

The Fourth Sunday of Advent Pageant & Luncheon

10:30 A.M. December 18, 2011
Prelude (Titles of our organ Prelude, Offertory, &
Postlude are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.)

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship The Rev. MacKenzie Scott
The wilderness shall be glad, and the desert shall
blossom.

All flesh will see God's majesty and glory.

You with weak hands, God will strengthen you!

You who are fearful, take heart!

For behold, God is coming to save the faithful.

**They will obtain joy and gladness, and
sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

Let us rejoice in song, for our God comes! **Amen**

Introit (13) "Prepare the Way"

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

FIRST READER: This is the fourth Sunday in Advent.
Today, we light the four candles. The first Sunday, we lit
the candle of hope. The second Sunday, we lit the
candle of love. The third Sunday, we lit the candle of
joy. Today, we light the candle of peace. Our world is
not always a peaceful world. People hurt other people.
Countries are at war today. People don't take care of
the world. People yell and scream at other people. But
God promises peace. During Advent we pray that we,
as well as all people, will seek God's peace. (*Light the
four candles.*)

*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" **44**

SECOND READER: When we look at the fourth
candle, we remember God's promise of peace. We
recall the words of Jesus in John 14:27, "Peace I leave
with you; my peace I give to you." In times of war and
hatred it's hard to remember that Jesus is the one who
brings peace. As we approach Christmas let's
remember that God's intention is a place of peace
where people shake hands instead of harming one
another.

FIRST READER: **Luke 2: 8-12** This Scripture
reminds us that when we are fearful, we are often not
thinking of peace. The angels calm the shepherds and
send them forward with a task. Who are the people in
our world who need God's peace? What are our
hopes for peace in our world?

SECOND READER: The shepherds may not have
felt very peaceful when they heard the words of the
angel. They were probably scared and confused, but
they followed those words, trusting in God. Sometimes
all we see around us gives a message different from the
message of peace. Yet we, like the shepherds, can
follow God's words and trust in God's promises.

**PRAYER: (Unison) Dear God: Thank you for your
son, Jesus. Thank you for those in our world
today who seek to act for peace. Help us look for
ways to be peacemakers at home, at church and
at school. AMEN.**

Service of Giving

*Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" **48**

*Sentences

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep" McCrae

*Doxology **592**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" **49**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 89: 1-4

I will sing of thy steadfast love, O Lord, for ever: with my
mouth I will proclaim thy faithfulness to all generations.

**For thy steadfast love was established for ever,
thy faithfulness is firm as the heavens.**

Thou hast said, "I have made a covenant with my
chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant:

**I will establish your descendants for ever, and
build your throne for all generations."**

Service of Reflection

Anthem "Infant Jesus, Holy One" Butler

Pageant - The Circle of Love

John 3:16

*Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" **29**
Luke 2: 1-20

Children's Choir "Away In A Manger"

Matthew 2: 1-2, 9-11

*Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" **49**
(*gifts to the manger are to be collected during hymn*)

Solo "O Holy Night" Ruth Blankenship
1 John 4: 7-11

*Hymn "Love Came Down at Christmas" Insert

*Benediction

*Postlude

Dismissed to our service in the world

*Standing

Pageant Cast

Baby Jesus: Peyton Davenport

Mary: Elena Barrick

Joseph: Matheu Davenport

Manger animals: Veronica & Quinn Stanford

Angels: Lexi Barrick, Izzy DeVett, Angela Lopez,
Kaley Palmer, Gabby Rojo, and Madison
VanBuskirk

Shepherds: Sammy and Will Barrick, Will DeVett,
Nathaniel Lopez, and Mitchell VanBuskirk

Kings: Hobie Beauseigneur, Jamaica Rojo, and
James Scott

Readers: Hobie Beauseigneur, Kara Libby, and
Sam Scott

Assistants: Liza and Christine Craddock and Lydia
Hall.

Please Join Us

Following the pageant, everyone is invited
downstairs for lunch, concluding with a brief musical
program.

Thanks

Our thanks to everyone who has been involved in the pageant. A special thanks to all those who prepared and contributed to the Pageant Luncheon.

Serving Today

Acolyte Lindsey Barrick
Ushers Robert Rapp, David & Heidi Hall, Mark Bettner
Greeter The Rapp Family

This Week

Today	9:30 a.m.	Combined Choirs in Loft
	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Pageant
	11:30 a.m.	Christmas Luncheon & Program
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Newsletter Items due
Saturday	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:45 p.m.	Christmas Organ Prelude
	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service



Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service. The choir will meet at 6:30.

OFFICERS, DEACONS or COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Annual reports are due in the office no later than **9:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 28th** so they can be compiled, sent to the printer and ready for distribution Sunday, January 8 before the Annual Congregational Business Meeting on January 15. They may be submitted via e-mail or written. Thank you to those who have already submitted your reports.

January Newsletter

Please have written items for the January Newsletter in the office by 9 a.m. Monday, December 19, 2012. You may e-mail them also. Thank you

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For Your Prayers

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Ben Austin, Lynda Blankenship Barrett, Peg Budd, Tamara Gerasimova, Herman Howard, Russ Mayberry, and Steve Rotolo are at home.

Bill Bobb at Riverview Manor. Chet & Margaret Jump at RidgeCrest. Beverly Fisher at RiverWoods. Cookie Goodall & Harriet Littell at Elmcroft. Gloria Miller at Rockwell.

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request or are interested in being notified when prayer requests are submitted, please contact Jan Rolecki at 523-6074 or Kathryn Morris at kmorris1@dejazzd.com.

Sunday School Canceled

Sunday School for all ages is canceled on Sunday, December 25, 2011 and Sunday, January 1, 2012. Regular classes will resume Sunday, January 8.

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