

A Service of Lessons & Carols

December 26, 2010 ~ 11:00am

NARRATORS *Rev. Jeff Bennett, Bev Schaffield*

PRELUDE *Danny Booth*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Jeff Bennett*

BUILDING ON FAITH *Jim Wynn*

Narrator: O God, we are assured of your presence with us.

People: Help us to trade our doubts for your assurance.

Narrator: Help us to trust your plan for our lives;

People: We celebrate Emmanuel - God with us. Amen.

*HYMN *“Angels From the Realms of Glory”* 220 (vv. 1, 2)

HOLY BAPTISM 33

LESSON ONE *Christ’s Coming Foretold by Isaiah* *Isaiah 11:1-3, 9:6-7, 40:5*

NARRATION

HYMN 216 (v. 1)

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Narrator: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

Narrator: And the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called

People: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Ever-lasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Narrator: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end.

Narrator: You will know who he is because you will find him dressed in cloths and lying on a bed of hay.” Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of angels praising God and saying,

People: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased!”

HYMN 238 (vv. 1, 3)

LESSON SIX *Jesus Fulfills The Prophecy* *Luke 4:16-21*

Narrator: When Jesus began to preach, he was about thirty year old. He went to the meeting place on the Sabbath. When he stood up to read from the Scriptures he was given the book of Isaiah the prophet. He opened it and read,

People: “The Lord’s Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, and to free everyone who suffers, and to say, This is the year the Lord has chosen.”

Narrator: Jesus closed the book and sat down. Everyone in the meeting place looked straight at Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, “What you have just heard me read has come true today.”

LESSON SEVEN *We Are Called To Live the Message* *Ephesians 4:23-24, 5:1-2*

Narrator: Be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind - having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude; and put on the new nature created in God’s image, in true righteousness and holiness.

People: Therefore, be imitators of God - copy Him and follow His example - and walk in love, esteeming and delighting in one another, as Christ loves us.

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Take the Advent Challenge! In the name of Jesus, **match what you would spend on Christmas** gifts in a gift to those suffering extreme poverty. PVUMC is designating the people of **Haiti** as recipients of our special Advent offering. In fully meeting the challenge, some might give half of their gift-giving budget; others might match dollar-for-dollar what they're spending on family and friends. Even the smallest of gifts will lessen human suffering and may even save a life!

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Pastor Jeff and his family will be enjoying the best the Midwest has to offer as they enjoy time with Jeff's family in Toledo, Ohio. Jeff will be out of the office Monday, December 27 through Monday, January 3. In the event of a pastoral emergency contact member Bev Schaffield at 221-7262 or 704-7246.

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Youth Class. Students in grades 6-12 Sundays at 11:00am upstairs in Rooms 210 & 211.

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People: **And He will be their peace.”**

HYMN 250 (vv.1, 4)

“Once In Royal David’s City”

HYMN 211
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

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Luke 1:26-33

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People: **“Don’t be afraid! God is pleased with you, and you will have a son. His Name will be Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of God Most High.**

Narrator: The Lord God will make him king and he will rule the people of Israel forever, and his kingdom will never end.

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Narrator: Christmas is both a fact and a faith. It is a song out of the heart of God for a hungry world. It means much that we can hear it, despite fears and troubles, forever singing above the din of strife; and, hearing it, take up its strain in the busy world of today. At last it will be fulfilled that the world will fill up with persons of goodwill who keep step with God's music and live by his law, people who know that we are made for love because God is love, and that love and joy must blend in the final note of the great world song.

HYMN 204

"Emmanuel"

NARRATION

*HYMN 246

"Joy To The World"

*BENEDICTION *Rev. Jeff Bennett*

*POSTLUDE

Welcome! To our guests today we extend a warm welcome and pray that God will meet you in today's service and send you forth with His peace and joy.

For our regular worshipers we pray that your continuing presence here will equip you to serve God faithfully and effectively.

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