

# December 6, 2009

## 10:00 AM Service

**\*All who are able please stand.**

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PRELUDE- "Selected"

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "Living Bread" Willson

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**People: Who made Heaven and Earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.**

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**People: The Lord will reign forever, your God O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.**

**\*HYMN-** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #13

**\*LITANY**

Leader: "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me; the messenger of the covenant, whom you will desire, will come, "says the Lord Almighty.

People: **Praise be to the Lord, because God has come and redeemed the people.**

Leader: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make the paths straight."

People: **Praise be to the Lord, because God has come and redeemed the people.**

Leader: "Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smoothed."

People: **Praise be to the Lord, because God has come and redeemed the people.**

Leader: All humankind will see God's salvation.

People: **Praise be to the Lord, because God has come and redeemed the people.**

**\*THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE-**

The Reeves-Hall Family

**\*RESPONSE-** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Vs.3

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CONFESSION OF SIN (In Unison)

**O God, I offer you my confession in union with the merits and sufferings of Jesus Christ, my Savior; asking you to pardon all that is wrong and supply all that is wanting. Grant that what is spoken on earth will be confirmed in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

THE COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON- Luke 2:26-33

and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM- "God's Love Made Visible"

Brubeck/Brubeck

SILENT PRAYER

Prayer List- Geryl Anderson, Mary Andrews, Sue Burns, Darcy Cassidy, Fred Chapman, John Ciampi, Anna Fijol, Pauline Guyette, Lola Harper, Charles Hill Sr., Billy Hindes, Kristen Kent, Ken & Lois Macomber, Jacob Patrick, Amy Pupka, Ren Yeo, Hany.

PASTORAL PRAYER

**\*LORD'S PRAYER** (Trespases/Trespas)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER** (In Unison)

**Accept, O Lord, these offerings which your people give to your work. Grant that any cause to which they are giving would prosper with your guidance, to the glory of your name and the coming of your kingdom. AMEN.**

\*HYMN- "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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MESSAGE

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN- "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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POSTLUDE- "Selected"

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Announcements

The Chancel Flowers are given by Andrew M. and Jayne Fifield Knott in loving memory of Nancy Pierce Fifield, loving mother of Jayne and mother-in-law of Andrew.

You were greeted this morning by the Reeves-Hall family, who will also be lighting the advent candle.

Leo and Diane Collard will be hosting coffee hour this week.

Jill Redding will be working in the nursery.

The Village Congregational Church will be purchasing Christmas Sunday plants again this year. The cost will be \$16 a plant and we will also be accepting \$3 donations so plants can be purchased for shut-ins. Look for order forms in this bulletin. For more information, please contact Marion Bosma at 508-234-5090.

If you would like to reserve a spot to buy Chancel flowers for a Sunday in 2010, please contact Marion Bosma at 508-234-5090.

On Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> the Village Bell Ringers will be playing at the Sutton Congregational Church as part of their Christmas concert. The show begins at 7pm, don't miss out!

Christian Education is looking for one or two volunteers to run the puppet program. If you are interested, please contact Bill Newhall at wnewhall@charter.net.

On January 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a book discussion on The Shack after church. Please sign up on the yellow pad in Mason Hall, or call the church office.

To all who donated Thanksgiving baskets: The recipient families wish to thank you for making their holiday special this year. Please know they appreciate the help and prayers you all provide.

Please help make this a Merry Christmas for local families in need by providing food baskets and children's gifts. Donations to buy hams are also welcome. Please see Charlie Hill, Melissa Fijol or Mike Taterek in Mason Hall after worship.

2010 envelopes are available in Mason Hall. Pick yours up today!

**This Week:**

- Diaconate – Monday 6pm
- A Cappella – Monday 7pm
- Village Bell Ringers – Tuesday 6:45pm
- Chancel Choir – Wednesday 7pm

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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