

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PLEASANT VALLEY AND CAMDEN AVENUES

MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ
with a hurting world through words and actions

December 21, 2008 Fourth Sunday in Advent – “Peace” 11:00 A.M. Service

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

HEARING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM USHERS

Numbers in the bulletin refer to pages in the United Methodist Hymn book located in the pews

PRELUDE Brass Quartet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 238** Angels We Have Heard on High

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Holy is the name of the Lord!

People: God’s love and mercy are poured out upon us!

Leader: For we have found favor with God!

People: We have been called for special witness to God’s presence.

Leader: Let our hearts rejoice, and let us behold God’s awesome love!

People: Let our lives reflect God’s transforming love in service to others. AMEN.

***OPENING PRAYER** *What surprising ways God has of opening our lives! When we least expect it, God is doing something wonderful with us. We are witnesses to God’s incarnation through the young girl Mary, who said yes and offered herself as God’s servant. May our willingness to be servants of God be as profound as the witness of Mary. Amen*

***RESPONSIVE READING 199** Luke 1:47-55

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** The Apostles’ Creed

***GLORIA PATRI 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
Willcocks

Adult Choir

CALL TO PRAYER 204 EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL (by Bob McGee)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (1976 C.A. Music)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

CHORAL AMEN

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning. Please fill out the blue-colored card that you will find in the bulletin. Write any special prayer requests on the back, and pass them face down to the center aisle.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Sing a Joyful Song of Christmas Kauffmann
Adult Choir

***DOXOLOGY 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 237** Sing We Now of Christmas

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 15b - 16

SERMON “An Everlasting Kingdom” Pastor Steve Donat

***CLOSING HYMN 246** Joy to the World

***BENEDICTION**

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***POSTLUDE**

*While the congregation stands, those who would find this uncomfortable may remain seated.

WE WELCOME OUR CHRISTMAS BRASS QUARTET: Bill Hosbach, Fred Reimers, Andrei Shidlowski and Jim Weinhouse.

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE in Room E101 for children up to age four.

USHERS: Jack Feeley, John Halligan, Wai Law, David Shinn, Samuel Townsend

ACOLYTES: Samantha Bewley, Ulla Parmentier

GREETER: Joyce Levins

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 734 Sunday School: 188

PRAYER CONCERNS: Stanton Webb (husband of Barbara Webb), Janet Coshland (daughter of Alan Coshland), Faye Sienkiewicz, Ruth Allen, Matt & Kelly Petroski (friends of Rick & Linda Young), Betsy Turchi (niece of Marjie & Dale Duffin), Elsie Stoud (friend of Doris Coshland), Joan Woodworth (Ann's sister-in-law), Vicky Hynes (sister of Sherri Briggs-Allison), Jan Feeley, Mary Pintye (sister of Zollie Nemeth), Ed Woodoth (Lonnie Heller's father), Michael Groark (son-in-law of Marian Twigg), Irene McLoud, Barbara Stocksdale, Albert Borris.

SERVING IN IRAQ: Kim Ortiz (niece of Ruth Gandek), Doug Ferrie, Scott Berner (grandson of Ray and Jean Berner).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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