

Sunday Morning Worship Service

December 20th, 2009

Community Presbyterian Church of Littlerock

*Call to Worship Sung and Praise Music (Words on wall)

Angels we have heard on high,

Sweetly singing o'er the plains

And the mountains in reply

Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria...

Gloria, In Excelsius Deo, Gloria, In Excelsius Deo

Welcome and Announcements

(Please register your presence with us this morning in the red friendship folder)

*Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem Pg. 178

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, you are both tender and mighty—a shepherd we can trust. You call to us and gather us. You feed us and bid us rest in your care. Still we fear the world around us and fail to seek your help when we are lost. Still we struggle stupidly against you—refusing your comfort and ignoring your commands. Renew us and restore us, Lord of hosts. Show us the light of your face, that we may be saved.

Assurance of Pardon

And now may our God make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all. Christ promises to strengthen our hearts in holiness that we may be blameless before our God and creator at the coming of the Lord. ***In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.***

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *The Parsons Family*

The Advent Wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness. We light the candle of hope because God keeps his promises to us. We light the candle of peace because Jesus is the 'Prince of Peace' and he calls his children to work for peace in his name. Last week we lit the candle of joy because the Holy Spirit fills our hearts and minds with the joyful presence of God. This morning we light the candle of love because Jesus gave everything for us and led us to know and experience the love and forgiveness of God.

Unison Prayer: Lord, we thank you and worship you for loving us no matter what. We thank you for coming into the world as the light of the world that would save us from sin. *In Christ name we pray. Amen.*

Sacrament of Baptism *Yanofchick Family*
(Emily Mendoza, Jose Mendoza, Benito Mendoza)

Kids Message

Special Music CPC Choir

Message and Scripture Pastor K.C. Wahe
The Season of Expectation (What will God do next?)
Luke 1:26-35 (pg 1588)

Offertory & Special Music

*Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Pastoral Prayer and Lords Prayer
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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

*Closing Hymn The First Noel Pg. 179

Benediction and Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you. *(Pass the peace of Christ to your neighbor)*

**Please stand if you are able*
*++As a courtesy to others please **turn off** cell phones during worship.*

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O Little Town of Bethlehem History

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893), an Episcopal priest, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, was inspired when he was visiting the little town of Bethlehem in 1865. Three years later, he wrote the poem for his church and his organist, Lewis Redner, added the music. Redner's tune, simply titled "St. Louis", is the tune used most often for this carol in the United States. Meanwhile, the English tune "Forest Green", adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams, is the tune most often used for this carol in the United Kingdom and sometimes in the U.S. as well, especially in the Episcopal Church.

Another version by H. Walford Davies, called "Wengen", is usually performed only by choirs rather than as a congregational hymn. This is because the first two verses are for treble voices with organ accompaniment, with only the final verse as a chorale/refrain harmony. This setting includes a recitative from the Gospel of Luke at the beginning, and cuts verses 2 and 4 of the original 5-verse carol. This version is traditionally used at the service of Nine Lessons and Carols in Kings College, Cambridge.

Desert Notes December 20th 2009

End Year Giving- Make sure you catch up on your end of year tithing. We continue to fall short each month and in 2010 we will need to increase our giving by an additional 7,000.00. We have also taken \$20,000.00 from the building fund to balance the budget for 2010 as we recently heard in our congregational meeting last week. If you have any questions about whether or not you are behind on your tithe please talk with Jan Wise.

Adult Sunday school and Weekly Bible Study- All are welcome. Sunday school begins at 9:00am in the conference room. Come and join us for a study on Advent led by our Pastoral Intern James. (No Sunday school on December 27th and no Thursday night Bible Study until January 14, 2010.

Choir- If you are interested in joining the choir see Janice Wise. The choir meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. **(Choir will resume in January, 2010)**

Women's Small Group Ministry- Women's ministry will resume in January 2010.

Alpine Adoption- If you would like to bake something, bring it on any Sunday morning and we will make sure it's delivered on Monday morning. If you're not the baking type please contribute something to the polka dot piggy bank in the Narthex which will help defray some of the costs in doing this important ministry.

Christmas Eve Candle-light Service just a reminder our Christmas Eve Candle light Service will be on Thursday, December 24th at 6:30pm. Bring a friend. This might be the only time someone hears about the saving grace of our Lord. Refreshments will be served before and after the service. We will need extra deserts and finger foods. If you would like to bring something please see Lyn or Rose.

Christmas Caroling- Join us tonight for caroling and fellowship, we will meet @ the church at 4:30pm. After we finish caroling we will meet at the Parsons home for fellowship and refreshments.

Help Wanted: Our church who is ever so grateful for the work of Elder Richard Graham as our treasurer wants to retire. We are in need of a new VOLUNTEER church treasurer. If you are interested please speak with Pastor K.C. or Richard Graham for more information.

Weekly Calendar

Today is December 20th- Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:00am Sunday school, 10:00am Worship, Littlerock Church of Love 1:00PM.

December 21st - Weight Watchers Meeting 5pm for the "Weigh In" and 5:30pm for the actual meeting. Narcotics Anonymous begins at 7:30pm.

December 22- Food Bank 5:00pm Team 2

December 24th- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:30pm, No Bible Study until January 2010, Choir meets in the sanctuary at 6:30pm.

December 27th- First Sunday after Christmas, NO Sunday School, 10:00am Worship, Littlerock Church of Love 1:00pm,

Ministry Team

Ministers

Pastor

Child Care Coordinator

Pastoral Intern

Volunteer Office Administrator

Choir/Financial Secretary

Church Treasurer

Web Page and Sound Person

Church Organist

The People

K.C. Wahe

Rose Beckwith-Banfield

James Mitchell

Gail LaGasse

Janice Wise

Richard Graham

Eugene Patterson

Walter Bolen

Prayers to remember throughout the week:

Our Session, Pastor, Deacons, and our Church friends and family

Our service men and women, both known and unknown (Michael Vonnegut, Nathaniel Morris, Joseph Burnell and Joel Moreno, Lyn's DiBernardo's Son in law Mario)

For those dealing with cancer (Freddy Wright, Bob Bennett, Cindi Bruessel, and Bob McLaughlin) and for their spouses

Prayers for those sick and needing God's healing (Helen C., Cindy Winder and Family, Lorraine Ferry's Mother Marie)

Prayers for Louise and Lloyd Kempton

Prayers for those who grieve the loss of a loved one

Prayers for those who need employment

Prayers for John Quaderer and family as they grieve the loss of Norma Quaderer

Prayers for Lancaster Presbyterian Church and Pastor Bill and his wife Sue.



Fourth Sunday of Advent Community Presbyterian Church

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

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Welcome to Worship

Sunday School 9:00am

Sunday Worship 10:00am

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