

CREEKSIDE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

23818 CR 10, Elkhart (interim location)
1716 Benham Ave., Elkhart, IN 46516 (office)

November 28, 2004
9:00 A.M.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Christians should live as though Christ might return within the day.
And we ought to plan as though he might not return within our lifetime.

--Reinhold Neibuhr

PRELUDE *"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"* arr. Martin

SERVICE OF GATHERING

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS + PRAYER REQUESTS

HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"*
O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

"A HEART BEAT OF HEAVEN" David Mastic

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, O come Immanuel...

All: We watch for you.

One: O come, O come...

All: Promise of God, we wait for you.

One: O come, O come...

All: Heart beat of heaven, we seek you.

One: O come...

All: Child of hope, come!

* INVOCATION PRAYER (unison)

God, we come to you with great expectation, watching and waiting for the child of hope to come. We praise you Father, and thank you for the promise of new life. Help us to prepare ourselves for his coming. Guide us as we seek the heart beat of heaven. In the name of your child we pray. Amen.

* HYMN NO. 182 (Blue)

"Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee"

ROOTED IN GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Laurie Mastic

CALL TO PRAYER (insert)

"Wait for the Lord"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

arr. Purifoy

We should travel light and live simply. Our enemy is not possessions, but excess."

-- John Stott

OFFERTORY

* RESPONSE

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part; what can I give Him? Give my heart.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GROWING IN JESUS

(Preschoolers may be excused to the nursery for the remainder of the service)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24: 36-44

HYMN NO. 189 (Blue)

"To Us a Child of Hope is Born"

SERMON

Pastor David Bibbee

"The Benevolent Burglar"

BEARING FRUIT IN THE SPIRIT

* HYMN NO. 338 (Blue)

"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand, as you are able

TODAY: NOVEMBER 28, 2004

9:00 A.M.: Worship 10:15 A.M.: Fellowship Time 10:45 A.M.: Church School for All Ages

Preaching.....	David Bibbee
Organist.....	Marilee Gilliland
Pianist.....	Maryann Zerbe
Hymn Director.....	Rosanna McFadden
Worship Leader.....	David Mastic
Children's Message.....	Laurie Mastic
Worship Childcare.....	Carolyn Colver
Sound System Engineer.....	Gary Arnold
Facility closing.....	David Bibbee

NEXT SUNDAY: DECEMBER 5, 2004

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sermon: "Let's Get Fired Up!" *Matthew 3:1-12*

9:00 A.M.: Worship 10:15 A.M.: Fellowship Time 10:45 A.M.: Church School for All Ages

Preaching.....	Pastor David Bibbee
Organist.....	Marilee Gilliland
Pianist.....	Rosanna McFadden
Hymn Director.....	Janet Berkebile
Worship Leader.....	Betty Kelsey
Children's Message.....	Lisa Vardaman
Special Music.....	Adult Choir
Worship Childcare.....	Carolyn Colver
Sound System Engineer.....	Gary Arnold
Facility closing.....	Ron/Sabrina Fritz

Our mission:

Because we are God's beloved in Christ, united in the Spirit we

<i>Seek</i>	<i>God's love in our lives</i>
<i>Celebrate</i>	<i>God's love in vital worship</i>
<i>Share</i>	<i>God's love through acceptance, service, and witness</i>



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