

Creekside Church of the Brethren

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts? Do we look down upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement? Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards and not their owners? Are we reverent of others, their ideas and needs, and of creation? These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts.
--Edward Hays

Gathering

PRELUDE *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* arr. Eugene Butler

GATHERING MUSIC (8:55 a.m.)

(Insert)

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No. 267 (Renew)

"Kindle a Flame"

"He Came Down"

"The King of Glory"

WELCOME Pastor David

Praising God

HYMN (insert) *"Longing for Light"*

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Shelly Randall

1. From the darkness we seek repentance.

2. From the darkness we seek love.

All: From the darkness we seek God.

1. When will we come out of the dark?

2. When will we find repentance and love?

All: When will we find God?

1. God is coming, but who can endure the day of God's coming?

2. God is coming, but who can stand when God appears?

All: God is coming, like a refiner's fire, like fuller's soap.

1. Now look for repentance.

2. Now look for love.

All: Now look for God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 152 (Renew)

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Laurie Mastic

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"He Made a Way in a Manger"

SHARING OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER (Insert)

"While We are Waiting, Come"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

GIVING BACK TO GOD

Offertory

"What Shall I Give Him?"

Gustav Holst

arr. John Purifoy

*Response (Insert)

"What Shall I Give Him"

*Prayer of Dedication

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

Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

"Love Changes Directions"

David Bibbee

Sending

*HYMN NO. 182 (Blue)

"O How Shall I Receive Thee"

*CLOSING PRAYER

*RESPONSE NO. 208 vs. 1-2 (Blue)

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

Bulletins may be recycled in the baskets located in gathering area.

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Pastor David: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tues. – Fri.

Bulletin and weekly news deadline: 12:00 Noon on Tuesday

CREEKSIDE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Today: December 10, 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	Mary Lou Martin/ LaVonne Myers
Organist	Marilee Gilliland	Sound Engineer	Gary Arnold
Pianist	Maryann Zerbe	Graphics Operator	Brian Arnold
Soloists	Cara Mastic/Joel McFadden		

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 12 Steve De Pue

Dec. 13 Vicki Ehret

Last Sunday

General Fund	\$5,106.25	Building for Christ	\$ 3,923.00
Church Community Services	\$ 10.00	Fellowship Time	\$ 14.72
Baldwin Mission Fund	\$ 40.00	General Board/Christmas	\$ 30.00

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.



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Mary Schmucker would like to thank each and every one of you that helped her last Sunday.

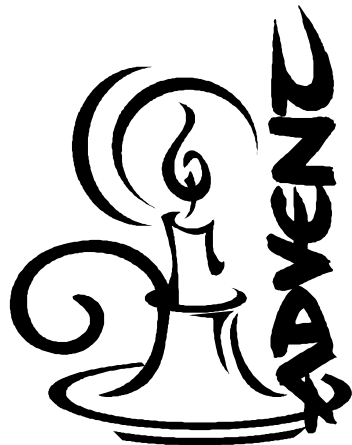
Myrtis Justiniano has moved. She will be at this address for 2-3 months and will be relocating to her new home at Greencroft after that. Her new temporary address is:

1077 Greenleaf Blvd. #105
Elkhart, IN 46514
574-206-0648

Ruth Bibbee has moved. Her new address is:

Hubbard Hill Estates
28078 C.R. 24
Elkhart, IN 46517
574-296-4153

Advent Hymnsing TODAY at 4 p.m. in Rieth Recital Hall, at the Goshen College Music Center. This community sing, featuring songs of the season, will be led by GC professor of music Debra Brubaker. Organ prelude by professor Christine Thøgersen will begin at 3:55. All are welcome.



CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TO AIR AGAIN ON HALLMARK CHANNEL

A Church of the Brethren Christmas Eve service is scheduled to air again nationally on the Hallmark Channel, at 7 a.m. (eastern and pacific time) on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006. "Enter the Light of Life" originally aired on CBS on Dec. 24, 2004.

The service was filmed at Nicarry Chapel at Bethany Theological Seminary featuring preacher Christopher Bowman, pastor of Oakton Church of the Brethren in Vienna, Va. Music was coordinated by Shawn Kirchner, minister of music at La Verne (Calif.) Church of the Brethren, with soloists Kim Simmons and Ryan Harrison, the Juniata College Concert Choir from Huntingdon, Pa., a children's ensemble from Church of the Brethren congregations in Indiana, and instrumentalists and readers from across the denomination.

"Enter the Light of Life" focuses on the Luke 2 account of the birth of Jesus, and includes scripture, hymns, a sermon, and a variety of classic Christmas music and contemporary pieces. The music includes traditional instruments, but also banjo, saxophone, and steel drum.

Woven into the service are themes of peace, justice, simplicity, and welcome.

The broadcast is presented on the Hallmark Channel by Faith and Values Media, a membership association of faith communicators including the Church of the Brethren.

Contact Brethren Press at 800-441-3712 to order a DVD/video of the service or a music CD. The video includes a "behind-the-scenes" documentary by Brethren videographer David Sollenberger and may be ordered for \$14.95 (DVD) or \$19.95 (VHS) plus shipping and handling, in English or dubbed in Spanish. The music CD may be ordered for \$14.95 plus shipping and handling, and includes 11 tracks such as "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" with a handbells solo, and Kirchner's arrangements of "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" and "Away in a Manger."

For more about the Christmas Eve service go to www.brethren.org/genbd/Christmas.