

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2008

10:50 AM

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. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

Prelude *Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying* **Walther**

Lighting of the Advent Candle **Glenda Adams and Dot Fields**

Scripture Reading *Mark 1:4* **Pew Bible Page 34**

Reader: John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Reader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. His way leads to PEACE. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O Come, Emmanuel.

***Processional Hymn** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* **Page 203**

***Invocation**

*** Hymns of Praise** *Star Child* (stanzas 1 and 5) **TFWS Page 2095**
Jesus, Name Above All Names **TFWS Page 2071**

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 40:1-11* **O. T. Page 667**

Three prophecies declare the hope of God's coming to rescue the exiles from captivity. In verses 1-2, the prophet is called by God to, "Comfort my people in exile!" In verses 3-4, a voice cries "Prepare God's way," as a highway forms across the desert from Babylon to Judea. In verses 5-8, the prophet is to speak another word. Life itself is ephemeral; God's word is eternal. In verses 9-11, whoever may be keeping some sort of watch in Jerusalem, a city in ruins, is called to declare from the highest height the victory of God, who is bringing the exiles home and sustaining them.

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

Act of Praise *Like a Child* **Youth Choir**

Children's Message **Sue Swadley**

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

Prayers of the People

***Hymn** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* **Page 220**

***Gospel Lesson** *Mark 1:1-8* **N. T. Page 34**

The gospel begins with the ministry of John the Baptizer, calling all to repentance and baptism for forgiveness to get ready for the kingdom of the one to come, the one who baptizes not simply with water, but with the Holy Spirit.

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Message *What Do You Expect, Want, or Need for Christmas?* **Rev. Charles Swadley**

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer **Unison**
Let us pray: **The land has yielded its increase, and we have been blessed, O God. For all your good gifts we give humble thanks. Now we would share some of your bounty; use these gifts to feed your flocks and carry your lambs to safety. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* **Harlan**
Youth Choir

***Doxology** **To the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving **Page 15**

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** *This is a Day of New Beginnings* **Page 383**

***Commission and Blessing**
The God of Peace grant you peace to face a warring world and courage to be a peacemaker.

We want to extend the forgiveness we have known to wounded and hurting people, near and far.

Lift your voices on the mountains and in the valleys; witness to truth in all holiness and godliness.

We seek the excitement of risk-taking for Christ among those who need what we can give.

We have been together in the saving presence of God. Now God goes with us, granting wholeness for all of life.

In thankfulness and anticipation, we face another week, with its opportunities and responsibilities. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

***Postlude** *Savior of the Heathen, Come* **J. S. Bach**

***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 memories of Christmas past by Barbara Brooks. The blue carnation on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Nicholas Hudson Biggs, son of Kathy and Mike Biggs, brother of Noah and Joshua, and grandson of Dr. Carroll Cloninger. Nicholas was born on December 2, 2008 and weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. The **Lay Readers and Communion Servers** are Sylvia Barefoot and Shirley Fogg. **First Response Team:** Dina Giese and Vicky White. The **Greeter** is Mickey Barlow. The **Acolytes** are Lynette Any and Alexandria Smith-Scales. The **Crucifer** is Jess Wade.

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.

At Advent we encourage you to show the blessing of Christ with your neighbor. Be the good news — reach out, each one bring one, to receive God's gift in our midst.

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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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