



Bartlett, Tennessee

December 9, 2007
11:15 a.m.

**GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

December 9, 2007

Second Sunday in Advent

11:15 A.M.

Today we use *The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CHIMES

The Congregation Stands

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

STUGGART

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

People: The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Pastor: His delight is in the fear of the LORD. With righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth

People: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat; the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord.

--Isaiah 11

GLORIA #23 (Refrain)

FRENCH CAROL

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Keep our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever, and ever. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF HOPE AND PEACE

Marilyn Wilson, Jonathan Roberts and Rebecca Black and Karen Wilson, Alex Fry and Sierra Fry

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Leader: Wonder of wonders—the wolf shall dwell with the lamb.

People: No one shall hurt or destroy on God's holy mountain.

Leader: Today we light the candles of hope and peace. We dare to hope for peace that is not merely the absence of war and conflict, but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all.

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Leader: Wonder of wonders—calf and lion together shall be led by a little child.

People: **No one shall hurt or destroy on God's holy mountain.**

All: **O Prince of Peace, child of Bethlehem, lead us to God's holy mountain where hatred and warfare are not the last word. Amen.**

Choir: *Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Ding Dong Merrily on High Based on traditional French Carols
Mark Hayes, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner
Grace Notes Handbell Choir

The Congregation Stands

Doxology #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

The Congregation is Seated

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

CAROL

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

Grace Notes Handbell Choir

BIDDING PRAYER

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, be it this Advent Lord's Day our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God through the birth of his son upon the earth that he might bring to the world salvation and let us make this sanctuary glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and kinship within the Church he came to build.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not the Lord Jesus.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven; in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

People: **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us*)

Pastor: The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and

unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Kings bring us all.

All: Amen.

HYMN #247

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-37

ANTHEM

Mary's Magnificat

Words and Music by Andrew Carter

Karen Guerini, Soprano

Softly a light is stealing, Sweetly a maiden sings, ever wakeful, ever wistful,
Watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings.

My soul doth magnify the Lord; and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour

Mary her song to Jesus softly, serenely sings;

'I will love you, I will serve you. May my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of kings. Lullaby

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM

Lullaby

SUO GÂN

Arranged by George Guest

Text adapted from the Welsh poem by Robert Bryan

Sleep my baby on my breast, it is warm and cozy there.
Mother's arms are tight around you. Mother's love dwells in my heart.
None can harm you while you slumber; no one dares to harm you now.
Sleep so softly, dear my child, Sleep so softly on my breast.

Sleep so softly through the night, Jewel of my tender love.
Does a smile light those eyes, stealing gently o'er thy face?
Do the angels smile above you, you who smile so sweetly now.
You are smiling now and sleeping softly at my breast.

Do not fear it's just a leaf beating, beating at the door.
Do not fear, it's just a little wave whispering on the shore.
Sleep my baby, there is nothing here to frighten you tonight.
Smile so gently on my breast at the angels up above.

ANTHEM

O Holy Night

Adolphe C. Adam

Arranged by Cynthia Dobrinski

Grace Notes Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:8-13

CAROL

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Felix Mendelssohn

Arranged by Cynthia Dobrinski

Grace Notes Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:14-20

ANTHEM

***To Us Is Born Emmanuel
Sing We Clear! Sing We True!***

Michael Praetorius

To us is born Emmanuel as foretold by Gabriel.
Here see Him in the manger lie wondrous Son of God Most High.
Now praise the Father, praise the Son, Holy Spirit, Three in One.

Christ the Lord, our savior Christ the Lord.

Sing we clear! Sing we true! That all men may know, lying in a manger low,
Savior and Redeemer, tender baby, God's only Son, on him all praise bestow.
Born of a virgin maid in tiny cradle laid. Angels bright with heaven's light have come to bless the sight!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-6

HYMN #44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:7-12

CAROL

Born to Set Us Free

Jay Althouse

On a dark night filled with wonder all the world awaited His birth.
And the wisemen came to greet Him, the Lord of all the earth.

And there was within the heavens a star to guide the way
For the wisemen to a manger bed of hay.

*Come, o come, Emmanuel; ransom captive Israel.
God's own son for all to see, born to set us free.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-14

CAROL

Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts
From the *Christmas Oratorio*

Camille Saint-Saëns

Praise ye the Lord of Hosts, sing his salvation. Bless his name; show forth his praise in his holy house.
Rejoice ye heavens and be joyful! On earth, rejoice in the face of the Lord, for he cometh! Alleluia!

HYMN #40

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
