

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AND PRAISE

PRELUDE While by My Sheep Arr. R. J. Powell
 The Snow Lay on the Ground Arr. R. J. Powell
 Brass and Organ

*GREETING

Long ago God promised a Messiah
whose mission would be to make God's presence a reality.

**God revealed to Joseph in a dream
that Mary's son was to be that Messiah.**

Jesus' birth is divine,
because God intervened in history to send his Son.

**God continues to give himself through his Son;
that all who recognize his divine origin
may find Him to be their Emmanuel.**

*CAROLS

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Words and Melody by J. F. Wade, arr. by David Willcocks

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!*

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above. Glory to God In the highest: *Ref.*

"The First Nowell"

English Traditional Carol, Music arr. by David Willcocks

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

English Traditional Carol, Music arr. by David Willcocks

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Savior Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Words by Charles Wesley, Music by F. Mendelssohn arr. by David Willcocks

Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. *Ref.*

Hayes Barton UMC

December 23, 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee

is served on the patio or in the kitchen hall.

Today's Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the anniversary of Sallie and David by Thomas and Matthew Wheeler.

Rosebud

Emily Baker was born December 17 to Lea Ann and Mike Baker.

Sympathy and Love to

† Bill Crone on the death of his father, Charles W. Crone, on December 14. His services were held on December 16 at First UMC in Mount Olive.

† Richard Kane on the death of his mother, Eleanor Kane, on December 15. Her services were held on December 18 in Illinois.

† Candace Mallard on the death of her grandmother, Janis Ostrander, on December 17 in Vero Beach, Florida.

Special Music

The Stroud and Morrison endowments provide support for the guest musicians during this season.

Christmas at Hayes Barton CDs

† all your favorite Christmas songs performed by HB members
† proceeds help HB youth ministry
† CDs: \$12 each, \$10 - 2 or more

LightHouse Help Needed

We need people to make the LightHouse worship table come alive on Sunday mornings. Contact Roberta at 832-6435 or rbyram@hbumc.org.

Taking Communion to Others

We will take Communion out on 1/6. If you know anyone that wants to be served, please contact Dick and Theresa Stevens at 866-0304.

Personal Daily Devotion Workshop

Start the new year by making your daily devotion a real and personal time with God... every day for the rest of your life! If you are already doing devotions daily, you may pick up some ideas to make your special time with God even richer. Through sharing with each other how we meet with God, growth for each participant is sure to come.

This 6-week workshop, led by Jimmie Wall, will start Wednesday evening, January 9, at 6:30 pm following the Wednesday evening fellowship dinners. Sign up on the board across from LuAnn's office.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study will begin again on January 24 for a 7-week course entitled "God Is Closer Than You Think" by John Ortberg. Each class starts at 9:45 am and ends at 11:30 am. Please contact Mary June Jones at mjones28@nc.rr.com or 782-5725, or Janet Chesson at 781-3240 or wchesson@nc.rr.com to register. Call Marjorie Freeman at 782-8008 if childcare is needed.

"Batter Up and Slam Dunk"

Do you have any interest in Spring Softball or Fall Basketball? We are considering starting an adult men's team, along with a children's division for boys/girls, ages 7-18.

If you are interested in participating in and/or helping to organize these teams, please contact Duane Carr at dukecarr@bellsouth.net.

MISSIONS

Support Costa Rica Missions

Authentic Costa Rican coffee; \$1/cup or \$10/pound donation.

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EVANGELISM

New Member Class Starts 1/20

The class will meet on Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10 & 17. You may join HBUMC on Feb. 24. Questions? Contact Jennifer Hollerung at 832-6435 x27 or jhollerung@hbumc.org.

"A Year with the Bible"

is now available across from LuAnn's office next to the copy room.

YOUTH

Live Nativity

When: December 24; during the 4, 7, & 11 pm Christmas Eve Worship Services
Please arrive 30 minutes before and stay 30 minutes after the service.

Bible Studies Start Again Jan. 9

CHILDREN

Weekday Preschool/MMO Registration

Information/applications for the weekday preschool/MMO program for the school year 2008-09 will be available after January 4, 2008 at the preschool. Pick them up; mail back or drop off at the same site. The deadline is Friday, January 8. Questions: call Amy Mattheis 832-9535.

