

Arvada United Methodist Church
Fourth Sunday in Advent
7:45 Worship on December 20, 2009

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

One: Because of Jesus, we know God is a welcoming God.

All: We all are welcome here in God's house.

One: Because of Jesus, and by faith we understand God loves us,
God calls us, and God is always with us.

All: We'll sing it with our lips and believe it in our hearts. Amen!

***Opening Hymn** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #234 vs. 1,3,4

Welcome and Community Focus

During Community Focus please sign the fellowship book in the pew, pass it down your row and back so we can get to know one another.

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle – The Candle of Peace

Congregational Prayer (unison):

God of peace, may we learn from the Prince of peace:

that the world has enough of hatred

which breaks the spirit and leaves us torn;

that we have enough of greed

which exploits the poor and leaves us empty;

that we have enough of anger

which paralyzes joy and blinds us to love;

that we have enough of ancient divisions

which prevent us from ever moving on.

We have had enough, O God, and so we pray for peace. May it begin once again with us. Amen.

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

***Hymn** *The First Noel* #245

Invitation to Offering

***Offertory Prayer**

Scripture Luke 2:1-20

Reflection "Part of the Story" Rev. R. Butler

***Hymn** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* #220

***Benediction Response** *Love Came Down at Christmas* #242

Postlude

*Please stand as you choose and are able.

Assisting in Worship: Matt Hilbert, Sydney Vogel

Co-Pastors: Rev. Rusty Butler and Rev. Valerie Oden

If you are new to the community or this church, **WELCOME**. Please sign the fellowship book so we can send you a copy of our newsletter, *The Circuit Rider*. Stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to pick up brochures describing the programs and activities AUMC offers and a copy of our newsletter.

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Sunday Worship Services
7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Cantata, Sunday, December 20, 9:30 a.m.

Candlelighting Services:
Sunday, December 20, 7 p.m.
Christmas Eve, December 24, 5, 7, and 11 p.m.

Children's Service:
Christmas Eve, December 24, 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 27, 9:30 a.m. Combined Service
(no 7:45 a.m. service)