THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

December 21, 2008

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:45 a.m.

Thank you for being here today. We believe that worship is essential to our faith. When we gather, we gather in the midst of God and His Spirit inspires and directs. During our Gathering Time, we invite you to extend a warm welcome to each other and to our guests as we celebrate the gift of Christian fellowship! May you find the joy of God's love and grace as we share this time together.

We would also ask that in consideration of other worshipers, please turn off, or switch to silent mode, all paging and cellular devices.

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any usher.

WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS and MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Bill Page Family

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 40:1-7 New Testament Reading – I John 4:7-16

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah Handel Sign interpreters: Julia Rickman, Tim Rickman, Tyler Hill, & Barbie Morgan

INVOCATION Jeff Allen

*HYMN NO. 102 The Birthday of a King NIEDLINGER

WHITE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:

During this hymn, we ask that all class representatives bring their White Christmas items to the altar area and place in the basket.

CHILDREN'S TIME Jeff Allen

SCRIPTURE READING Jason Cogdill

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:26-38

*HYMN NO. 86 O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jay Edmonds

OFFERTORY Bethlehem Morning arr. Bober

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS Doxology OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING Jeremy Cauble

SERMON So This is Christmas Pastor
Romans 16:25-27

*HYMN NO. 121 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne MARGARET

BENEDICTION Pastor

RESPONSE Hallelujah Chorus Handel

POSTLUDE Ring the Joyous Christmas Bells arr. Smith

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting-College Classroom Sunday School 9:30 10:45 Gathering for Morning Worship 12:15 p.m. Visitation Assignments 6:00 LIFE worship service **Monday** Boy Scout Troop 907 7:00 p.m. Tuesday 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.No Basketball Practice **Wednesday**

Office Closed 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Thursday
Office Closed

Saturday

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Worship Nursery Workers: Garlene Grogan, Marci Fricke, Beth SabbaghRabaiotti, Angie Somers, Bill Buitendorp, Jason & Lana Hunn

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