

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2006 10:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREPARATION "The Bible is largely the story of the call of deliverers."
- Joseph Parker

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please sign the friendship pads as they are distributed)*
(If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card and pass it to the end of the pew during the opening hymn.)

PRELUDE *Shepherd's Pipe Carol* -Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Before the majesty of God, we gather to worship; in quiet expectation, we come to hear God's promises.

All: This is where we belong; here we are warmly greeted. Surely God will feed our deepest hunger.

Leader: Before God's strength and power, we bow down; in hesitant anticipation, we listen for God's judgment.

All: This is our home, where our lives are redirected. Surely God will show us new ways to live.

Leader: Before the mercy of God, we lift our hearts; in humble imagination, we welcome a new visitation.

All: This day God is present with us; we feel it. Surely God is preparing us for a time of joy.

Leader: Let us worship God!

♪ *HYMN 12 *People, Look East*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE -Dick & Edie Fischer
Hear these words from the prophet Moses, Deuteronomy 18:15-16a, 18b

PRAYER (all together)

O God of Joy, Emmanuel, send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the time of Christ's appearing. Fix our hearts and our minds upon those things you have done and those you have promised to do that we may have the joy you have promised. Amen.

*All who are able may stand

♪ ♪ *HYMN 48 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all together)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION *The Christmas Joy Offering* -Craig Wright

CALL FOR THE OFFERING OF GIFT AND SELF

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (all together)

Holy God, we present our offerings as an act of gratitude. In the name of generosity we cannot match, we seek to be generous toward others. May these offerings do far more than support our church. We dedicate ourselves and these gifts to honor Christ through ministry in the world. Amen.

♪ ♪ *HYMN 49 *Once in Royal David's City*

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 60 *Silent Night vs. 1*

♪ ♪ (all singing)

Silent Night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

POSTLUDE *Come All Ye Shepherds* -Warner

(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)

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Usher: George Shaffer
Layreader: Robin Miller
Counters: Bill Halligan & George Shaffer
Greeters: Bill & Myrt Halligan
Building Check: Church & Society
(December 31st – Membership – January 7th – Stewardship)

SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who worship here this morning. Please join us for coffee after the worship service.

Large print copies of the Order of Worship, The Hymnal and the NRSV Bible are available at the back of the church.

Phonic Ear hearing assistance program is available. Please see an usher for more details.

Prayer Request Cards, located, in your pew, are for any prayer requests you wish included in the Prayers of the People. If you have a prayer request, please annotate your request on the back of the card, then pass it to the end of the pew (whichever end is closer to you) for collection by the usher during the opening hymn. Please do not place the card in the offering plate, as the card suggests. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Philippians 4:6*

CHILD CARE

Infant/Toddler Nursery Care during worship is provided for your children. Julie Riccio is ready to welcome your child.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Amy Balon (Nancy Galley) ♦ *Matt Bove (Richard Jones)*
 ♦ *Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik)* ♦ Andrew Derrick (BJ Rustic) ♦ Michelle Campbell
 (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan &
 Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy
 Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Mary Flemming (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Jessica Grazen
 (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed
 Gutowski) ♦ Harold Hanna ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ *Janet H. (Nancy Galley)* ♦ Esther Hiller
 (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦
 Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Dee Dee Labby
 (Marion Labby) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ BJ
 Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Joan Shockey (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ The
 Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Kyle James Smyntek (The
 Fiegl's) ♦ Partick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam))

Chris Kalinowski ☼ Matthew Jones ☼ Bill Cenkner Jr. ☼ Patrick Baskerville ☼ Sammy
 Russo ☼ Kimberly Trudeau ☼ Steve Odebralski ☼ Jason Zimmerman ☼ Andrew
 Zalikowski ☼ Nick Turvey ☼ Kristen Pelc ☼ Ben Schauss ☼ Phillip Schott ☼ Josh Winkler
 ☼ Russell Molnar ☼ Pat McCullough ☼ Ryan M. Ratigan ☼ Larry Lloyd ☼ Joshua
 Feldman

Each week we invite you to hold in your prayers different families and individuals in our
 church. As an act of faithfulness we pray for each other. This week we pray for:
 Margaret Edington Nancy & Jim Kester Paul & Betty Rasp The Rowe Family

CALENDAR

Today	- December 24	10:00 a.m.	Worship – <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
		7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Service
Mon.	- December 25		<i>Merry Christmas</i> <i>Office closed</i>
Sun.	- December 31	10:00 a.m.	Worship -Dick Fischer preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

We will be collecting pasta, boxed meals, paper products and brown paper bags for the month of December. As always you may donate any non-perishable food at any time. Please place your donations in the basket closest to the balcony stairs in the narthex.

This year the last day for the recording secretary to accept pledges and Per Capita is December 31st. If you want credit for your tax returns please submit by this date. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Attention All Session Members: It's that time of year again. Annual Reports are due no later than January 7th. Please turn your report into the church office by this date.

As you know, 25 % of our Peace Offering stays in our community. This year, we selected a working family who has trouble making ends meet. They are very grateful for this extra help which made their Thanksgiving special. Be sure to read their thanks you note that is posted on the bulletin board. Thanks so much for your support of this mission.

Attendance for December 17th

Adult – 71 Children - 12