

CREEKSIDE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

December 5, 2004
9:00 A.M.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Jesus' baptism of fire is both a fire that lights us up and changes us, melting us down and reforming us more nearly to the image of God. It is the fire by which Jesus invites us into bright, hot relationship with him. Even when the fire seems bent on consuming us, like Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace we find that we have company, and that even in the hottest regions of our own personal hells, we do not sweat alone.

--Barbara Brown Taylor

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" arr. Cox

SERVICE OF GATHERING

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

"A HEART BEAT OF HEAVEN" Betty Kelsey

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, O come, Immanuel...

All: We pray and wait for you.

One: O come, O come...

All: We seek you and your promised peace.

One: O come, O come...

All: Fill the world with heaven's peace.

One: O come...

All: Heartbeat of heaven, come!

* HYMN NO. 195 (Blue) "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

* INVOCATION PRAYER (unison)

God, we come seeking you in the midst of our rushing and worry. Help us focus on the coming of your Son. We praise you for the promise of this tiny baby who brings peace. Fill the world with your peace. Guide us as we seek the heartbeat of heaven. In the name of your child. Amen.

ANTHEM "Waiting for a King" arr. Martin

ROOTED IN GOD

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS + PRAYER REQUESTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Vardaman

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE NO. 176 (Blue) "Comfort, Comfort, O My People"

OFFERING "Away in a Manger" arr. Brantley

I do not believe that we can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. -C.S. Lewis

OFFERTORY

* RESPONSE NO. 194 (Blue) "Away in a Manger"

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GROWING IN JESUS

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

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:1-12

HYMN NO. 183 (Blue) "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"

SERMON Pastor David Bibbee

"Let's Get Fired Up!"

BEARING FRUIT IN THE SPIRIT

* HYMN NO. 201 (Blue) "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand, as you are able

TODAY: DECEMBER 5, 2004

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.....	Rosanna McFadden
Hymn Director.....	Janet Berkebile
Worship Leader.....	Betty Kelsey
Children's Message.....	Lisa Vardaman
Flute.....	Jenny Cooper
Acolytes.....	Cara Mastic, Madeleine Randall
Worship Childcare.....	Carolyn Colver
Sound System Engineer.....	Gary Arnold
Facility closing.....	Ron/Sabrina Fritz

NEXT SUNDAY: DECEMBER 12, 2004

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sermon: "Should We Look for Somebody Else?!" Matthew 11:2-11

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.....	Maryann Zerbe
Hymn Director.....	Janet Berkebile
Worship Leader.....	Becca McFadden
Children's Message.....	Laurie Mastic
Special Music.....	Children's Choir
Worship Childcare.....	Mary Lou Martin & LaVonne Myers
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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