

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**United Methodist Student Sunday**

**November 30, 2008**

**10:50 AM**

Advent is a time of expectant watching, watching for the One who like a potter molds us and shapes us in accordance with God's will. The people are told to be ready, for they know not when the hour will come. They are to be about their tasks, performing functions appropriate to the gifts they have received. It is a time of anticipation and preparation, of being alert to God's presence among us. Watch!

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.

**WELCOME/MEDITATION**

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person.  
Any prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.

**Prelude** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* 13<sup>th</sup> c. Plainsong/arr. Martin

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Lelia and Nina Teel

Reader: *Isaiah 60:2-3* **Pew Bible Page 690**  
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Reader:  
We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

**\*Processional Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **Page 211**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* **Page 204**

**PROCLAMATION**

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 64:1-9* **N.T. Page 694**  
The prophet calls for God to appear decisively, to "tear open the heavens" so the nations would tremble. He also confesses the need for such decisive intervention – the utter sinfulness of humanity, even of those who are part of God's covenant. Finally, he changes metaphors – from earthly catastrophe to remaking pots, begging God to be merciful when God comes.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message** Cathy Davis

**Children's Church** (Children age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

**Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer**

**Unison**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* **Page 206**

**\*Old Testament Reading** *1 Samuel 17:33-10* **Page 261**  
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message** *There Are Giants Everywhere!* **Rev. Jim McClung**

**Special Music** *Shepherd of My Heart* **Rev. Jim McClung**

**RESPONSE**

**Offertory Prayer** **Unison**

Let us pray: **We rejoice, O God, in the gifts of your Spirit that offer us productive and fulfilling lives. As we exercise our generosity, touch us with new awareness of sisters and brothers you call us to love. May our gifts and prayers lift them and us into true partnership in your service. Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* **Pote**  
**\*Doxology** *Give Thanks* **TFWS 2036**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Repeat And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Repeat Give thanks!**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*Hymn** *My Lord, What a Morning* **Page 719**

**\*Commission and Blessing**

Go forth as faithful believers who extend God's welcome to a waiting world.

**We will listen for God's messages and share the truth we are able to hear.**

As God has met you here with healing power, let your words and deeds extend wholeness to others.

**We will try to see the world through others' eyes and respond to their hurts with care.**

Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and from the Sovereign Jesus Christ.

**God is faithful and will supply everything we need. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**\*Please stand as you are able. Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. Please see an usher for assistance.**

**Welcome!** We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Gabriel Hayes, our great-grandson's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on November 29 by Shorty and June Whipkey. The **Lay Reader** is Megan Nuckols. The **Acolytes** are Emory Magner and Jay Wade. The **Crucifer** is Alexandra Smith-Scales. The **Greeters** for this morning are Butch and Jo Anne Kelchner. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis.

**We welcome The Rev. Jim McClung** to the pulpit this morning. Rev. McClung is the Director of Church & Community Relations of the Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc. Pastor McClung is filling in for Pastor Charles as he visits his mom and to celebrate her birthday.

**Beginning in January, 2009**, new envelopes will be distributed in alphabetical order. This means you may receive a new number from the ones you are currently using. By doing this, we will be able to reduce the number of envelopes ordered and thereby further reduce our administrative costs. In these serious economic times, it is hoped that you will understand this effort to cut expenses.

**As in past years** we are planning to give each member of our staff a Christmas gift. We, at Lakeside, are very blessed to have such a capable and dedicated staff. They do an outstanding job, work well together and are always available to take care of our many needs. Please make your checks out to Lakeside UMC and mark them Staff Christmas Gift. We would like to have all donations by December 15. Thank you.

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*We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.*

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