Monona United Methodist Church

December 16, 2012

3RD SUNDAY OF Advent

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Prelude

Joy To the World

arr. by David Lanz

Words of Welcome and Our Covenant of Friendship
Greeting each other in Christ's love and sharing news of the church.

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: Joy
Leader: Surely God is our salvation; we will trust and will not be afraid.
People: With joyous expectation we watch for signs of God's coming.
Leader: God is our strength and our might. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.
People: With joyous expectation we watch for signs of God's coming.
Leader: Give thanks to God, call on God's name; make known God's deeds among the nations.
People: With joyous expectation we watch for signs of God's coming.
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy for great in our midst is the Holy One.
People: With joyous expectation we watch for signs of God's coming.
Leader: We light the first two Advent candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace. As we light the third candle, the candle of joy, we join the heavens and the earth in praising God's holy name. With joyous expectation, we watch for signs of God's coming. Amen.

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Song #211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verse 1-3) (Red Book)

8:30am – Barb Pearson
10:45am – Tamara Urich-Rintz

His Love Still Shines
Arranged by Keith Christopher

Reading

John 1:1-3

Choir

Let There Be Light

Reading


Choir

Not That Far from Bethlehem

Reading

Luke 2:6-14

Choir

Angels!

Reading

Birth of Jesus

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. 19 Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn’t want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. 20 As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” 22 Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled:

23 Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son,
And they will call him, Emmanuel.
(Emmanuel means “God with us.”)

24 When Joseph woke up, he did just as an angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife.

Things I’d like to remember from today’s service:

Monday 12/17/12: Malachi 3:1-4
Tuesday, 12/18/12: Luke 1:68-79
Wednesday, 12/19/12: Philippians 1:3-11
Thursday, 12/20/12: Luke 3:1-6
Friday, 12/21/12: Matthew 1:18-25
Saturday, 12/22/12: Luke 2:8-15
**Prayer Journal**

*Use this weekly prayer to help you begin your time with God each day.*

Christmas is coming, Lord, and there are many preparations to be made if we are to be ready. Help us, we pray, to concentrate our efforts on clearing our minds and hearts of all that would distract us from the true significance of this season. Then we will be able to join our voices with the angels in singing: "Glory to God in the highest, our Savior has come!" Amen.

**My prayers this week:**

**Lifting Up Our Church Family in Prayer**  
*(Feel free to add those you hear about during worship)*

**Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving for:**
- Our choir and guest musicians sharing the cantata today!
- Generous church members and visitors helping kids in the community through our Giving Tree

**Prayers for Health and Healing for:**
- Richard Hagedorn, recovering from pacemaker surgery
- Thea Briamis, friend of Hillary Whitehorse, who had a healthy baby girl two weeks ago, but doctors found a grapefruit-sized growth in front of her heart and biopsied it last week. Thea is mom to baby Dylan and Camdyn.
- LaVonne Rogers, former member, who is in rehab recovering from a broken hip
- Richard Flanagan, Brenda Wilcox’s brother in law, who is having cancer treatment

Continuing prayers for Marian Schumacher, Steven Rowin, Diane Neitzel-Butts, Karen Burchell, John Newman

**Prayers for Encouragement and Concern for:**
- The family of Nancy Bonjour, who passed away recently
- Winston & Karelyn Hopkins and their family, upon the death of Winston’s father
- The family of Tico Rodriguez, who is missing in the Dominican Republic

For those unable to be with us: Vernon & Dorothy Simons, Wanda Sohn

**Prayers for a Wisconsin Church:**
- Plymouth, their clergy Jim Hagen and the 31 members
His Love Still Shines - A Musical For Christmas
Arranged by Keith Christopher

Claire Weatherford
Dianne Totten
Katherine Sadowski
Jeremy Kienbaum
Ben Ferris
William Mueller
Jim Jackson
Chris Sasman
Linda Jackson
James Skaleski
David Buehler
Derek Ma
Brittany Sperberg
Lindsey Castello
Jim Castaneda
David Byers-Dent
Anna Deem
Tom Totten
Sarah Valencia
Jan Wanek

Director
Piano/Organ
Cello
Violin/Viola
Cello
Trumpet
Trumpet
Percussion
Flute
Clarinet
French Horn
Trombone
Trombone
Violin
Violin
Narrator
Narrator
Narrator
Narrator

