



*Fullerton First
United Methodist Church
Second Sunday in Advent
December 6, 2009*

Worship clears the mind and strengthens the Soul. Our Worship begins with the first notes of the Prelude. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to seek and praise our Creator.

* (Indicates: If you are able, please stand)

PRELUDE Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist

* **HYMN # 384** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vs. 1-3)

WELCOME Pastor Keith Hwang

ANNOUNCEMENTS Susan Faber
(If you request a prayer, you may fill out a prayer request card located in the back of each pew. Our Acolytes will pick up your request during the Anthem).

* **SHARING OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE** (Please stand and greet those around you.)



INTROIT

The Aldersgate Chorale
Matt Ringer, Director of Music

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Leader: Gracious God, shake us awake, for we await you.

People: We wait for signs of hope.

Leader: Shaping God, awaken the earth and come, for we await you.

People: We wait for signs of peace.

Leader: Surprising God, tear open the heavens and come, for we await you.

People: We wait for signs of joy.

Leader: Mysterious God, enliven our hearts as we worship you in wonder and trust.

People: We wait for signs of love, on this day and in this season.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

UNISON PRAYER

On this second Sunday of Advent, we pray for peace in our world. Peacemaking God, we turn to you in prayer.

The world around us trumpets violence and destruction. Humanity knows how to make a war all too well. Your invitation to carry an olive branch is often ignored. Help us to seek your reconciliation.

The earth groans under the weight of its human inhabitants. Our trail is too often measured by its destruction. The love you share for all of your creation diminishes in our hands. Help us to seek your harmony.

As families and friends gather for the holiday season, our collective stress level often reaches a sad peak. Help us to seek your serenity.

Caught in the frenetic holiday rush, a still small voice beckons from within. Our frantic pace belies the aimlessness that holds us hostage. Created for relationship, our isolation eats at the fabric of our being. Help us to seek your tranquility. In the name of Christ, Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Iboshi Family

Reader 1: Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will fulfill all of God's promises to us.

Reader 2: The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peacemakers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God.

Reader 3: As St. Francis said, make your instrument of peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

Reader 4: We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

ANTHEM

The Aldersgate Chorale

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ella Renee Casto

Pastor: On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you reject all that is evil, repent of your sin, and accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Parents, Grandparents: I do.

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Parents, Grandparents: I do.

Pastor: Will you nurture Ella in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example she will be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Parents, Grandparents: I will.

Pastor: Now, I ask the congregation. Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, include Ella now before you in your care, and surround her with a community of love and forgiveness?

Congregation: We will.

Pastor: Eternal Father, your mighty acts of salvation have been made known through water. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb, baptized by John, and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations. Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and Ella who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Ella, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

HYMN (Please sing while seated. Words below.)

"God Claims You" (from "Faith We Sing" Hymnal # 2249)

Ella, Ella, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.

Ella, Ella, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way.

Ella, Ella, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

OUR TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children, please come forward and join us for Our Time with the Children)

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 19: 14

* HYMN # 213 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (vs. 2, 3)

SHARING OUR PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON Malachi 3: 1 - 4
Page 838, Old Testament, NRSV Holy Bible
Luke 3: 1 - 6
Page 56, New Testament, NRSV Holy Bible

MESSAGE "Is It Okay to Talk About Sin in the Church?"
Pastor Keith Hwang

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION See insert

SHARING OUR GOD-GIVEN RESOURCES
"He who has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor."
- Proverbs 22: 9

OFFERTORY Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist

* DOXOLOGY (Unison) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN # 203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

* BENEDICTION (Congregation, please join hands. We invite you to remain in our Sanctuary and listen to the Postlude.)

POSTLUDE Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist



ALTAR FLOWERS

The plant on the Altar this morning is presented by Sandy and Kendall Neisess in celebration of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary.

