

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

December 19, 2010

4th Sunday of Advent

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head* Carolyn Wallace, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Isaiah 7:14b; Micah 5: 2, 4

L: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

P: "[And] you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me, one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

L: "And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

P: "And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great, to the ends of the earth."

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal Father, draw near to us as we gather for worship in this holy season. Lord Jesus Christ, you who are "the reason for the season," deepen our discipleship. Holy Spirit, increase our faith, and open our hearts and minds to your guidance. All praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #250

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ~ *The Candle of Joy*

ADVENT ANTHEM ~ *A Song of Joy* ~ Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON (*Preschool through 2nd grade children may be led to Junior Church following the children's message. Older children's bulletins are in the vestibule.*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 7:10-16 ~ Pages 591-592 pew Bible

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he [Isaiah] said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."



FIRST GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 1: 18-25 ~ Page 835 pew Bible

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 2: 1, 3-7 ~ Page 889 pew Bible

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

SERMON "The Birth of Immanuel" Rev. Frank Wyche

***HYMN** *What Child Is This?* #281

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Shepherd's Song*

***DOXOLOGY** #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (... debts / debtors ...)

***HYMN** *Joy to the World!* #270

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Emmanuel* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Joyful Tidings* Carolyn Wallace

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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Current Session

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Jon Arneson
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Class of 2011

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Larry Mayer
Lora Turnage

Class of 2012

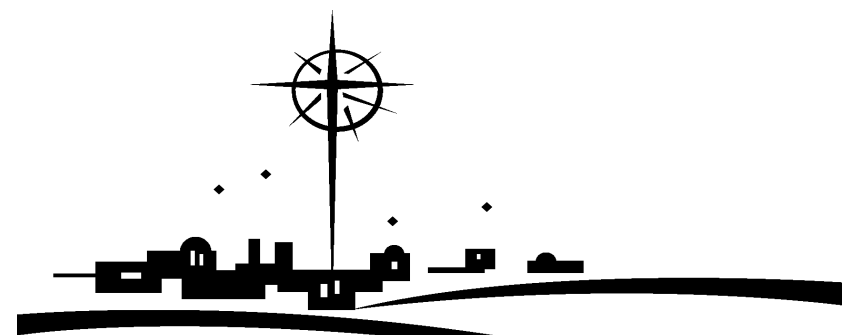
Hannah Bush
Tom Cook
Theresa Moore
Martha Sieck

Officers-Elect: Class of 2012, Robin Moyer; Class of 2013, Jim McGavock,
David Obenschain, Richard Rathburn, Eric Shiflet, Joann Weikert

A Christmas Poem: *Feasting the King* ~ By Thomas Ford (1580?-1648)

Yet if his majesty our sovereign lord
Should of his own accord
Friendly himself invite,
And say, "I'll be your guest tomorrow
night."
How should we stir ourselves, call and
command
All hands to work! "Let no man idle stand.
Set me fine Spanish tables in the hall,
See they be fitted all;
Let there be room to eat,
And order taken that there want no meat.
See every lamp and candlestick made bright,
That without tapers they may give a light.
Look to the presence: Are the carpets spread,
The canopy overhead,

The cushions in the chairs,
And all the candles lighted on the stairs?
Perfume the chambers, and in any case
Let each man give attendance in his place."
Thus if the king were coming would we do,
And 'twere good reason too;
For 'tis a duteous thing
To show all honor to an earthly king.
And after all our travail and cost,
So he be pleased, to think no labor lost.
But at the coming of the King of Heaven
All's set at six and seven:
We wallow in our sin;
Christ cannot find a chamber in the inn.
We entertain him always like a stranger,
And as at first still lodge him in the manger.



**"HE WILL REIGN...
AND OF HIS
KINGDOM
THERE WILL BE
NO END."**

LUKE 1:33, NRSV

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