

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 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

***Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Judy Foltz and Cheryl Arrington

Reader: "And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name"" (Luke 1:46-49).

Reader: Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the way.

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 rejoice in you always and live in fresh expectation of hearing the good news of your coming among us. Amen.

***Proclamation Hymn**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise**

Star-Child

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PROCLAMATION

***New Testament Reading**

Philippians 4:4-7

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

Children's Message

Pastor Charles

Children's Church (Children age 4 through 1st grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

Junior Church (Children grades 2 through grade 5 may go to the Junior Church Room)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Unison

***Hymn**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 3:7-18

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An excerpt from the preaching of John the Baptizer. One more powerful is coming! Unquenchable fire awaits! Don't just stand there: Repent! And show that repentance in the way you live and work in the world.

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

Message

Bearing the Fruits of Joy

Rev. Charles Swadley

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer

Unison

Let us pray: **We rejoice, O God of peace, in the privilege of giving without fear. You come to us daily with blessings too numerous to count. You are the Holy One whose presence relieves our anxieties, feeds our hungers, and stirs our compassion. Through our offerings, we express our gratitude. As we give of ourselves, we respond to your call to bear fruit and to make your name known among the nations. Thank you for accepting all we offer. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

Prepare the Way of the Lord

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.

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning of Lay Speakers and Lay Minister

*** Hymn**

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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***Commission and Blessing**

The whole universe is God's dwelling place. Find your home with God wherever you go.

Surely God is our salvation; we will trust and not be afraid.

Rejoice, for Christ has come and is coming, whose presence brings peace to our hearts and minds.

We can do all things in Christ, who strengthens us. We have much to share with this world.

God, who has blessed you, commissions you for service. Shout and sing for joy; praise God as you do.

God has renewed and refreshed us this day. God's strength will be our song wherever you go. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

***Postlude**

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 memory of my parents, Dr. and Mrs. Freeman Hays given by Pat and Jimmy Emory. The **Acolytes** are The **Crucifer** is The **Lay Reader** is The **Lay Speaker** is Angie Abrams. The **Greeter** is Glenda Adams. The **Outside Greeters** are Melissa Blank-Dunn and Becky and Grady Waters. **First Response Team:** Bud and Sylvia Arbogast.

This morning we will be consecrating the Lay Speakers and Community Minister. Justine Mimbe is being consecrated as Community Minister for Diversity. The Lay Speakers are Angie Abrams, Hal Costley, Butch Kelchner, Griffin Nettles, Kip Robinson, Polly Rowan, Nina Teel, John Wermuth, Chris White and Victoria White.

2009 Budget Total	\$ 354,995.42
Giving Through November 30, 2009	\$ 294,531.21
Expenses Through November 30, 2009	<u>\$ 309206.10</u>
Expenses over / under Giving	(\$ 14,674.89)

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