Sunday, December 23, 2012 **Fourth Sunday in Advent** 8:30am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *“Prelude on ‘Quem Pastores’” - H. Walcha*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: Todd, Darla, Julia, Katie & Mason Barge

Leader:. . . May the visitation of Your Holy Spirit, O God,

 make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

 ***People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.***

\*HYMN *“Angels, We Have Heard on High”* *No. 23*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God and giver of all good and perfect gifts, we praise You for Your steadfastness. You show us in Scripture and in our lives that we can lean upon Your understanding and trust in Your faithfulness. But when life becomes complicated we stop trusting in You and turn elsewhere. Forgive us for our lack of trust. During this Advent season lead us back to Your side as we remember Your promises and Your presence. We pray this through Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

 *handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”* *No. 29*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 35:3-6 (OT p663)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 2:8-20 (NT p58)*

SERMON *“No Fear in Trusting God”*  Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

\*HYMN *“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”* *No. 38*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER *(p.16 in the Hymnal)*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

 OFFERTORY *“Carol of the Angels”* - arr. W. Hatch Chancel Choir

 \*DOXOLOGY

 *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.*

\*APOSTLES’ CREED *(p.14 in the hymnal)*

\*HYMN *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* *No. 30*

\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;**

**Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

\*POSTLUDE *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

Lighting of Advent Candle: Jerry & Ann Paparo & Shawn Murphy

Leader: . . . May the joyful promise of Your presence, O God,

 make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

 ***People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.***

\*Praise & Worship

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

 *Desert Song*

 *What Child Is This?*

Greeting & Announcements

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading:

 *Isaiah 35:3-6; Luke 2:8-20*

Sermon *“No Fear in Trusting God”*

Offertory

\*Closing Song

 *Today Is the Day*

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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