

DECEMBER 24, 2006

10:30 AM

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**We would exalt the name of Christ as Lord and Savior. Blessed Creator, may your Holy Spirit give us the will and the power to do so. Amen.**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude: **“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”**  
-J. S. Bach  
arr. Dorothy Wells

Welcome and Announcements

\*Greeting Our Friends, New and Old

\*Opening Hymn 179: **“The First Noel”**  
(v. 1, 2 & 6)

(Please find today’s hymns in the **BROWN** hymnal.)

Call to Worship:

**One:** Our Advent journey is nearly completed.

**All:** We imagine ourselves as faithful pilgrims, dusty feet shuffling on the way to the stable, weary knees resting on scratchy hay, trembling hands reaching toward the rough-hewn manger.

**One:** Our worship beings! Touch Joy!

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Anthem: **“Go Tell It on the Mountain”** w/ Chancel Choir  
**“He’s got the Whole World in His Hands”**

Our Morning Prayers:

- Sharing of Prayer Requests
- Moments of Silent Prayer
- Moments of Spoken Prayer
- The Lord’s Prayer (using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings to God

Musical Offertory:

**“Panis Angelicus”**  
-Cesar Franck  
arr. Rob Roy Perry

Choral Offertory Response:

**“What Can I give Him”**

Scripture Reading:	<b>Luke 2:1-8</b>	Rick Halverson
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Message: **“Is He Here Yet?”** Pastor Jack Lowe

\*Hymn 171: **“Joy to the World”**

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Closing: **“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”**  
(Please find words to the above song on the projector screen.)

\*Postlude: **“Joy To the World”**  
-George Handel  
arr. Fred Bock

\* Indicates we stand in worship, if able.

**It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself.**

**—Charles Dickens**

<b>All the People of God</b>	<b>Ministers</b>
Rev. Dr. Jack Lowe	<b>Pastor</b>
Mrs. Betty Lou Carter	<b>Director of Music</b>
Mrs. Charlene Lester	<b>Organist</b>
Mrs. Melanie Graffeo	<b>Pianist</b>



**On this day, Christmas Eve, we invite you to consider how God in Christ came with love and a burning desire to reconcile all of humanity with God. We welcome all who are present and encourage everyone to greet each other warmly.**

A **nursery** is provided during Sunday School and worship service for infants and toddlers. Ushers will be glad to assist you in locating these rooms.



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR LAST WEEK**

**Gifts:**

Offering	\$2,717.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,817.00</b>



Needed per week for budget **\$3,471.86**

Memorial for Ernest Allen	\$55.00	Contemporary Worship	21
Joyful Noise Offering	\$234.57	Sunday School	50
<b>TOTAL ALL GIFTS:</b>	<b>\$3,106.57</b>	Traditional Worship	105



God Hears and Answers Prayers

**ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

<b>Today</b>	8:30AM	Contemporary Worship
	9:30AM	Church School
	10:30AM	Traditional Worship
	6:00PM	Christmas Eve Worship
<b>Monday</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> – Church Office Closed
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:45PM	Aerobics
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00AM	Prayer Group
		Camp Bethel's Winter Camp
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:30AM	Contemporary Worship
	9:30AM	Church School
	10:30AM	Traditional Worship
	5:30PM	Women's Bible Study



**VOLUNTEERS:**

<b>Greeters</b>	Today	John and Carolyn Montgomery
	Next Sunday	Carol Plunkett and Linda Pulz
<b>Acolytes</b>	Today	Garrett Louthen
	Next Sunday	Austin Atkins
<b>Ushers</b>	Today	John Montgomery, James Cox, Mike Mau, and Clarence Wise
	Next Sunday	Clark, King, Walters, and Boone
<b>S. S. Nursery</b>	Today	Philip Casteel
	Next Sunday	Laura Smith
<b>Worship Nursery</b>	Today	Adam and Christa Hylton
	Next Sunday	Doris Epperly & Ruby Spradling
<b>Children's Church</b>	Today	No Children's Church
	Next Sunday	No Children's Church
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Today	Rick Halverson
	Next Sunday	Missy Rollison
<b>Deacon's</b>	December	John J. Showalter and Leighton Casteel
<b>Sound Technician</b>	December	Darrell Hungate

**PLEASE ADD TO YOUR PRAYER LIST:**

Lucian Bias, Susan Moore, Peter Hull, Rick Halverson, Ms. Lee Patterson, Edith Mullins, Mary Jane Baker, Ernie Goad, Santiago Enriquez, the family of Francis Poindexter, and the family of Jessie Harris



**PETERS CREEK CHURCH PRAYER REQUEST:**

As we begin the Christmas Season of the Church – the Twelve Days of Christmas – pray that we will truly know and serve Jesus, our Lord and Savior. And ask God to fulfill the promises of peace on earth and good will among all people.

**DISTRICT PRAYER REQUEST:**

Pray for every individual whose life is changed, endangered or lost by acts of violence, hatred and war. Let us follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, whose birth brings the hope, the means and the ministry of reconciliation for those who continue in his steps.



**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS:**

Leon Epperly, Sr., Katherine Hamblin, Anna Belle Plunkett, Katie Rhodes, Dot Richardson, Phyllis Smith, Tom & Muriel Turner, and Mary Yarbrough



Pastor Jack, Lorna, and Tina will be on vacation beginning Thursday night and returning Sunday night. If you have need of pastoral care, please call Mike Smith, our current Deacon chair, or Richard Wright Deacon chair for 2007.

**ATTENTION:** There is an updated copy of the 2007 Church Directory on the table in the narthex. Please make any changes necessary. Also, please notify the church office of any changes to *Class Officers* and *Prayer Chain* for 2007.



We again invite you to bring a "family" candle to place on the communion table for the Christmas Eve Worship. Following worship, you may take them home and use them as a candle during your Christmas celebration. The

Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelighting Service will begin at 6:00PM.

The 2007 Offering Envelopes are on the table located in the fellowship hall. Please pickup your envelopes as you leave today.

**Offering Envelopes**

