

ADVENT IV

December 23, 2007

10:00 a.m.**Holy Eucharist Rite I**

Prelude

Silent Processional

Advent Wreath: Lighting of the Fourth Candle

Hymn: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

"Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise. Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward. Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory. Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining."

Opening Hymn 56 *O come, O come, Emmanuel***THE WORD OF THE LORD**

Opening Acclamation

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Summary of the Law

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Kyrie S 90

The Collect of the Day: bulletin insert

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-17

Psalm 24:1-7

Epistle: Romans 1:1-7

Sequence Hymn 265 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: The Rev. Michael E. Snider II

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNIONOffertory: *Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night**Mansfield*

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes:

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The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer I

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Sanctus S 113

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem S 152

Angus Dei S 157

Prayer of Humble Access

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Communion Hymns

312, 497, 54

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 68 *Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

Dismissal--Response "Thanks be to God"

SERVING TODAY**Lector/Chalicer:** Louisa Sowers **Epistoler:** David Kersey**Chalicer:** Becky Beckett**Acolyte** Elizabeth Burton Samantha Kinney**Ushers:** Marc Meachum C. William Davis

Altar Guild Mrs. Becky Beckett Mrs. Jay Kephart
Mrs. Linda Thomas Mrs. Annette Osborne

Ann Hillier gives the **Altar Flowers** in loving memory of Betsy Davis.

The Greens on the **Advent Wreath** are given by Mrs. M. T. Meachum in memory of Loved Ones.

The **Christmas Wreaths** on the **Front Doors** are given by C. W. Davis in memory of **Betsy Davis**.

We welcome all visitors to Christ Church in the Name of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ! Please join us for our Christmas Eve services, Monday, at 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Come worship with us again

CYCLE OF PRAYER 2007: Diocesan - We give thanks for the churches & congregations of St. Thomas, White Sulphur Springs, Grace Church, Ravenswood, and St. Stephen's, Romney.

Companion Diocese - We give thanks for the church and congregation of Straid Church, Foxford, Ireland.

COMMUNION: COMMUNION: All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive communion. After the choir has received communion, the congregation will come forward to the altar rail. Those at the altar rail *should wait* until everyone has received bread and wine before returning to their pew, returning to their pew.

PRAYER LIST: Members: Ralph McCue, Alan Goodykoontz, Dorene Dimes, Charlotte Taylor, Eli Snider and Peery Blackwell.
Family and Friends of Members: Sgt. Andrew Nelson, USMC, Iraq, Tech Sgt. Steven Taylor, Iraq, Corp. Adam Williams, USMC, Iraq, Susie Fox, Beth Hays, John Marra, Julie, Louis Romano, and Dave Parris.

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY Choir Practice
 RDF Offering

MONDAY Family Service 4:00 p.m.
 Festival Holy Eucharist 11:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 a.m. Eucharist Service

 Office Closed until January 2, 2007

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: ??

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Eve Family Service – Monday, Dec.24 at 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist – Monday, Dec. 24 at 11:00
p.m.
Christmas 1 Service – Lessons and Carols at 10:00 a.m.

We are continuing to accept canned food as a special church offering to the poor in our neighborhood. Your food offerings will be blessed by Father Mike at the Christmas services. Thank you to the Sunday school classes for helping with this project. We will continue to accept food at both Christmas services. Thanks for giving. Becky Steorts