

CREEKSIDE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

December 12, 2004
9:00 A.M.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

This is our advent question: Will we receive the Messiah, Jesus, *as he is* rather than *as we would want him to be*? Will we let God come into our lives as God wills, and not as we desire? Will we allow our expectations for God to be schooled, formed, and reformed by the reality of God in Christ?

--William Willimon

PRELUDE "O Come, Emmanuel" Butler

SERVICE OF GATHERING

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

"A HEART BEAT OF HEAVEN" Becca McFadden

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Come, O Come Immanuel...

All: We wait for you.

One: O come, O come...

All: We prepare our hearts for you.

One: O come, O come...

All: Bring great joy to the world.

One: O come...

All: Heartbeat of heaven, come.

* HYMN NO. 318 (Blue) "Joy to the World"

* INVOCATION PRAYER (unison)

God, we wait for your Son to come. Help us prepare our hearts and make room for him. We praise you, awesome God, for this tiny child who brings joy to the world. May we find that joy as we seek the heartbeat of heaven. In the name of your child. Amen.

ROOTED IN GOD

Welcome + Announcements + Prayer Requests

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Laurie Mastic

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Joy to the World Medley"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERING

God has given us two hands—one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing. -Billy Graham

OFFERTORY "Pat a Pan" de la Monnoye/arr. Thygerson

* RESPONSE NO. 204 (Blue) "Gloria"

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GROWING IN JESUS

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

HYMN NO. 178 (Blue) "Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus"

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON Pastor David Bibbee

"Should We Look for Somebody Else?"

BEARING FRUIT IN THE SPIRIT

* HYMN NO. 209(Blue) "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

* BENECTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand, as you are able

TODAY: DECEMBER 12, 2004

THIRD 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.....	Maryann Zerbe
Hymn Director.....	Janet Berkebile
Worship Leader.....	Becca McFadden
Children's Message.....	Laurie Mastic
Special Music.....	Children's Choir
Flute.....	Jenny Cooper
Drums.....	Katy McFadden
Acolytes.....	Cara Mastic, Madeleine Randall, Brian Arnold
Worship Childcare.....	Mary Lou Martin & LaVonne Myers
Sound System Engineer.....	Gary Arnold
Facility closing.....	Ron/Sabrina Fritz

NEXT SUNDAY: DECEMBER 19, 2004

FOURTH 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.....	Shelly Rrandall
Hymn Director.....	Rosanna McFadden
Worship Leader.....	Sabrina Fritz
Children's Message.....	Karen Eis
Special Music.....	Adult Choir
Worship Childcare.....	Cary Kelsey
Sound System Engineer.....	Mike Soucie
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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