Monona United Methodist Church Choir

Roger Becker
Alan Birch
Kristin Buskager
Heidi Compuesto
Jeanne DeBraal
Jim Goulding
Siv Goulding
Becky Halstead
Audrey Hopkins
Jackie Hull
Ruth McNeill
Tim McNurlen
Haley Parvin
Randy Parvin

Caroline Polster
Anna Siferd
Marie Siferd
Rick Siferd
Anna Skiles
Jennifer Tratnyek
Jon Traver
Peggy Traver
Dick Van Dree
Jean Van Dree
Hillary Whitehorse
Brenda Wilcox*
Jeanette Williams

*soloist
POINSETTIAS

The following people have given Poinsettias this year to decorate the sanctuary during this special season. Donors may take their poinsettia home following the Christmas Eve Worship services. Thank you.

DONORS:

Shirley Dalton
Dan & Kay DeBraal
Don & Linda Diers
Frank & Sandra Gaylord
Cathy Hurless
Kay Mackie
(2 plants)
Anne & Jeff Moore
Donna Olson
Don Spencer
Heather Stertz & family
Tom & Dianne Totten
Peggy & Jon Traver
Ron & Jan Wanek
Brenda Wilcox

In Memory of my sister, Alice Jackson
In Honor of our parents
In Honor of our grandsons, Evan & Finnegan
In Memory of our parents
In Memory of my mother, Vivian Hurless
In Honor of Tom, Nancy, Ali, Zach & Jessi Engle
In Memory of Dick Mackie
In Honor of our parents
In Memory of Clifford Olson
In Memory of Susan Spencer

In Honor of our many blessings!
In Memory of our parents
In Honor of our new granddaughter, Emily
In Memory of LaVern & Ardythe Wilcox
WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OUR GIFTS
The Offertory  
Noel! Noel!
*An Advent Hymn of Dedication (Tune: Old 100th, # 95)

Hope in the God who reigns above,
Who holds us all in steadfast love;
Whose Spirit lives amidst the earth,
While we await the glorious birth. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (All Uniting)

Bless these gifts, O Lord, and may they be used to prepare the way for your coming into the hearts of people everywhere. Amen.

CHOIR  Let Earth Receive Her King

READING Peace and Goodwill

CHOIR  A Candle in My Heart

READING 1 John 4:9-10 and 2 Corinthians 4:6

CHOIR  His Love Still Shines

READING Matthew 28:18-20

CHOIR  Carry the Light (with This Little Light of Mine)

READING John 10:10, 12:46, 8:12

CHOIR  His Love Still Shines

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE  Angels and Shepherds  based on a Czechoslovakian carol

*Please stand, as you are able.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE A LARGE-PRINT HYMNAL – you will find them located on the back pews, where the ushers sit. Ask an usher for one of these hymnals, and then please return it to those pews following the service. In addition, large-print copies of the worship bulletins are located with the hymnals.

Our Nurseries are open to children 5 and under. The Nursery located at the West end of Fellowship Hall is for children under 3. The Nursery for children 3-5 is upstairs in the preschool classroom. Children’s Worship Bulletins for ages 3 to 6 and 7 to 12 can be found in the KIDS WORSHIP WAGON. Also, you will find small cards in the pew racks for children to draw on, which can be used during worship, so offering envelopes & prayer cards can be available for those functions. Children are an important part of our church family and are most welcome to be in worship. If, however, your child becomes disruptive, please be considerate of other worshippers and use our cry room, which is available off the narthex near the main entrance.


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**CHERUB CHOIR DIRECTOR:**

**ORGANIST:** Dianne Totten

**CUSTODIAN:** Clyde Drake

**MINISTERS:** All of Us

**ACOLYTES:** 8:30 Ava Beyler
10:45 Daniel Grady, Justin Grady

**GREETERS:** 8:30 Winston & Karyln Hopkins, RP & Irma Phillips
10:45 The Grady Family, The Lucius Family

**LITURGIST:** 8:30 Anna Deem
10:45 Jan Wanek

**FELLOWSHIP:** 8:30 The Hopkins Family
10:45 Carla Fears

**USHERS:** 8:30 Peg McDonald, JoAnn Pree
10:45 Mary Lou Byers, Tim Eberle, Leslie Grenzow, Bob Lynch

**NURSERY:** 8:30 Trisha Juarez
10:45 (0-3) Trisha Juarez (3-5) Karelyn Hopkins

**DISHWASHER:** Sara and Carrie Dillon

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Poinsettias