

A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for Worship

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December 20, 2009

Advent 4

(Congregational responses are in bold type.)

***Please stand as you are able)**

Prelude: *Angels from the Realm* (Arr. Dean Bye)

Welcome & Announcements

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Lighting of the Memorial Candles and the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

*Hymn: #69 *Away in a Manger*

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Prayer of Jesus

Words of Hopeful Assurance



Lighting the Advent Candles

Advent Chant:

Twilight then darkness, night falls and candles glow

Gently surrounding us, a new birth of hope.

Watching, waiting, awakening a new birth of hope.

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WE ARE SENT FORTH

*Hymn: #68VU *All Poor Ones and Humble*

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Benediction: #64VU

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;

cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Words: Phillips Brooks 1868. Music: Lewis Henry Redner 1868. **

Postlude: *Noel sur les Flûtes* (D' Aquino)

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Stewards responsible for checking the church:

this week – December 20 – Dannie Forret

next week – December 27 – Bill Whittaker

Scripture Readings for December 27: Luke 2:1-42



Matthew 28:1-2, 5-7a
The Angel at the Tomb

Prayer: God of Advent and of Easter, as the light of this candle shines upon us, may it remind us of the light which shone from the empty tomb and may we say in our hearts, 'Christ is alive!' Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Sharing Christ's Peace – Nameste

From Sanskrit, the word Namaste literally means "let there be a salutation to you". In these days when many are worried about the spread of H1N1, it provides an alternative greeting that we can use our worship.

The gesture is performed with hands in front of the chest, palms together. Bow your head slightly and greet your neighbor with the words, 'The Christ in me greets the Christ in you.'

Children's Christmas Pageant: *A Better Christmas Story*
by Elaine Sweet
(Matthew 1:18 – 2:11)

Hymns: #64VU vv.1 & 3 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
#74 VU v. 1 (sung twice) *What Child Is This*
#46 VU *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*
#59 VU vv. 1 & 4 *Joy to the World*

Deck the Halls
Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.
Troll the ancient Yule tide carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus.
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
While I tell of Yule tide treasure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Sing we joyous all together
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Heedless of the wind and weather.
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering
Offering Our Gifts to God
Dedication: #540 VU

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.

Words: Christina Rossette ca. 1873. Music: Gustav T heodor Holst 1906.**

Offertory Prayer:

**We offer this day all that we are and all that we will be
We look forward to God's gift, God's incarnation, abundance embodied, God's child.
We give back to God, knowing Christ is in all God's children
Amen.**

Prayers of the People



Announcing

LOOKING AHEAD

LIFE of the CONGREGATION and COMMUNITY

This Week: December 20-26

TODAY 10am Children's Pageant

11:15am Angel Show – coffee and cake, too.

MONDAY 7:00pm Longest Night Service

“O Come, All Ye Faithful...and the not so faithful are welcome, too...”

WEDNESDAY 7:00pm Mid Week Service

THURSDAY 6:30pm Family Christmas Eve Service

11:00pm Christmas Eve Communion

Copies of the *Upper Room* for January/February *and Mandate Magazine* are available in the church entry ways.

Last Minute Gift: The Youth Group still has 2010 Church Calendars for sale: a bargain at only \$5! (available in the church office or contact Karen Young).



The United for Peace Campaign has now come to a close and our congregation will be forwarding \$722.00 from the sale of 175 pins, 10 packages of note cards and \$40 in donations. On behalf of Jane Barefoot and myself I would like to thank all those who supported this worthwhile project. You have made a difference! There are 25 pins remaining that could be purchased for a nominal donation with proceeds going to our M&S. Please contact Sally Allanach at 847-2170.

Next Sunday, Dec. 27 10am – Christmas -- A Celebration Service in Story and Song

Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010 – Christmas 2 – An Intergenerational Service

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010 -- Tuesday Study Group resumes

Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, 11:15am Children's Choir Practice resumes

* DETAILS OF THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BULLETIN BOARDS*

*Check out the announcements and other information from **Maritime Conference**, currently updated regularly.*

***Handel's Messiah**; Monday, Dec. 21, 7; 30pm at Trinity Church.*

***Quispamsis New Year's Day Levee**; Friday, Jan. 1, 2010 at the Quispamsis Town Hall.*

***L'Arche 5th Annual Epiphany Concert**; Sunday, Jan.3, 2010, 2010 at Trinity Church Charlotte St.*

Portland UC is looking for an individual to work with their young families.