

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

We Approach God

PRELUDE

“Fantasy for Trombone”

Marvin Cannon, Trombone

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

“Praise Him”

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 103)

Praise the Lord, my soul! All my being, praise God’s holy name!

Praise the Lord, my soul, and do not forget how kind God is.

As high as the sky is above the earth, so great is God’s love toward us.

As kind as a father is to his children, so kind is the Lord to us.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #168**

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

***GOD’S GREETING TO US**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Congregation: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Clear Water”

Marvin Cannon

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”* – Insert

“Love lifted me, Love lifted me

When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.”

L O V E.....

John 3:16.....

PSALM READING

Psalm 80:1-7 (Page 420 Old Testament)

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"God Is"

Iris Wray, Soloist

God Speaks to Us

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Micah 5:1-5a (Page 671 Old Testament)
John 10:11-18 (Page 79 New Testament)

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #169**

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

SERMON

"Advent: Love"

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(p. 12 hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Do You Love God?"

Iris Wray, Soloist

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #171**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

Reprise

L O V E.....

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

Today's Ushers: Walt & Lucy Paradies

Ushers for December 25: Jeff DeWitt & Mike Shafer

CONSISTORY

At our Annual Congregational Meeting you elected Chris Forte and Jennifer Legg to be elders for the next 3 years, and Dave Pynaker to be a Deacon. The Book of Church Order requires us to publish the names of those elected on 3 consecutive Sundays before their installation. If you have a legitimate objection to their assuming office, please contact the Pastor or a Consistory Member.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are as follows: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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2015 Poinsettias

Given in Memory Of

Alfred & Frances Woodward
Douwie & Agnes VanderSchaaf
My son, Lenard Francique
My parents, Ralph & Helen Means
My sister, Barbara Kennedy
Family members & friends
My son, Thomas DeWitt
Loved ones
Loved Ones
My parents, Sam & Helen Ferris
Parents, Warren & Frances McDowell
Parents, Arthur & Ruth Ahrens
Wendy Offermann
Audrey Ringen
Our parents
Rosalie Davis, Marge Tighe

Given in Honor Of

Jane DeWitt
Wonderful, new grandchildren
Our loving parents
FRCC Choirs

Given By

Duane & Becky Woodward
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Barbara Araromi
Chris Forte
Chris Forte
Edwin & Ethel Yarter
Jane DeWitt
Joe & Liz White
Pete & Barbara Nickel
John Ferris
Dave & Marilyn McDowell
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Walter & Lucy Paradies
Carole Angrilla
Walter & Lucy Paradies
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Given By

Jeff DeWitt
Bill & Rebecca Kalsbeek
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Joe & Liz White