Nursery/Ext. Session Volunteers

N 12/30 Josie & Will Tattersall
2s 12/30 Ginger & William Jackson
3s 12/30 Laura Cline
4s 12/30 Lisa & Jason Brockman
5s 12/30 Tammy & Steven Lowry

Prayer Bookmark

12/23/2007

Death

Charles Crone
(Bill's father)
Eleanor Kane
(Richard's mother)
Janis Ostrander
(Candace Mallard's grandmother)

Hospital

Amanda Gaskins
Aristeene Kelly
Margaret Scott

HB Calendar

see www.hbumc.org

Monday, 12/24

Christmas Eve

Church Offices Closed

4:00 pm Sanctuary
Family Friendly Service
7:00 pm Sanctuary
Candlelight Communion
11:00 pm Sanctuary
Candlelight Communion

Tuesday, 12/25

Christmas

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, 12/30

8:30 am Sanctuary
Worship Service
9:00 am FH
Worship Service
9:50 am All Over
Sunday School
11:00 am Sanctuary
Worship Service

Tuesday, 1/01

New Year's Day

Church Offices Closed

In 2008 Resolve to Attend UNITED METHODIST MEN

The first UMM meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday, January 8, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Dr. William Green, Associate Pastor of the First UMC in Cary, who will relate his experiences and challenges with men's ministry and specifically UMM. Pastor Rick will have introductory remarks. We will also have a brief business meeting. Resolve to be there!

The meal cost is \$6; an RSVP is needed. If you are not called, contact: Iggy Burroughs at 787-0328, Jim Kelly at 325-1510, or Bill Wood at 876-2107. For general questions or comments, contact Ben Thompson at 781-0964 or charlesben@bellsouth.net.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Sharing Words of Love

Rivers Family – Wayne, Lisa, Hart & Cate (8:30)

The Fleming Family - George, Olivia & Alex (11:00)

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We remember God’s love in sending Jesus into the world and Jesus’ love for all people. In 1 John we read, “Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.”

This candle reminds us that God sent the baby Jesus because God loves us.

Dear God, we are so glad that you love us. Help us love one another.

DUET

“Make Room”

Diane Petteway

Diane Petteway and Mike Trexler

Lord, make room in my heart for the Little One
Lord, make room in my heart for your precious Son
The One who washed away my sin
The One who cleanses from within
Lord, make room in my heart for the Little One
Lord, make room in my heart for the Holy Child
Lord, make room for the Little One, meek and mild
His parents saw Your purpose through
His parents kept their eyes on You
Lord, make room in my heart for the Holy Child
Lord, make room in my heart for the King of Kings
Lord, make room in my heart for this wondrous thing
The magic of a Christmas morn
The mystery of love reborn
Lord, make room in my heart for the King of Kings
Give me a heart for only you
Slow me down so I can see what is true
I am here to worship you

LATECOMERS MAY BE SEATED NOW.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 7:10-16 Page 605 (OT)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Ellen Safrit
(11:00 - Children ages 2 - K may leave for extended session.)

*GOSPEL TEXT Matthew 1:18-25 Page 1 (NT)

SERMON “The Unexpected Gift” Rick Clayton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Words by Phillips Brooks, Music by Lewis Redner

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear can hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Please pass the attendance register.

Visitors, please give us your address and phone number.

Offertory Selections from *Messiah* G. F. Handel

Recitative - “For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth”

Aria - “The People That Walked in Darkness”

Duane Donders, Bass

Chorus - “For Unto Us Is Born”

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Words by Christina Rossetti, Music by Gustav Holst

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN “Joy to the World”

Words by Isaac Watts, Music by G. F. Handel arr. by Lowell Mason

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders, of his love.

*BENEDICTION AND CHIMES

*POSTLUDE March of the Three Kings R. MacDonald

Brass and Organ

Trumpet: Dennis DeJong, Don Eagle Horn: Tracy Golaszewski

Trombone: Sean Timmons Trombone: Michael Murr

Tuba: Josh Adams Percussionist: Jeremy Smith

*Stand as you are able

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Head Ushers: Frank Brown; Tom Blalock

Ushers: (8:30) Bob Beddingfield, Captain; Tim Byram,
Michael Franke, Sylvia Gill, Cathy Pierce, Jim Pierce

(11:00) Charles Debrito, Captain; Al Bullock, Joe Burroughs,
David Butts, Ron Collier, Alan Long, Irwin Roberts

Prayer Warriors: (8:30) Doug Gill; (11:00) Jo Garrett

Crucifers: (8:30) Kaitlyn Vinson; (11:00) McCauley Peeler

Acolytes: (8:30) Ben Johnson and Vivian Elizabeth Satterfield;
(11:00) Adam Huggins and Sarah Huggins

Greeters: (8:30) Dave & Barbara Dickey, Allen & Kimberly Dowdle;
(11:00) Sheila Lee Carr

HAYES BARTON
United Methodist Church

Raleigh, North Carolina

MORNING WORSHIP
EIGHT-THIRTY AND ELEVEN O’CLOCK

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“The Unexpected Gift”

God is still surprising us in life-transforming ways – planting unexpected, even uninvited, seeds in the virginal “nobodies” or “no places” in our own neighborhoods and world. What will it mean for us to be the “Josephs” becoming aware of such gestations, asked to receive and accept God’s unexpected gift?

Our Mission: Offering Christ,
Community and Compassion

Our Vision: To Live
as Disciples of Christ