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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP: 8:30am / CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 11:00am

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: 9:30am in Fellowship Hall / SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00

Sunday, December 20, 2015

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ

who is here to meet you today.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: (8:30) Thomas Family

Leader: This last Sunday in Advent 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.

People: **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*HYMN

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

No. 22

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of shalom, God of completeness, Jesus our Savior and provider of all good and perfect gifts, we praise You this morning for giving us opportunities to be a part of Your kingdom. You call us to lives of peace and reconciliation. Forgive us for taking joy in harsh language and biting comments. Turn our hearts and our lives to follow You as people of peace, and not animosity. Thank You for the example of Jesus who is our peace. We pray this through his name, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brett Foote

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5:2-5a (OT p865)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:25-35 (NT p59)

SERMON

"Jesus, the Harbinger of Peace"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"

No. 49

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"How Great Our Joy!" –arr. Krogstad

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN

"Angels, We Have Heard on High"

No. 23

*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*POSTLUDE

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring" – arr. Johnson

NEXT WEEK

1 Samuel 2:18-20

Luke 2:41-52

"Is Christmas for Children?"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

Advent Lighting: Puffenberger Family

Advent Response *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

Advent Reading and Prayer

*Praise & Worship

Angels, We Have Heard On High

God With Us

This is Amazing Grace

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Brett Foote

Scripture Readings

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 2:25-35

Sermon: *"Jesus, the Harbinger of Peace"*

*Offering/Closing Song

Adore

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
