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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 8, 2013**

\*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

**Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words**

### **Ringing the Bell**

**\*Greeting One Another**

Ryan Strum

**Centering Music**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

arr. A. Lovelace

**\*Call to Worship**

Kerry Strum

Leader: Come, come away, come with me as we wait to go to Bethlehem.

**People: Come adore on bended knee, one whose birth the angels sing.**

Leader: Come away, come away from your noisy celebration, to a place of quietness and peace.

**People: Come with wonder, come with awe.**

**Everyone: Sing with joy, praise God, for the time of promise as we wait for Christ to come!**

**\*Gathering Song NCH#133** “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

**Advent Candle Lighting**

Allison Anderson & Eliana Briseno

**Readings from the Bible**

Kathryn Shields, Alison McHenry

Luke 2:1-20 (p. 71 in the NT of your pew Bible)

## Sung Response

## "Prepare the Way"

Musical notation for the song "Prepare the Way". The notation is on a single staff in G major, 6/8 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line starts with a circled '1' above the first measure and ends with a circled '2' above the eighth measure. The second line starts with a circled '3' above the first measure and ends with a circled '4' above the eighth measure. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre- pare the way of the Lord,  
and all peo- ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

## Prayers of the People

*You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, simply raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.*

## Pastoral Prayer

Austin Rowland

*The minister will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen," concluding with "The Lord's Prayer."*

## The Lord's Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Here is a traditional translation, which we will all pray together.*

**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 debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Offering of Gifts**

“Safe and Sound”  
Brandon Johnson, bassoon

**Prayer of Dedication**

We offer our gifts to God who claims us as children, who names us beloved, who celebrates our presence. We offer our gifts to a loving God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*Song (See insert)

“Away in the Manger”

**Children’s Christmas Program (See Insert)**

**A Sign For All**

\*Closing Song NCH#131 “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

CAROL

\*Sending Blessing

Abby Buchele

**Sending Music**

**Today’s Worship Leaders**

Liturgist: Youth

Preacher: Children

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Keyboardist: Karen Stewart

**Today’s Ministers of Worship & Hospitality:**

Deacon in Charge: Tom Meyer

Property Supervisor: Ken Birt

Ushers: Ryan Strum, Kathryn Shields, Alison McHenry, Cecilia Monroe

Greeters: Barbara Faidley, Kristin Shields

Coffee Fellowship: Lori, Jim & Matthew Coyle

Welcome Table: Greg Luecke & Jennifer Gelwick-Luecke

**Next Week December 15:**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all children and youth: We will watch a Christmas movie in the Cornerstone Cinema with popcorn included!

Learning Center (FH) - Cari McPartland, Social Services Director of the Ames Service Center of the Salvation Army, will explain services provided in Ames the need remaining for bell ringers.

10:45 a.m. - Chancel Choir Christmas Program

Texts: Luke 1:4-55, Isaiah 7:10-16

**Welcome!** We welcome all who worship here today. Whether you are passing through, attending with a friend or relative, searching for a church home, or seeking answers to life's questions, we are glad you are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the minister following the service and stay for refreshments so others in our fellowship may meet you. If you want to know more about our church, please tell the minister or indicate this on our fellowship pads.

**In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ,** we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each one to participate in the life of our church.

**Nursery Care:** We welcome children to stay during our worship service...in fact, we enjoy it! However, if you or your child(ren) would like to use our nursery, there are qualified child care providers during worship for infants and children through Kindergarten. Our nursery is located on the second floor on the east side of the church building. A parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.

**Bell Ringing for Peace every Wednesday:** Join us at 12:10 p.m. in the UCC bell tower to ring the bell for peace and pray for worldwide peace. The Ames UCC is a just peace church.

**To Contact The Reverend Jonathan C. Page:**

During regular office hours or at any time, if the matter is not urgent, call the church. Please leave a message if The Reverend Jonathan C. Page is not available. If it is an emergency, don't hesitate to call his cell phone at 203-815-3816.

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