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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP: 8:30am / CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 11:00am

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: 9:30am in Fellowship Hall / SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00

Sunday, December 21, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am

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

"People, Look East!" – A. Organ

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Barge Family

Leader: This last Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of Your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

**People: 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.**

*HYMN

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

No. 14

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Giver of all good and perfect gifts, loving Father, we approach Your throne of grace with thanksgiving today. We praise You for how You know each one of us intimately. You have showered Your blessings upon us, the greatest one being Jesus our Savior. Forgive us for quenching Your spirit when we put fear ahead of Your vision. Forgive us for living anxiously even as You prepare the way for salvation and grace. Thank You for saving us through the birth of Jesus. 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

"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

**Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, Thou sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, and ever be with Thee!**

(Children may come up front during the hymn for the Children's Message)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:10-17 (OT p520)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (NT p174)

SERMON: **APOSTLES' CREED: FAITH 101** "Are You Gifted?"

Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

*HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High"

No. 23

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 16 in the hymnal)

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"- Holst 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 "Joy to the World!"

No. 40

*BENEDICTION

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK -- APOSTLES' CREED

Isaiah 42:5-9

Ephesians 4:1-6

"We Are Family"

"Come As You Are"

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

Advent Lighting (*Neumann Family*) & Response *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Advent Reading and Prayer

*Praise & Worship

What Child Is This

Newborn King

God With Us

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 51:10-17; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Sermon: **APOSTLES' CREED: FAITH 101** *"Are You Gifted?"*

Apostle's Creed

*Offering/Closing Song

Joyful (The One Who Saves)

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
