

The Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 07, 2008

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

CALDWELL

"Who Shall Come"

Dianne Griffith, Soprano

Chiming of the Hour

Prayer of the Day

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.**

*Hymn 211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

9th cent

LATIN

*Prayer of Confession

**Patient and loving God,
as we wait for the coming of your kingdom
you call us to lead lives of holiness and godliness.
We are slow to change our ways,
even when they do not please or glorify you.
We have lived unto ourselves and not to you.
Forgive our carelessness in not heeding your will.
Cleanse us, O God,
that we would be without spot or blemish in your sight.
Establish your rule in our hearts, that our lives may
proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #70

MEINKE

Lighting of the Advent Candle: *Peace*

Evans

Celia Simon & Dick

Congregational Response 204

MCGEE

"Emmanuel"

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Anthem

MARTIN

"A Christmas Proclamation"

THE WORD

Second Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

Sermon

Sherrod

"Wilderness"

Marc

Introduction to the Offering

Give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

Offering

JOHNSON

"Beautiful Saviour"

*Offertory Response

OLD 100th

"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer
Hymnal 13

Methodist

Words of Invitation

Communion of the People

Music
PIETRO YON

"Gesù Bambino"

Charlie Coen, Soloist

Prayer after Communion

THE SENDING FORTH

***Hymn 249**
HOLLAND

"There's A Song in the Air"

*Charge and Blessing

***Congregational Response 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**
FRENCH CAROL

verse 1

Postlude
ENGLISH CAROL

"The First Noel"

* All who are able please stand.

Congregational Meeting for Bethel Presbyterian Church
(all members on the active roll should stay; others are welcomed).

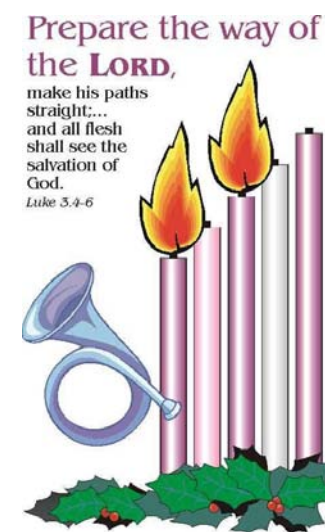
Services of Ecumenical Worship

Kingston United Methodist Church

and

Bethel Presbyterian Church

~ two communities of faith coming together,
for fellowship, study and service . . .
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~



TO OUR GUESTS: We extend a warm welcome from Kingston United Methodist and Bethel Presbyterian Churches. We have covenanted together for 2008 to share in worship, fellowship, study and service. We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders (Green for Methodist – Blue for Presbyterian), adding your address and phone number and please note if you would like to receive a church newsletter or a pastoral call. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us" rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."; prayer requests can be noted on

the cards provided in the pew racks, please put those in the offering plates and both churches will be notified of your request. We are glad you are with us.

Please worship with us again!

Kingston United Methodist Church

Rev. Donald Morris - Pastor

Rev. Sue Lynn Johnson - Congregational Care

Regina Little - Program Director

Wayne Duggin – Music Ministry

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Rev. Marc Sherrod - Pastor

Debbie Hyder – Parish Nurse

Laura Walker – Music Ministry

Marilyn Gaffin – Music Ministry