

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2009

10:50 AM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE/MEDITATION

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

Prelude *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* **J. S. Bach**

Lighting of the Advent Candle **Emma and Mike Crowe**

Reader: "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people'" (Luke 2:8-10)

Reader: Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

People: Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

Reader: On this second Sunday in Advent, we light the second candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world. (Light the second purple candle.)

All: Let us pray: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may prepare the way of the Lord in our daily life and be pure and blameless on the day of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn** *People, Look East* **UMH Page 202**

***Invocation**

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

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading *Malachi 3:1-4* **O. T. Page 889**

A century or more after the restoration of the city and the temple in Jerusalem, the word of the Lord through the prophet declares the coming of "my messenger" who would radically purify the temple priesthood.

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

Prayers of the People

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

Message *Preparing the Way* **Rev. Charles Swadley**

God Will Send A Righteous King *Jeremiah 23:5-6* **O. T. Page 725**

Explanation of the cedar branch

The Prophet Declares a Child Will Be Born *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7* **O. T. Page 638**

Explanation about the wreath of evergreens

The Fourth Servant Song *Isaiah 53:1-6* **O. T. Page 683**

Explanation about the holly and the ivy

The Prophet Tells of the Healing Power of the Anointed *Isaiah 61:1-3* **O. T. Page 691**

Explanation of mistletoe

The Mystery of the Incarnation *John 1:9-14* **N. T. Page 91**

Explanation about the Christmas and Chrismon Tree

RESPONSE

Invitation **Page 12**

Confession and Pardon
Offertory Prayer **Unison**

Let us pray: **How good you have been to us, gracious God! How meagerly we have responded. You have restored our fortunes when we felt all was lost. You have filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. We give thanks, not only with a portion of our income, but also through renewed commitment to righteous living. By your grace, we share in the work Christ came to accomplish among us. May our love abound in and through us. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Blessed Jesu* **Harlan**

***Doxology** **Unison**
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. Chorus: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Presentation of the Communion Elements **Ned and Brenda Custis**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving **Page 18**

The Lord's Prayer
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.

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn** *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* **UMH Page 179**

***Commission and Blessing**

Remember those messengers of the faith you have known; rejoice and give thanks for their witness.

We, too, will prepare the way of Christ; we will help to level the hills and valleys.

Hold one another in your hearts day by day; pray that love may rule all your relationships.

We will weep with those who weep. We will rejoice with those who rejoice.

God will be with you wherever you go; the good work begun in you will be brought to completion.

All flesh will see the salvation of our God; we will live in covenant with our Creator. Amen.

***Benediction/Benediction Response**

***Postlude** *In Dulci Jubilo* **J. S. Bach**

Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. *Please stand as you are able whenever you see this symbol. All **bold type** indicates congregational participation. As we worship, we are using the red United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and black The Faith We Sing (TFWS). We do ask that you turn off all electronic equipment, including cell phones, as a courtesy to others. Nursery care for infants-preschoolers is available at the 10:50AM Service, in the educational wing. 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 His blessings. 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 The **Acolytes** are The **Crucifer** is The **Lay Reader and Communion Servers** are Mike and Emma Crowe. The **Lay Speaker** is The **Greeter** is Griffin Nettles. The **Outside Greeters** are Glenda Adams and Dot Fields. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis.

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