringers and Singers

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 7:10-16* (NRSV) -Gerald Williams

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings are in dread will be deserted.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION “*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*” -UMH 216

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 1:18-25* (NRSV) -Gerald Williams

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “*Away in a Manger*” (Moklebust) -Anderson Handbells

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE “*Jesus: Immanuel*” -Rev. George Hooper



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