

# Creekside Church of the Brethren

## The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to complete, to fulfill. Hope, struggle, fear, and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience. The world is not as just, as loving, nor as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ as one of us gives us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, and that we are never alone or abandoned.

### Gathering

PRELUDE *"Messiah, Come"* arr. Christy Jones

GATHERING MUSIC (8:55 a.m.)

No. 267 vs. 1 (Renew)

No. 59 vs. 1 (Renew)

No. 28 (Renew)

(Insert)

*"The King of Glory"*

*"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"*

*"Emmanuel"*

*"While We Are Waiting, Come"*

WELCOME Pastor David

### Praising God

HYMN (insert, vs. 1) *"Longing for the Light"*

#### Lighting the First Candle of Advent

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Shelly Randall

1: God's steadfast love endures forever.

2: When will we find light and love?

**All: From the darkness we seek God.**

1: When will we come out of the dark?

2: When will we find light and love?

**All: When will we find God?**

1: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise.

2: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will reveal the light.

**All: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will reveal the love.**

1: Now look for the light.

2: Now look for the love.

**All: Now look for God.**

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

For you, we wait all day long, O God of our salvation. To you we lift our souls. In you we put our trust. We want to know your ways. Teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth. Lead us in what is right. Forget our sins and remember us. Remember your mercy and steadfast love of old. Yet still, we wait all day long. Amen. (Psalm 25: 1-9)

\*HYMN NO. 172 (Blue)

*"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Laurie Mastic

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

ANTHEM

GIVING BACK TO GOD

Offertory *"What Can I Give Him?"* Gustav Holst

arr. Bill Wolaber

\*Response (Insert)

*"What Shall I Give Him"*

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Lord, we do far too much celebrating your actual coming in our hearts. We believe in you, but do we believe in *God-in-us*? We believe that you are in heaven, but do we believe in *God-on-earth*? We believe you are out there, but do we believe in *God-with-us*? Lord, be born in our hearts. Grant us the grace of giving. Come alive in us this Christmas. Amen. --Meister Eckhart

(The pre-schoolers are dismissed to the nursery.)

### Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16

HYMN NO. 287 (Renew)

*"Wait for the Lord"*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

**"Love Lights the Darkness"**

David Bibbee

SILENT MEDITATION

### Sending

\*HYMN NO. 538 (Blue)

*"Lead Me, Lord"*

\*CLOSING PRAYER

\*RESPONSE NO. 208 vs. 1 (Blue)

*"Love Came Down at Christmas"*

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

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**Last Sunday**

General Fund	\$1,213.50	Building for Christ	\$ 605.00
Church Community Services	\$ 10.00	Fellowship Time	\$ 10.00
Global Food Crisis	\$ 25.00		

**Our Mission:**

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

**Seek** God's love in our lives

**Celebrate** God's love in vital worship

**Share** God's love through acceptance, service, and witness.

**Today: December 3, 2006**

**9:00 a.m.:** Worship    **10:15 a.m.:** Fellowship Time    **10:45 a.m.:** Church School

Preaching	David Bibbee	Children's Message	Laurie Mastic
Worship Leader	Shelly Randall	Acolyte	Cara Mastic
Music Director	Janet Berkebile	Childcare	Jeff & Gail Vance
Organist	Marilee Gilliland	Sound Engineer	Gary Arnold
Pianist	Rosanna McFadden	Graphics Operator	Brian Arnold
Flutes	Jenny & Samantha Cooper		

**BIRTHDAYS**

Dec. 4            Jordan Cripe

Dec. 5            Don Ellis

Dec. 5            Tony Xayyavongsa



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