

December 20, 2009
Fourth Sunday in Advent
11:00 a.m.

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Prelude

† Call to Worship

My soul magnifies the Lord.

My spirit rejoices in God.

God has looked upon us with smiles of love and joy.

God has blessed us from generation to generation.

Come, let us lift our voices in glorious praise and worship!

Our hearts are filled with joyous anticipation and our mouths are filled with praise! O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

† Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **No. 234**

Prayer

Ancient of Days, blessed Child of god, be with us this day.
Guide us in your path of peace. Lead us on the journey of faith that will bring us to rejoice on Christmas Day. Help us so to believe where we have not seen, that we may trust in your promises, like Mary and Joseph before us. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

† Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **No. 230**

† Passing the Peace

Lighting of the Advent Wreath **Bonnie & Henry Nunnally**

Concerns and Prayer

Solo *Do You Hear What I Hear* **Steve Wells**

Old Testament Lesson **Micah 5:2-5a**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

† Gospel Lesson **Luke 1:39-56** **N. T. Pg. 53**

Message **“Do You Hear What I Hear?”** **Rev. Steve Wells**

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Love Came Down At Christmas* **Chancel Choir**

† Doxology *Christmas Doxology*
(Sing to the tune of *Infant Holy*)

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One.
Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,
As we glory in your presence, giving for a grateful heart.**

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SENDING FORTH

† Carol **Joy to the World** **No. 246**

† Benediction

† Postlude

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bonnie Armstrong
Florence Brittain
Elwood Cheatham
Lynwood Creech
Rev. Calvin and Marian Cooper
Ken Cunningham
Agnes Fainter
Luther and Maxine Fitch
Denise Hornberger
Evelyn Hutcherson
Ruth Jett & Family
Courtney May
Tom McCauley
Helen Miller
Branch Moore
Virginia Odor
Shirley Reams
George Ready
Grady & Peggy Shamel
Jessie Stanley
Jeff Whitaker
Elizabeth Wilkinson

IN SYMPATHY

Robert “Bobby” N. Thompson has notified us that his brother William “Billy” Thompson, son of Ruth Thompson died at the end of November in Southwestern Utah from a fall which occurred while on a hiking trip.

If you have a prayer need please fill out a prayer card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We will add the name of members and loved ones that need our prayers.

Lay Reader: Rhonda Spear

WEEKLY CHIMES

11:00 a.m.

December 20, 2009

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 20, 2009 ~ Join us this evening for Christmas Caroling at 6:30 p.m. Dress warm! Bring a plate of cookies to share afterwards. Hot cider and cocoa will be provided.

December 24, 2009 ~ Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m.

December 27, 2009 ~ Only one service offered at 11:00 a.m.

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

The office will close for Christmas on Wednesday, 12/23/09 at 1:00 p.m. and reopen on Tuesday, 12/29/09 at 9:00 a.m. It will also close at 1:00 p.m. on December 31 and will be closed New Year's Day. We follow the same schedule as the Annual Conference and District Offices.

CITRUS FRUIT

The citrus fruit has arrived. We have ordered extra fruit and will make that available after church on Sundays, during office hours, and on a couple of Saturday mornings from 9:00 to Noon in front of the church. If you ordered fruit you can pick it up during the week from 9-3, Sat 10-1 or Sunday until 12:00.

FOOD PANTRY

The donations have been a little low the past few weeks. Please remember to bring in staple items for the Belmont Food Pantry which serves 200 families per week. With the holidays just around the corner – the need is even greater!

MITTEN, CAP & SCARF COLLECTION

The Mission Ministry is collecting mittens, caps and scarves once again this year for the homeless and needy. Please place them in the baskets on the table in the hallway.

RONALD MCDONALD PULL TAB COLLECTION

There is a little “house” on the counter in the coffee room for you to place all the pull tabs that you can take off canned drinks, some canned soups and even some pet food containers. The Ronald McDonald house collects these pull tabs and have a special arrangement for recycling them to help the wonderful mission of providing a homey atmosphere for families while their children are receiving long term life saving medical treatment at area hospitals. Our own church secretary Lori Guthrie and her family have benefitted from such care when their daughter Anna had to receive specialized medical treatment when they traveled out of state. So please remember this simple act of generosity and donate what you would normally just throw away, it will make a BIG difference in a lot of lives!

TOUCH THE LIFE OF A CHILD...

You can touch the life of a child through the ministry of adoption, UMFS provides adoption services to special needs children, primarily from the foster care system and support services to all Virginia families created by adoption through Adoptive Family Preservation. Please pray for families that have been created through adoption, for children waiting for families and adults who are waiting for children. For more information about UMFS, please visit our website at www.umfs.org or contact Linda Ray at 804-254-9692.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

The family of Brandon Islip wishes to express their appreciation of your kindness and expressions of sympathy during their recent loss.

UMW EXECUTIVE MEETING

Tuesday, January 5th at 10:30 a.m. there will be an Executive Meeting for all United Methodist Women officers. This meeting will be held in the church coffee room. We will prepare our budget for 2010 and discuss handouts from the District Training Day. It is very important that each new officer plan to attend.

Welcome!

We welcome you in
the name of Christ!

Please come as you are!

May you experience God's love
and healing in this place and time.

May you find strength and hope
for the journey ahead.

Thank you for joining your heart
and hands with ours in worship
and service.

Our Vision:

- To “be” and to “make”
disciples of Jesus Christ.
- To offer relevant, life-
changing worship.
- To share God's love in
action and words.

Our Mission:

We exist to glorify God;
are led by God's Spirit;
grounded in His Word;
worshipping one Lord ~
Jesus Christ;
united by one faith;
offering hope and transformation;
providing opportunities for
witness and service in our
community and world.

THIS WEEK AT WESTOVER HILLS

SUN, Dec. 20

- 8:30 a.m. Casual Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School (Classrooms)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

TUE, Dec. 22

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Wesley Library)

WED, Dec. 23

- 7:00 p.m. No Choir Practice

THU, Dec. 24

- 5:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

SUN, Dec. 27

- 8:30 a.m. NO SERVICE
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages (Classrooms)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

FIRST RESPONDERS

- 12/20/09 Fred Jewett & Ann Field 12/27/09 Carl & Helen Lynn
- 01/03/10 John & Deborah Alsko 01/10/10 Walter Satterwhite & Frances Goode

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.