



Fillmore Chapel United Methodist Church

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

The Worship of God

As the music begins, prepare yourself for worship in silence and prayer.
11:00 AM **December 26, 2004**

The Gathering

The Prelude

The Greeting & Announcements

Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vs. 1,2,3,4,6) No. 234

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The Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

First Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth shall obtain blessings.

Carol *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vs. 1,2,4,7) No. 211

Second Lesson

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a King to a people in darkness.

Carol *Away in a Manger* No. 217

Third Lesson

Micah 5:2-5

The King is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all of God's creation.

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* No. 230

Fourth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35,38

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son whose kingdom shall never end.

Carol *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* No. 218

Time of Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer Response *Red Praise Book* No. 36

Cares Chorus *Red Praise Book* No. 48

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Acolytes:

Today - Chris Andrasik & Patrick Diez
1/2 - Heather Moore & Tyler Moore

Giving Envelopes Are Here! Making sure our church is taken care of financially is an act of love. Take a box of envelopes from the back of the church and give a glad gift of thanks to God for all of our blessings each Sunday. Our gifts keep our church strong!

Methodist Hymnals - Please see Hap for information regarding ordering Hymnals. \$16/each. May be purchased in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. Prepayment is necessary so please see Hap with order and payment.

Fillmore Chapel United Methodist Church

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Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

Giving Thanks to God

The Sign of Peace *Matthew 5:23-24*

The Giving of Our Gifts to God

The Offertory

*The Doxology

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

Carol *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* No. 236

Seventh Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

The wisemen follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Carol *We Three Kings* No. 254

Eighth Lesson

John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Carol *Silent Night, Holy Night* No. 239

Christmas Prayer

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, world without end. Amen.

Carol *Joy to the World* No. 246

****Dismissal with Blessing***

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

AMEN.

Go forth in peace and joy.

THANKS BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA.

*Choral Dismissal

*The Postlude

(* Congregation Please Stand)

Organist/Pianist: Jeanette Brooks & Alan Spring

Remember in Prayer

Teresa David, Suzanne DuPlantis, Buck Peters, Millie Hillman, Clarabell Senek, Elsie Hilton, Barbara Woolson, Florence Kickbush, Richard Wade, Julie Kleylein, John Pirinelli, the Feathers family, Cindy Stewart, Ruth Stewart, Doug Ortiz, Josiah Christy, Mary Ruth Blanchard, Harold Barnes, Marbeth Minnie, Chris & Kim Sembert & Family, Marge Jeffords, Ruth Schultz and the family of Mike Mattoon.

Remember in prayer the men and women in our armed forces and the families of those who have lost their lives in this conflict.

Announcements

January 2nd - Communion. Epiphany Sunday. Penny Collection & Food Collection.

In January an **Appreciation Dinner for Doug Diez** will be held in Ransomville Fellowship Hall. Watch for a date and time to be announced. I'm sure you don't want to miss out on saying thanks to Doug.

Ladies Prayer & Support Group will not meet during the holiday season. Meetings will resume on Monday, January 10th.

Bible Study will not meet on January 5th. It will resume on Wednesday, January 12th at 7:00 PM.

United Methodist Women will not be meeting in January.

Healing Service - Cancelled for January.

Activities & Meetings

Ladies Prayer & Support Group - Mondays, 10:00 AM in Ransomville.

Choir Rehearsal - Tuesdays, 7:00 PM in Ransomville.

Youth Group - Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Ransomville.

Bible Study - Wednesdays, 7:00 PM in Ransomville.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Thursday, January 20th, 8:30 AM at Knead the Dough.

Ransomville Administrative Council - Next meeting is January 13th at 7:00 PM.

Fillmore Chapel Administrative Council - Next meeting is January 23rd at noon.

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