

December 20, 2009

10:00 AM Service

***All who are able please stand**

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PRELUDE- "The Coventry Carol" arr. Helman

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

Leader: Hear us O Lord, you who lead us like a flock. Awaken your might, come and save us.

People: Restore us, O God, make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

Leader: But you, Bethlehem, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will com from me one who will be ruler over my people.

People: Restore us, O God, make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

Leader: He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

People: Restore us, O God, make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

Leader: The people will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And he will be their peace.

People: Restore us, O God, make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

INTROIT- "Fanfare For Christmas Day" Shaw

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those whose help is in 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 the faith forever.

Leader: The Lore 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 the generations. Praise the Lord.

*HYMN- "O Come All Ye Faithful" #188

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world.

People: But that the world through him might be saved.

Leader: His life was given for the redemption of many.

People: His blood atones for all our sins.

Leader: I can assure you that God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us.

People: That is our special joy at Christmastime.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR- "The Lion and the Lamb" Sleeth

SCRIPTURE LESSON- John 3:16-20; Jude 24-25

For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! AMEN.

BELL ANTHEM- "Do You Hear What I Hear?" arr. Ingram

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, Brian Tetreault, Ren Yeo, Hany.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespas)

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM- "Glory to God in the Highest" Pergolesi

OFFERTORY- "What Child Is This" Traditional English Melody
Soloist- Jaime Guyette

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER (In Unison)

O Lord, we offer these gifts today, we also offer a prayer: that during this Advent Season the selfless spirit of Christ may become increasingly incarnate in our lives. AMEN.

*HYMN- "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #211

MESSAGE

*HYMN- "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" #187

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE- "Isn't He" Wimbar
Soloist- Judy Paille

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

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Announcements

The Christmas poinsettia plants are given to the glory of God by the members and friends of The Village Congregational Church.

If you purchased a poinsettia, please pick up your plant after service.

We would like to thank Mr. John Russo for playing the trumpet for us today.

Melissa and Kevin Fijol will be hosting coffee hour this morning.

If you would like to order a DVD from the Children's Christmas Pageant Sunday, please fill out the order form inside this bulletin and return to Peter Reeves-Hall.

CE 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 24th, there will be a book discussion on The Shack. Please sign up on the yellow pad in Mason Hall or call the church office.

Christmas Eve Family Worship
Thursday 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Thursday 11:00 p.m.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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