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Our dear, dear, Marietta Smith passed away Sunday, November 29th. Her memorial service will be held on Monday, December 21st at 2:00PM in our Sanctuary.
Dave Norris' stepfather passed away last week.
Irene Smith is recuperating from hip surgery.
Ruth Rogers as she continues treatments for Cancer.
Rev. Bob Rohdenburg as he continues to suffer with a brain tumor.
Mike Bankhead's father, Marc, is seriously ill.



ASSISTING WITH THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP

Pastor Keith Hwang
Nan Reger, Liturgist
Susan Faber, Announcements
The Aldersgate Chorale
Matthew Ringer, Director of Music
Hyeyeon Kim, Organist/Pianist
Brian Schrandt, Acolyte
Steve Freeland, Sound
Ushers: Floyd Allen, Captain; Maxine Allen,
Dona Anderson, Molly McClanahan



Those with little children under age 3 years are welcome to place your child in the loving care of our caregivers in our nursery. Our ushers will gladly direct you to the nursery which is open each Sunday starting at 9:45AM.

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available for those who need them. Please ask one of our Ushers for help.

To reach us: 114 North Pomona Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92832
Telephone: 714-871-4115
mail@ffumc.net

Sunday School is available for Children grades Pre-K to 12th grade. Our Children and Youth leave to attend Sunday School after the Children's Time.

All those wishing to sing in the choir – youth, young adults and seniors – are more than welcome to join the choir. If interested, just show up in the choir room for rehearsals at 7:00PM on Thursday evenings. You will find the choir a very friendly and dedicated group.

We are always in need of Ushers for Sunday mornings. See Mary Marcus if interested in serving.



ADVENT PASTORAL VISITS

During Advent the Rev. Charles Dennis, FFUMC Pastor Emeritus, will make pastoral visits with our members in hospitals, care facilities, and those who are confined mostly in their homes. There will be an opportunity to receive Holy Communion. Other members who would like to be included in these pastoral visits may make this request by telephoning the church office (871-4115) or by making a notation on the Sunday attendance registration slips.
A telephone call will be made to set up an appointment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP YOU CAN PURCHASE "RIBBON POINSETTIAS" FOR OUR SANCTUARY DURING CHRISTMAS TIME. YOU MAY ALSO PURCHASE ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2010. See Louise on the Patio after church.

* * EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STAY AFTER WORSHIP TODAY AND JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL ADVENT WORKSHOP. COME TO THE SOUTH LOUNGE FOR EATS, ARTS AND CRAFTS, MUSIC, FUN AND A VISIT FROM SANTA.

PASTOR KEITH AND LOUISE GREEN WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO "ADVENT CRACKER BARREL" ON THURSDAY MORNINGS, DECEMBER 10 AND 17 IN OUR SOUTH LOUNGE. THIS IS A TIME FOR YOU TO SPEND SOME INFORMAL TIME WITH YOUR CHURCH FRIENDS. There is no agenda except to drink coffee or tea, eat some cookies, relax and share stories from your life. "ADVENT CRACKER BARREL" WILL START AT 10:00 A.M. AND WILL CONCLUDE BY NOON. Come when you are able and leave when you need to. See you there.

ADVENT SEASON

- DECEMBER 6TH 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT FOLLOWED BY OUR ANNUAL ALL CHURCH ADVENT WORKSHOP
- DECEMBER 10TH "ADVENT CRACKER BARREL" AT 10:00AM IN SOUTH LOUNGE
- DECEMBER 13TH 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT. AT 4:00PM IN OUR SANCTUARY. FFUMC'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS . . . "A SEASON OF WONDERS" PERFORMED BY OUR ALDERSGATE CHORALE WITH ORCHESTRA, DIRECTED BY MATT RINGER, & FEATURING OUR ORGANIST, HYEYEON KIM, AND OTHER GUESTS.
- DECEMBER 17TH "ADVENT CRACKER BARREL" AT 10:00AM IN SOUTH LOUNGE
- DECEMBER 20TH 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
- DECEMBER 24TH 7:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE