

Advent II
December 9, 2012 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" Johann Pachelbel

*HYMN OF INTENTION "Blessed Be the God of Israel" No. 209
(MERLESTONE)

*Call to Worship

Leader: We prepare the way for the God of Israel who comes to set us free...

Congregation: With songs that never cease!

ALL: Come, let us sing!

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" (REGENT SQUARE) No. 220 v 4
*Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King*

Leader: We prepare the way for the child of grace...

Congregation: With songs that never cease!

ALL: Come, let us sing!

"O Come, All Ye faithful" (ADESTE FIDELES) No. 234 v 1
*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Leader: We prepare the way for the Savior who comes among us...

Congregation: With songs that never cease!

ALL: Come, let us sing!

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (GLORIA) No. 238 v 3
*Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Leader: We prepare...

Congregation: With songs that never cease!

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

+++ANTHEM "He Will Come Down Like Rain" Ruth Elaine Achram
Cherub Choir, Sandy Wallace, Director

CHILDREN'S MOMENT & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Kathy Schmucker

Director of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation

In the darkness of night Joseph heeded the angel's call. Give me a desire for your divine will. Grant me, then, the courage to follow your call that I, like Joseph may open my arms and heart to your Son and to all whom he loves. In the name of the Christ child we pray. Amen.

FAITH STORY

OFFERING

OFFERTORY + "A Waiting Carol" Helen Kemp
Carol Choir, Joanne Fox, Director; Susan Deibel, Accompanist
+++ "Divinum mysterium" (13th cent. Plainsong) Wilbur Held
Organ Offertory

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94
(LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and
glory forever. Amen.*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 1:18-24

SERMON *Joseph of Bethlehem*
Sermon 2 of 5 in "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

HYMN OF MISSION "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (TRURO) No. 213

BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" No. 202

*ORGAN POSTLUDE "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Paul Manz

**Please stand if you are able*

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For further reflection:

Faith UMC is engaged in a church-wide sermon and study series during this season of Advent. Each week we will offer a scripture and reflection question to encourage you to share in your homes and among your friends and families to guide us in further reflection on each week's message.

2nd Week of Advent: Read Matthew 1:18-25

*Have you ever had a dream that made a difference in your life? What do we learn about Joseph from his response to God in verse 24? How does Joseph's example help you to respond to God's call in your life? **Prayer Focus:** Lord, help me to grow in the strength of humility as modeled by your servant, Joseph.*

Read Luke 1:39-56 in preparation for the 3rd Week of Advent.

Next Sunday at Faith Church - Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem
Rev. Cara Stultz Costello
8:30 AM- Chancel Choir
11:00 AM – Joy Unlimited

Announcements

COOKIE WALK TODAY! Cookies will be sold after all three services in the Gathering Area. Thank you for supporting the UMW missions.

The Giving Tree Gifts are due tomorrow! Please wrap the gift and attach the tag from the Giving Tree securely on the gift. All wrapped gifts can be placed under the tree in the Gathering Area by **TOMORROW, December 10th**. Thank you for your generosity! Steve & Emma McKenzie and Jake & Lynda Lebold.

Gift Cards! Don't forget to place your GIFT CARD orders for holiday giving as well as your shopping. Every purchase helps the youth earn money toward their summer Mission Trip and it doesn't cost you anything. Some gift cards are kept on hand for immediate purchase in the office during business hours. Check the Gathering Area or church office for order forms and leave them in Susan Arnold's mailbox with your check. Orders take about a week to arrive and can be picked up in the office.

Christmas Poinsettias Time to sign up for Christmas poinsettias. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Area and also outside the Youth Room. Cost is \$8.50 a plant. The last day to sign up will be Tuesday, December 18th.

Acts of Grace Act of Grace cards are available in the Narthex and the on the table outside the Family Life Center (by the Youth Room). Visit www.faithumchurch.org to read stories of people who received and gave Acts of Grace! Our goal is 7x70 (or 490). Each card taken is viewed as a commitment to give an Act of Grace. Submit your story today!

Second Wind Reminder that Second Wind will NOT meet in December. Happy Holidays and we will see you on January 8th. Come hear Dot Fisher speak on Cuba: Friend of Foe?

Website Tidbit: Did you know that on our website you can listen to sermons you may have missed? Catch up by visiting www.faithumchurch.org. (under the Come & Worship < Listen)

Join Us In Sunday School!

