Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2013

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE Love Medley L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord"

PRAYER FOR OUR CONGREGATION

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 136)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.

It is God who remembered us in our low estate and rescued us from our foes; for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #7

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

*SALUTATION

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

"He Came down that we may have hope (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace...
He came down that we may have joy...
He came down that we may have love ...
He came down that we may have life..."

"Come, Lord Jesus. (3x) Come and be born in our hearts. Come, O Prince of Peace. (3x) Come and be born in our hearts. Come, Immanuel. (3x) Come and be born in our hearts"

RESPONSIVE READING #26 Psalm 107 (Page 496 Hymnal)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "In This Very Room" Harris

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Romans 1:1-7 (Page 116 New Testament)

John 3:11-21 (Page 71 New Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

*HYMN #399 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

SERMON "Advent: Love"

Our Response to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Koinonia" V. Michael McKay

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #159 "What Child Is This"

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

"Come, Lord Jesus" Reprise

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters:

Ushers: Bill, Julie Anne, Jason & Marie Thompson

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship:

Next week's stewards (December 29):

Greeters:

<u>Ushers</u>: Nancy Dey, John Ferris, Jennifer Legg, Liz White

Nursery: Vicki, Renee & Natalie Sherwood

Fellowship: Bring your favorite Christmas cookies

MEALS ON WHEELS

Just a reminder that this Friday, December 27th is our church's regularly scheduled day for delivery of meals. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Dey.

CONSISTORY INSTALLATION

At our congregational meeting, Jane DeWitt and Ronald Dellinger were elected to serve as Elders on the Consistory. They will be installed in January. If anyone has a biblical reason why either of them should not serve on Consistory, please let the Pastor or a current Consistory member know.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.

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!