

A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for Worship

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December 27, 2009

Christmas I

A Celebration in Story and Song

(Congregational responses are in bold type.)

*Please stand as you are able)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Lighting the Memorial Candles and the Peace Candle

* Call to Worship:

A boy has been born for us;
A child has been given to us.
And his name shall be called
**Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, the Prince of Peace.**
Once we were no people;
Now we are God's people.
Once we walked in darkness;
Now we have seen a great light.

* Prayer of Approach:

**Today, O God,
the soles of your feet
have touched the earth.**

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Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

* Hymn: #50 VU *He Is Born*

* Commissioning

* Choral Benediction:

*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.

The stories today are from *Listen, Said the Donkey – Tales of the First Christmas* by Jean Little.

Stewards responsible for checking the church:

this week: December 27 – Bill Whittaker

next week – January 3 - Hally Kimball

Scriptures for January 3: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20;
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1 :(1-9), 10-18.

**Today,
the back street, the forgotten place
have been lit up with significance
far beyond our wildest dreams.
Today, the households of earth
welcome the Child of heaven.
For you have come among us,
you are one of us.
So may our songs rise to surround your awesome
mystery
as our knees bend to approach your cradle. Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Candle

Advent Hymn

**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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Matthew 2:13, 19-20
The Angel in Joseph's Dream

**Prayer: O God, we celebrate the light of Christ's
presence among us. In the coming New Year, may we
share the warmth of the candles' glow and the peace of
Christ with all those who are in need of comfort and
joy. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Forgiveness

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Story for Christmas: *In the Stable* from: *Listen, Said the Donkey Tales of the First Christmas* by Jean Little

First Reading: Luke 2: 1 – 5

* Hymn: #64 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
A Story for Christmas: *The Donkey's Tale*

Second Reading: Luke 2: 6 – 7

* Hymn: #58 VU *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
A Story for Christmas: *The Lamb's Tale*

Third Reading: Luke 2: 8 - 14

Hymn: #75 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*
A Story for Christmas: *The Camel's Tale*

Fourth Reading: Luke 2: 15 - 20

Hymn: #71 VU *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*
A Story for Christmas: *The Cat's Tale*

Fifth Reading: Luke 2: 21 - 32

Hymn: #48 VU *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
A Story for Christmas: *The Dog's Tale*

Sixth Reading: Luke 2: 33 - 42

Hymn: #62 VU *Once in Royal David's City* # 62
A Story for Christmas: *The Christmas Tale*

Hymn: #56 *Jesus, Our Brother*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering

Offering Dedication:

*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 Theodor Holst 1906.**

* Offertory Prayer:

**All-encompassing God,
as heaven and nature sing and all creation rejoices,
as earth and sky touch and we raise our voices,
we give back to you all you have given us.**



Announcing

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

Please submit **reports** for printing for the Annual Meeting by January 19, 2010. Electronic forms accepted at quc@nb.aibn.com. Thank you, Donna

LOOKING AHEAD



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.

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010 Official Board Meeting.

February 14, 2010 Shared meal and Annual Congregational Meeting.

*** DETAILS OF THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BULLETIN BOARDS***

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

***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.