Nursery (Infant – Age 2) – 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 AM in Room 18
Following the Children's Sermon, the following ages/grades will be invited to attend Sunday School:

Preschool (Ages 3-5) – 9:45 & 11:00 AM in Room 20

Grades K-2 – 9:45 & 11:00 AM in Room 6

Grades 3-5 – 9:45 & 11:00 AM in Room 8

Youth (6th-12th together during Advent) @ 11AM Youth Room

Adult Sunday School @ 9:45AM in the Conf Rm & W Parlor

Adult Sunday School @ 9:45 AM in Room 16

Adult Sunday School @ 11:00 AM in Room 16

Experience Advent:

Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

A church wide sermon & study series! Small groups and Sunday school classes are happening this week. Check out the Advent info at the church info center or table outside of the Youth Room & Website! Check out these studies:

Monday @ 7PM, Facilitator: Bob Kuchner, West Parlor

Tuesday @ 1PM, Facilitator: Sam Purses, Rm 16

Sunday @ 9:45AM, Facilitator: Jim Skinner, Rm 16

Sunday @ 9:45AM, Facilitator: Kim Reynolds & Steve Golden, W Parlor

Sunday @ 11:00AM, Facilitator: Sue Bell & Kathy Schmucker, Rm 16

Youth and Children will participate in the study through their Sunday School Classes (listed above).

Experience Advent Wednesday, Dec. 12th! Christmas Caroling & Barn Service! Imagine the fun we will have caroling through our church neighborhood as we experience the story of Christ's birth. Join us at 6:00pm for a Grab & Go dinner followed by caroling through the church neighborhood at 6:20pm.

Advent Books Available! Check out the 2012 Advent Devotional Book available **ONLINE, through the Spiritual Formation Blog, & in print!** In an effort to be good stewards of our resources, we have a limited number of printed Advent Devotionals. Please visit the website to view the devotional digitally each day throughout Advent and to comment and share your story!! (www.faihumchurch.org) or the blog (www.faihumchurch.wordpress.com)

Advent Resources Along with our Advent devotion book, we also have an assortment of handouts available to help you experience Advent & Christmas in your homes. Check out the display at the Church Info Center in the Gathering Area & the literature stand near the youth room outside the Family Life Center.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services Volunteers are invited to assist with our 7:00pm Interactive Family Christmas Eve Service. See Kathy Schmucker or Sandy Vaughn for more information.

5PM The Praise Service Worship Team will provide music and worship in the Family Life Center. Childcare will be available!

7PM Join us for an Interactive Family Service. Kids – Come dressed as a shepherd or an angel to help us worship during this interactive family service! Glowsticks for kids will be available. The Cherub (K-2) and Carol (Grades 3-5) Choirs will sing. Childcare will be available.

9PM Carols, Worship & a message to help focus our hearts and minds towards the reason for Christmas. The Church Youth Choir, Joy Unlimited, will provide music. Childcare will be available.

11PM As the minutes lead to Christmas, bring in the holiday with our candlelight service filled with carols, worship, communion & a message to focus our hearts & minds. The Chancel Choir provides music.

Worship Attendance Last Sunday:

8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
120	163	155	438

THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH

Sunday

9:45 & 11

11:00 am

12:00 pm

5:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

Monday

9:00 am

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Thursday

7:15 am

7:30 am

12:00 pm

2:00 pm

5:45 pm

Friday

6:30 pm

Saturday

December 9

Sunday School for Nursery, Preschool & Adults!

Teen Tech Team Editing Meeting – Conf Room

Confirmation Mentor Meeting, RH

Joy Unlimited Youth Choir, Choir Room

Refuge Youth Ministry:

Advent Conspiracy, Session 3

Refuge Parent Group, W Parlor

December 10

Circle of Faith

Advent Small Group Study, W Parlor

Covenant Bible Study, Rm 16

Meditation Group, Room 8

Men's Open Basketball, FLC

December 11

Men's Prayer Group, Balcony

Quilts to Share, Rms 5 & 6

Celebration Bells – Rm 8

Advent Small Group Study, Rm 16

Small Group Task Group, Rm 8

Women's Bible Study, W Parlor

Boy Scouts, RH, FLC

SPRC, Rm 16

December 12

Women's Morning Study Group, W Parlor

“Christmas Cheer” Fruit Basket Packing

Church Staff Meeting

Lydia Circle, RH

Carol Choir, Choir Room

Cherub Choir, Rm 8

Grab & Go Dinner, RH (RSVP to CHURCH)

Advent Caroling & Barn Service

Chancel Choir

Confirmation Leadership Meeting

December 13

Retired Men's Breakfast: Susanna's

Working Women's Breakfast, Samantha's

Library Volunteers

Faith Stitchers,

Boy Scouts – God & Life, Rm 5

December 14

Staff Christmas Dinner

December 15

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Journey:

Walking the Road to
Bethlehem

Joseph
of Bethlehem

WELCOME!

On this day when we prepare ourselves to welcome the King of Glory, we are pleased to welcome all who have come to join in joyous worship.

Co-Pastors: Rev. Steve and Cara Stultz Costello

Organist: William Kaiser

The altar flowers are given by Sherry and Noble Carpenter in memory of their parents.

December 9, 2012

- Communion is available today in the Chapel. Guided meditation books are available. Please enter quietly.
- Large print copies of the order of worship and hearing aid devices are available from the ushers.
- Restrooms are located in the hallway off the Gathering Area.
- Find Sunday School for all ages & Childcare Info inside!
- Copies of the weekly Prayer List are available at the Information Station in the Gathering Area along with Nov/Dec Upper Room & Daily Bread devotionals.



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