



Mountainside United Methodist Church
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 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 December 19, 2010

Celebration of Worship

Welcome!

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that God blesses you with His presence as you have blessed us with yours. Please sign the registration notebook when it is passed along your row. If you are interested in church membership, a tan “How You Can Belong” sheet on the inside of each registration notebook should be of assistance. Please contact the pastor with any questions as we want to be helpful to you.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Jubilee Players

***Greeting**

Rev. John R. Rech

**Indicates congregation standing as able*

Chorale Call to Worship

We Three Kings

Mountainside Choir and Bells

Lighting of the Advent Candles

John, Barbara, Eric, & Kaeli Manzanares

Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent Wreath – the candles of HOPE, PEACE, and JOY. Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of LOVE. Jesus demonstrated self-giving love in his ministry as the Good Shepherd. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us his most precious gift. As God is love, let us be love also. In John’s Gospel we find these words:

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” – John 13:34-35

Prayer in Unison: Teach us love, O Lord. Help us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus’ birth, fill us with compassion for our neighbors and our world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, your son, our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymnal No. 238

Registration and Announcements, Joys & Concerns

Bob VanAllen

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Rech

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray (Leader offers a prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer)

All: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

***Doxology**

Hymnal No. 95

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

Musical Offering

A Baby Changes Everything

West Branch

*A Children's Church is available following the Anthem
Our Children's Director will be waiting to meet them in the Foyer*

Message

The Advent Conspiracy
Love Came Down I John 4:7-12

Rev. Rech

***Closing Hymn**

Hark the Herald Angel Sing

Hymnal No. 240

***Benediction**

***New Member Response**

We rejoice to recognize you as (a member/members) of Christ's Holy Church and welcome you to Mountainside United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service and our witness.

Announcements

Christmas Eve Service - Carols, Candlelight and Communion Service will be 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 24. Please invite a friend.

East Mountain Food Pantry Offering – At the end of the Christmas Eve Service on December 24, we will have an offering plate available at the back of the sanctuary to receive donations specifically for this ministry.

THIS WEEK at Mountainside

Today, Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday In Advent
9:00 a.m. Classic Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Contemporary
Worship
12:15 Jenkins Driver's Ed



Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve
10:00 a.m. AI-Anon
12:00 p.m. AA
No Parents Night Out
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
Worship

Monday, December 20

12:00 p.m. AA
6:00 p.m. Women's AA

Wednesday, December 22

12:00 p.m. AA
6:00 p.m. AA
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, December 21

10:00 a.m. EM Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. AA

Thursday, December 23

9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Pot Luck
6:30 p.m. CWS Band Practice
7:00 p.m. AA

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, December 26

9:00 a.m. Classic Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Contemporary
Worship

