

Second Sunday of Advent

Peace

December 4, 2016

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH..... Angel and Courtney Robinson, Tommy Smith

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER.....Pastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP ... “Little Bitty Babe in a Manger”..... Choir

Soloist...Mary Beth McCaskill

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Isaiah 2:2-5 & 11:1-6*..... Molly Abbott

In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

HYMN ... “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ...*vs. 1 and 4*..... 79

*CHILDREN’S MESSAGE..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray you: in your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, giving thanks in all circumstances through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN... “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” ...*vs. 1 and 3*..... 127

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ...*Matthew 3:1-12* Molly Abbott

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

ANTHEM... “Angels Are Making Their Rounds” Choir

SERMON ... *A Story of Hope & Peace*Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... “Child in the Manger” ... *vs. 1 and 3*..... 112

POSTLUDE

**After children’s message, children, pre-school through kindergarten, are invited to go downstairs for Children’s Church.*

CALENDAR

TODAY

5:30 p.m.Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m..... COVERED DISH Supper

6:30 p.m..... Baby Shower for Brandi & Josh

7:30 p.m.....Choir Practice

SATURDAY

1:00 p.m. Youth Shopping & Dinner

USHERS

TODAY..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Dwight Saunders' Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY..... Tina Cripps

NEXT SUNDAY Amy Frieary

PRAYER LIST

Church family:

Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Rodney Loflin, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill

At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner, Florence Cagle

Friends and Relatives of:

Molly/Wayne Abbott

Monnie Jenkins	friend
Juanita King	friend
Tony Lawson	friend
Toni Atcheson	sister
Cassie Jenkins	granddaughter
Martha Garner	sister
Tammy Laprade	sister
Audrey Grace Bryan...	friend
Henrietta Garner	friend
Pat Jones	brother-in-law
Retha Brooks	Sue Ann's mother
Faye	sister
Pete Thomas	brother-in-law
Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law
Lee Hurley	cousin
Wes Key	uncle
Shelly Hawthorne	friend
Todd Reece	friend
Scott Reece	friend
Lynn Saunders	cousin
Judy and Estella	daughters
Mary Chunn	grandmother

John Beard
Dave/Barb Buckland
Jane Covington

Tina Cripps

Tim and Tammy Dunn

Ernest , Karen Dailey
Garrett Gooch

Ray, Frances Hudson	daughter
Paul/Thelma Hussey	sister
Janie Rumbly	sister-in-law
Meryl Johnson	friend
Mildred Hunsucker	brother
Harold Johnson	mother
Marian Jackson	friend
Benny McBride	nephew
Bob Moore	niece
Pam Morgan	Nancy's father
John Moore	friend
Cristie Thomas	friend
Beth Holt	friend
Misty Morgan	friend
Melissa Nelson	grand-daught.
Iris Luquire	sister-in-law
Jo Brooks	friend
J.D. Thompson	nephew
Melissa Green	daughter
Helen Mabe	aunt
Carol Luther	friend
Polly King	friend
Tammy Parker	friend
Jesse Wallace	friend
June Spears	friend
Marie Spoon	sister
Laura Wilson	friend

Service Personnel:

Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart