

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 20, 2009 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **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 Christmas Music for Brass Quartet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 234** O Come, All Ye Faithful Verses 1-3

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All through this season of Advent, we have encountered Hope, Peace and Joy.

People: **Today Love is the theme.**

Leader: Today we will hear the story of the Incarnation.

People: **We will learn what it means to be the Body of Christ today.**

Leader: Today we will be challenged to believe in all that God can do through us and in us.

People: **Open our hearts, Lord, that we may be ready for your love . AMEN.**

***OPENING PRAYER** - Lord, be with us this day as we encounter Immanuel, and hear of the wondrous message that he brings to us. Remind us that, like Mary, each one of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name. Open our hearts and our spirits today to receive with great joy the love that you have for us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***RESPONSIVE READING 199** Magnificat

***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 Come and Sing a Song of Christmas Martin
Adult Choir

CALL TO PRAYER 204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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 One Small Child Meese
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 235 Rock a Bye My Dear Little Boy

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 1:24-29, John 1:1-14

MESSAGE "Incarnational Living" 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.

BRASS QUARTET: Bill Hosbach, Fred Reimers, Andrei Shidlowksi, Jim Weinhouse

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

USHERS: John Daglian, David Madara, Zollie Nemeth, Bill Thompson, Bruce Van Dyke

ACOLYTES: Samantha Bewley, Ulla Parmentier

GREETERS: Linda and George Gross

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 783 Sunday School: 157

PLEASE LET US KNOW...Due to current privacy regulations, churches are no longer notified if a member of their congregation is hospitalized. Therefore, if you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, please let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, food preparation, etc. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Stanton Webb, Faye Sienkiewicz, Ruth Allen, Joan Woodworth (Ann's sister-in-law), John Halbe (neighbor of Bruce & Sharon Zollers), Ben Brenner, Mary Jane Harris (niece of Bob Rodriguez), Paul Haynes, Isaiah Daniel Jefferson, Jean Berner, Ken Wedge, Mary Louise Shingleton, Dick Taylor, Kelly Secor, Amy Secor, Marisa Wieland, Michelle Knowles, Diane Allen, Diane Byrnes (cousin's wife of Ottignon & Cornell families), Marv Wilkerson (brother-in-law of Susan Rapp), Bruce Slocum, William Klanssek (friend of Dick Loring), Aril Bryant (friend of Emily Wright), Bob & Dorothy Rodgers (parents of Glenn Rodgers).

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: Bob Banes and family on the death of his father Ray Banes, to Janet Hanlon and family on the death of her father, Frank Militano, to Doris Coshland and family on the death of her mother, Dorothy Devenny and Victoria McGrath & Shirley Van Duser and family on the death of Gerald Van Duser (Victoria's father).

SERVING OVERSEAS: Jim Brant (nephew of Karen Halligan).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

Stephen Donat, Senior Pastor	Joan Flamini, Administrative Assistant
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