

Creekside Church of the Brethren

The First Sunday After Christmas

December 28, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

Could it be true, the Bethlehem story of a Creator descending to be born on one small planet? If so, it is a story like no other. Never again need we wonder whether what happens on this dirty little tennis ball of a planet matters to the rest of the universe. Little wonder a choir of angels broke out in spontaneous song, disturbing not only a few shepherds but the entire universe. -- Philip Yancey

Gathering

PRELUDE *"Christmas Variations"* arr. William Stickles

GATHERING MUSIC (8:55 a.m.) (all selections from Blue Hymnal)

No. 212 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

No. 194 *"Away in a Manger"*

No. 208 *"Love Came Down at Christmas"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Pastor David

Leader: Rejoice! God's face is no longer hidden from us.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Leader: God has come to bring comfort and restoration to all people.

People: No more let sins and sorrows grow, for God comes to make his blessings flow.

Leader: God is here, in and among us.

People: Let every heart prepare him room,

All: And heaven and nature sing!

*OPENING PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 61:10-62:3

DRAMA *Anna and Simeon Part 1*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Deana Markley

Confessing

VOICES OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 204 (Blue) *"Gloria"*

Praying

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Embracing God, we bring you our joys...

(Pastor and congregation will offer prayers of praise):

Embracing God, we bring you our concerns...

(Pastor and congregation will offer prayer concerns):

PRAYER SONG (Advent Songbook Page 4)

"Lord, Jesus Christ" (Taize)

OFFERING

"If I acknowledge God as the creator, it occurs to me that all I am and all I have is a gift." -- Martin Marty

Offertory

"The First Nowell"

arr. Hugo Gehrke

*Prayer of Dedication

(The Preschoolers are dismissed to the nursery.)

Hearing God's Word

HYMN NO. 178 (Blue)

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:22-40

MEDITATION

"The Embracing Face"

Pastor David

DRAMA

Anna and Simeon Part 2

Sending

*HYMN NO. 210 (Blue)

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

*BENEDICTION (responsive)

Leader: Lord, now you are dismissing your servants in peace, according to your word.

People: For our eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

All: Amen!

RESPONSE (Advent Songbook Page 10)

"Here We Come A-Caroling"

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

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Birthdays

Dec. 28 Katie Carney
Jan. 1 Jean Mann
Jan. 4 Paul Ritzmann

Anniversaries

Dec. 28 Rick & Valerie Rodgers
Dec. 31 James & Ether Buchanan

Last Sunday

NON-BUDGETED OFFERING		BUDGETED OFFERING	
Sunday School Offerings	\$ 68.00	General Fund	\$ 2,824.26
Fellowship Time	\$ 11.98	Building for Christ	\$ 760.00
CWS Advent Offering	\$ 25.00		
Global Food Crisis	\$ 15.00		
Heifer Project	\$ 50.00		
TOTAL 12/21 OFFERING FOR ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN BUDGET	\$ 169.98	TOTAL 12/21 OFFERING FOR ITEMS INLCUED IN BUDGET	\$ 3,584.26
		NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET ITEMS BUDGETED	\$ 5,183.89

Today: December 28, 2008

Preaching	Pastor David	Screen Creation	Gary Arnold
Song Leader	Rosanna McFadden	Worship Childcare	Deana Markley
Worship Leader	Pastor David	Pray with Pastor	Lynn Bollinger
Organist	Marilee Gilliland		
Pianist	Sabrina Fritz	Drama	
Children's Story	Deana Markley	Anna	Deana Markley
Greeters	Keith & Doris Hostetler	Simeon	Cary Kelsey
Sound Engineer	Jenny Cooper	Written by Rosanna McFadden	
Graphics Operator	Darren Vance		



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