

Service Of Worship

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2010

- Organ Prelude
- Announcements and Welcoming of Visitors
- *Striking of the Hour
- *Call to Worship

Pastor: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light

People: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise *The First Nowell* #85

Children's Story Time

Lighting Of the Second Advent Candle

MINISTER: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

PEOPLE: Why do we light two candles?

MINISTER: The first candle reminds us of the hope of the prophets. The second candle reminds us of the dark night when Joseph and Mary found light and warmth in the stable and the love surrounding the birth of the Christ child.

UNISON: "And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

*Hymn of Preparation *O Little Town Of Bethlehem* #86

UNISON PRAYER: Dear God, help us to have room in our hearts and our homes for other persons who need us. We thank you for friends and strangers who have received us when we were lonely, afraid, or tired. May we be ready to receive the love God offers us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Choral Response

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

*Offertory *Doxology*

Anthem *Choir*

Scripture Reading *Luke 9:34-38*

Sermon *Rev. Thompson*

*Hymn of Dedication *Why He Came* #96

*Benediction *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

*Choral Response

*Extinguishing of the Candles of Worship

*Time of Fellowship and Friendly Greeting

*Those who are able please stand

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Welcome! We welcome all those who worship with us today. If you are a guest, we want to give you a special welcome. If you are looking for a church home, we would count it an honor to have you make it here. A staffed **Nursery** is available for small children through the doors at the front right side of the sanctuary. We have a Children's Worship Time during the "Sermon" time. Children ages 3 yrs. old through 5th grade leave following the Offertory.

The Flowers are placed on the altar to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lawton Maddox, Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Maddox, and Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Rosser by their family.

Sunday: 10:00 **Sunday School.**
10:55 **Worship Service.**
3:30 **Youth Group**
6:00 **Choir Rehearsal.**

Monday: 7:00 **Cub Scouts.**

Wednesday: 6:30 **Circle of Friends at Café Vesuvio**
7:00 **Men's Fellowship at Golden Corral**
7:00 **Drama Practice**
7:30 **Boy Scouts**

Friday: 9:00 **Operation Christmas Child**

Saturday: **Broadway Christmas Parade**

Ministry Assistants

Acolytes: Katie Kelly, Thomas McNeill

Next Sunday: Luke Thomas, Abby Thomas

Children Worship: Camellia Hempe

Next Sunday: Pam Gunter

Deacon on call: Johnny Watson

"Strive for Five" (more)



The **Christmas Card Exchange** box is in the Narthex. If you have Christmas cards for those who attend church here, you may leave them in the boxes for them to pick up. If you would like to make a donation for the cost of postage you save, the money will go to the Deacon Fund to help those in need.

We are planning to go caroling to the Eames Drive and Winslow Drive Housing Complexes on Monday evening, December 21. We plan to present the residents of each apartment with a pound cake, Christian literature and small gifts. If you would be willing to donate \$2.00 to buy a pound cake (or bake one) please contact Mary Griffin.

If you would like to sponsor a **poinsettia** in honor or memory of someone for Christmas, please contact LaVerne Maddox or Camellia Hempe today. The cost is \$10.00.

It is time to start practicing for our **New Year's Eve dramas**. If you are interested in helping with the dramas, practices will be Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 (dress rehearsal) at 7:00 p.m.

The **Well Wishers** are planning to go out for dinner on Tuesday, December 14, and go the Meadows to see the Christmas lights afterwards. We will leave from the church at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come along. Call Beryl Campbell to reserve your seat on the bus.

Memorial donations have been made to the General Fund in memory of **Edwin Thomas** by Mary Lee, and to the Building Fund in honor of **Sammy Poe** by Steve & Camellia Hempe, & Kaitlynn.

All middle and high school youth are invited to the **2011 Winter Retreat**. The dates are January 21-23. The cost is \$125 and a \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by December 19th to reserve a spot. This cost will include two breakfasts, lunch on Saturday, a t-shirt, retreat material and supplies, two nights lodging, and water park admission for the weekend. See Stephen for more questions or to turn in your deposit.

On Saturday, **December 18 we will have a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Applebee's**. The profits from this fundraiser will go toward the Building fund. Come and get your breakfast before you start your Christmas shopping. You can get your picture made with Santa and much more. Get tickets from Pete Sturm or Mary Griffin for yourself and to sell.

Many thanks to **Judy and Robert Douglas for the beautiful cabinets** in the Fellowship Building. We appreciate the donation by Judy and the craftsmanship by Robert to enhance our building.

Dates to Remember:

- December 17 – 7:00 p.m. - Youth Lock-in
- December 18 – 8:00-10:00 a.m. - Applebee's Pancake Fundraiser
- December 19 – Choir Christmas Cantata
- December 19 – 6:00 p.m. - Youth Christmas Program
- December 20 – 6:00 p.m. - Caroling and Outreach to Eames and Winslow Drive
- December 24 – 11:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
- December 31 – 7:00-10:00 p.m. - New Year's Eve Singing Celebration

Love is the foundation of all giving. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son. . ." (John 3:16).

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