

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 14, 2008

10:50 AM

The call to repentance is the start of discipleship. Passing through the waters, the believer emerges with newness of life. The waters of baptism symbolize that rite of passage whereby old ways are forsaken in favor of a commitment to God's justice and righteousness. John baptizes in the wilderness, bearing witness to the Light that illumines God's will, even Jesus Christ, the Way of justice and peace.

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

*All Glory Be To God On High
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*
(Trumpet and Organ)

J.S. Bach

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*Lighting of the Advent Candle

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:10

Stony and Dale Creery

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Reader: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away

Reader: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

*Proclamation Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*Invocation

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

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The Spirit of the Lord anoints a prophet to bring good news to the oppressed, the brokenhearted, the captives the prisoners, and the mourning – good news that includes “the day of vengeance of our God” that will destroy the social order that keeps them in their oppressed state. When that order is destroyed, rebuilding of God's “ancient ruins” can begin (verse 4). In the meantime, the prophet rejoices, clothed in the hope this good news brings (verses 8-11).

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

*Hymn of Praise

Like a Child

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New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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The witness of John the Baptizer concerning his own identity. “I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals” could be roughly paraphrased, “If you think I'm the Messiah or even claim to be, you ain't seen nothin' yet!”

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Prayers of the People

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.

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer

(Unison)

Let us pray: **May our gifts be as generous as your provision for us, O God. Use them to bear witness to the light you sent in Christ Jesus. Move us and all people to prayer, rejoicing, and thanksgiving. As we administer these offerings for their best possible return, keep faithful to your purposes. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

Meditation on “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

“The Christmas Light”

By Benjamin Harlan

Presented by the Chancel Choir of
Lakeside United Methodist Church and Guest Orchestra

The funding for the orchestra and music for the cantata has been offered
in memory of William M. Harlow and Virginia B. Harvery

Orchestra

Violin I: William Raposa

Flute: Susan de Jesus

Violin II: Wendy Loeb

Oboe: Leslie Moe Long

Viola: Crystan Raposa

Trumpet: Brenner Pugh

Cello: Jan Land

Timpani/Percussion: Lisa Overmyer

Organ: Caroline Hall

Readers:

Stoney Creery, Angie Abrams and Emory Magner

*Benediction

*Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo (Christmas Song)

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. 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 husband, Fred by Jenetta Deal. The **Greeter** for this morning is Griffin Nettles. The **Acolytes** for this morning are Jay Wade and Emory Magner. The **Crucifer** is Tayler Bliss. **First Response Team:** Buddy and Sylvia Arbogast.

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 share 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.

Church Council meets Tuesday, December 16, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited, and encouraged, to attend your Church Council meetings. This is the governing leadership body of your church. Your Council meets on the third Tuesday night of every month. At these meetings you can hear the most up to date financial reporting, gain insight into specific ministry efforts, and participate in the discussions of issues which impact on our church. Although voting is restricted to elected and appointed leadership, you have the opportunity to be heard in this open forum. We respectfully ask that any presentations or items for consideration be submitted in writing at least one week prior to a meeting so that any supporting documentation can be viewed and prayerfully considered by the entire Council. In this way our discussions or questions can be accomplished in the most effective and complete manner.

As we approach the end of the year we want everyone to know where we are in funding the ministries of LUMC.

Our 2008 Budget	\$ 351,929.99
Our YTD Giving	<u>325,795.40</u>
Needed by 12/31/08 to meet budget	26,134.59

Thank you for your support in 2008. Butch Kelchner, Finance Chair

Our Church Staff:

<i>Ministers</i>	<i>All Members of Lakeside United Methodist Church</i>
<i>Pastor</i>	<i>The Reverend Charles E. Swadley</i>
<i>Pastor of Visitation Ministries</i>	<i>The Reverend D. Bruce Lake</i>
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	<i>Victoria L. White</i>
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Jeanne E. Bluford</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Caroline Hall</i>
<i>Sexton</i>	<i>Chau Van Nguyen</i>
<i>Pre-School Director</i>	<i>Cynthia Padden</i>
<i>Ashland District Superintendent</i>	<i>The Reverend Mark V. Ogren</i>
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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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