

Worship for the Advent Season

December 20, 2009 – Fourth Sunday in Advent
10:00 AM

The Church is Gathered

Welcome The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Announcements Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.

Prelude *He Shall Feed His Flock* From the “Messiah”

Congregational Introit *Advent Song* Supplement #2090 (vs.4)

To Praise God’s Name

Lighting of the Advent Wreath — *The Love Candle*
The McCrickard Family: Brian, Jennifer, Chandler & Emma

Call to Worship

Sing aloud to God, our strength and our song;
rejoice and exult with all your heart.

*God is in our midst, renewing us;
we will be glad and sing praises.*

We have come together in faith
to draw water from the wells of salvation.

*As we have received the water of baptism
we seek once more to be cleansed and made whole.*

Come to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire;
for God is ready to change your life.

*God is restoring us before one another;
We are witnesses to God’s transforming power.*

* **Hymn of Praise** *Once in Royal David’s City* Hymnal #49

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O God, we are anxious and ashamed. Too often we are shaped by our fears, not by faith. We have said and done things unworthy of our calling. Our thoughts have been so dominated by the past and the future that we have failed to live fully in the present. Our lives are filled with discontent, worry, and self-protective pursuits. We have not trusted you or let you set us on fire with good news. Forgive us. Change us. Inspire our caring and doing so we may bear fruit as your forgiven and forgiving children. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. *Thanks be to God!*

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ is with you. *And also with you.*

Prayers by and for the People · The Lord’s Prayer

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Reception of Tithes, Offerings and Gifts

Offertory *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* German Carol

To Hear God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Button

Scripture Reading Micah 5:1-5a

Anthem *Sanctus (Holy Is The Lord)* Bach

*Holy, Holy Lord, the God of power and might
The earth is filled with Your glory;
Holy, Holy Lord, who was and is and is to come.
We offer honor, wealth and blessing, thanks and praise,
Now and forever more. Holy, Holy Holy!
Lord God Almighty, Lord God Almighty.
Only Thou are holy; there is none beside Thee.
Perfect in power, in love and purity.*

Scripture Reading *Luke 1:46-55* p.888

Anthem *The First Noel* arr. Dan Forrest

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.....
The first Noel, the angels did say, Was to certain
Poor shepherds in fields where they lay, in fields where
They lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night
That was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel
They looked up and saw a star shining in the east,
Beyond them far. And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born in the King of Israel
Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav’nly Lord.
That hath made heav’n and earth of naught,
and with His blood mankind hath bought. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King. Noel, Noel, Born is the King, Noel Noel.*

Scripture Reading*Psalms 80:1-7***p.510****Anthem***I Saw Three Ships*

arr. Lloyd Larson

*I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas day in the morning.
And what was in those ships All three on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
And what was in those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning
Our Savior Christ and His lady on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
Our Savior Christ and His lady on Christmas Day in the morning.
Pray whither sailed those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning?
Pray whither sailed those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning?
They sailed into Bethlehem, they sailed on Christmas Day
on Christmas Day in the morning. On Christmas
I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day in the morning.
And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.
And all the bells on Earth shall ring on Christmas day in the morning.
Then let us all rejoice and sing on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
Then let us all rejoice and sing on the morning.*

Scripture Reading*Hebrews 10:5-10***p.1049****Anthem***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.
It came a Flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the Night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright she bore to men a Savior, when half spent was the night.
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light
This Flow'r whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God from sin and death He saves us and lightens every load,
and lightens every load. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming.*

To Depart to Serve God* **Charge and Benediction*** **Congregational Response** *Joy To the World!* **Hymnal #40 vs. 1****Postlude***Sing We Now of Christmas*

French Carol

Announcements



Our heartfelt thanks to our **Choir, Organist, and Choir Director** for their gift of wonderful music throughout the year. Especially we thank them today for proclaiming the word in song on this final Sunday in the Advent season.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Debbie Berger**.

The **Session** will meet for its December stated meeting today, immediately following worship.

Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight service** will be at 6:00 PM this Thursday. As always, your visiting friends and family are invited and encouraged to attend.

A reminder that the annual Presbyterian **Christmas Joy Offering** will be received today. If you would like contribute, please make checks payable to APC and indicate in the memo line that your gift is for the Christmas Joy Offering.

The families of TWYG will be hosting a **Christmas Caroling Event** on Tuesday, December 22nd. Everyone in the church is invited. We will leave from the church at 6:30 PM.

The **church office** will be closed Wednesday and Thursday for the Christmas holiday.

Monday, December 28, is the deadline for articles for the **January "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at billsueferguson@aol.com

APC will be hosting a **Special Second Helping** on Wednesday, December 30. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend or neighbor. We will start at the usual 11:00 AM and keep the doors open until 6:00 PM. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by the office if you are able to help serve or bring menu items..

The **Angel Tree gifts** have been delivered. Because of your generosity, the children of four families will have presents to open this Christmas and their families will have a basket of food. The Ministry Beyond the Congregation Committee would like to thank all those who helped in this ministry.

Schedules

Ushers, December	Margaret Liebchen, Christine Oliver Anne & Erika Mabry
Greeters, December	David & Anne Mabry
Lay Reader, December 27	David Sease
Lay Reader, January 3	Gary Andrews
Nursery, December 27	Abbey Bogert
Nursery, January 3	Gary Strebel
CC Teachers, Dec.	Stephanie Moehlenkamp & Jenny Roark
CC Assistant, Dec. 27	Doug Hecht
Youth Group Helper, Jan. 10	Anne Mabry
Youth Meal Preparer Jan. 10	Linda Janiak

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: ***When God Comes*** Psalm of the week: **65**

MONDAY	James 5:7-18	THURSDAY	Ezekiel 34:17-31
TUESDAY	Matthew 1:18-25	FRIDAY	Isaiah 9:1-7
WEDNESDAY	Isaiah 40:1-11	SATURDAY	Philippians 4:4-9

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Dec. 20	Adult Sunday School Worship Session Meeting immediately after Worship	9:00 AM 10:00 AM
Wed., Dec. 23	Office Closed	
Sun., Dec. 27	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church	9:00 AM 10:00 AM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 12/20/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- All the Committee members.
- Our Youth Groups
- Praise: Children's Christmas Presentation.
- Help to grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and to share the Good News with others this year.
- Those who are lonely and those in need
- Financial uncertainty and the unemployed
- Hospice patients and caregivers.
- Lynn Moore for health concern.
- Health (Gary Alley, Elizabeth Brocklenhurst, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Nancy Cummings, Dianne Emmett, Joseph Eller, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Barbara Hare, Elizabeth Hawkins, Doug Hecht, Marie Hoffman, Tim Howdysshell, Brenda Hunt, Lucy Irvine, Diane Janiak, Hannah Johnson, Dan Kauffman, Ralph Liebchen, Phil and Carol Wills McCartney, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Conner Niblett, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, Janie Roark, Herman Shelton, Charles Thomas, John Trotti, John Tuck, Heath Tuttle, Kathy Woodall)
- Leaders in the town, county, state, country and world.
- Military and their family (Robert Kinard, Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin, Joshua Wright)
- Our church mission projects.
- Missionaries: John and Julie Farmer with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, John and Beth Muehleisen with World Gospel Mission, and Paul and Reinhild Sydnor with the International Teams. (Their newsletters are posted on the bulletin board.)
- Residents in retirement homes and residential care (Thelma Blanchard, Joseph Eller, Francis Harvey, Ruth Knight, Wilmoth McClelland, Roy Tucker, Margaret Young)

People to Contact at APC

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