

# Morning Worship and Celebration

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## Arvada United Methodist Church

### Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 21, 2008

**Prelude** 7:45 *Christmas Medley* arr. Vogel

**Mini Concert/Prelude** 9:30 *Carol of the Bells* arr. A. Sherman  
*Joy to the World, the Lord is Come* arr. L. Larson  
*Sleepers Wake* arr. K. McChesney and Carolyn Cline  
Bronze Ringers; Jamie Olson, director

#### **\*Call to Worship** (Please stand)

One: God's love has been made known among us through Christ who came into the world.

**All: If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**

One: No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God abides in us.

**All: Let us worship God and seek to love as God has loved us.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *O Come All Ye Faithful* vss.1,3 & 6 #234

#### **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 then greet people by name.

#### **Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle – The Candle of Love**

**Hymn** *Like a Child* verse 1 TFWS #2092

**Special Music** 7:45 *Christmas River* sung by the Good Morning Choir  
lyrics: Vera Alexander, arranger/composer: Sydney Vogel  
9:30 *Sing Joy to the World* arr. Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir  
Harpsichord-Carolyn Cline; Bronze Ringers, Jamie Olson, director  
Percussion: Tim Stegink; Trumpets: Dave Arko and Mark Stutzman

**Morning Prayer** (unison) **With Advent prayers and songs of longing, we await the birth of God's anointed one. The time is growing short, the days are few as we prepare our homes and our hearts for the birth of Mary's son. Show to us, O God, how to guard our hearts during the busy days so that we might create an empty space within which can be filled with the glow of love. Quiet us, O God, that the Word once again may take flesh this time within us, as once it did in Mary long ago. 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** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #240

**Offertory Invitation**

*Whether our life circumstance is rising or falling, we recognize that stewardship, like prayer, is a way of life.*

**Offertory Music** 9:30 *Carol of the Bells* arr. Vandall  
Carolyn Cline and Dianne Cuadrado, piano duets

**\*Doxology:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Ritual of Friendship**

**Scripture** Luke 1:39-56

**Sermon** *If It weren't for Mary*

**Special Music** *O Holy Night* arr. Alexander  
Carolyn Cline and Dianne Cuadrado, piano duets

**\*Hymn** *Angels We have Heard on High* #238

**\*Benediction** *Like a Child* vs.3 TFWS #2092

**Postlude** *Sleighride* by Anderson

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\*Please stand as you choose.

**Assisting in Worship:** Bob Canter, Dave Maxwell, Sydney Vogel, Carolyn Cline, Clara Klein,  
Co-Pastors: Rev. Rusty Butler and Rev. Valerie Oden

**Acolytes:** Lindsay Schumann

**Welcome Center:** Michelle Hunsinger

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.

**Please join us for a Candlelighting Service this evening at 7 or on Christmas Eve.**

Dec. 24, 3:00 pm – Children's Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 24, 5:00 & 7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service  
with Chancel Choir

Dec. 24, 11:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service  
with communion

***May you experience the hope, peace, joy, and love birthed into our world this year, and may you live with the promise and potential of the Christmas Season all year round.***

***Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!***  
**Arvada United Methodist Church Staff**

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## **AUMC Opportunities**

**Butter Braids:** If you ordered Butter Braids and have not picked them up yet, please contact Lisa Frisch or find her in the Center after church services. Thanks!

**Alternative Gift Mini-Market:** Too much to do and too little time in which to do it? Why not finish up your gift shopping by visiting the Alternative Gift Market's Mini-Market table? Buy a share of any one of 36 projects to make a difference in multiple areas of the world or right here at home. This is your last day to Give the World a Present.

**Poinsettia Plants:** We now need people willing to share a little time & deliver poinsettias through Dec 28. Either note this in the fellowship book on Sunday, sign up on a sheet in the Center, or call Sherry Marti, 303-431-6005 ext 227.

**NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT?** UMW has several cookbooks available. Cost is \$10.00 and may be purchased in the Center or from a UMW Board Member.

### **Plan Ahead!**

Contributions for the calendar year 2008 must be postmarked by December 31, 2008 to be claimed on your 2008 tax return. We will post all receipts postmarked by that date to your 2008 statement unless otherwise indicated. Any contributions received with a later postmark but dated Dec. 31, 2008 will be posted to the 2009 calendar year.

### **Arvada Voices**

Arvada Voices will be moving! After Christmas break, we will begin practicing on Sunday mornings at 10:45 -11:45 in the choir room. This change will begin January 11. If you have any questions, please call Heidi 303-421-5135 ext. 230 or email [giggles\\_ha@hotmail.com](mailto:giggles_ha@hotmail.com)

**Urban Peak:** Please pick up food tags in the narthex. Donations need to be received in the Center kitchen, by noon on Thursday, January 1.

### **Singles Workshop**

Sat., Jan. 17, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm: Letting Go Workshop - An interactive, Christian-based class that helps singles heal from the past and move forward with more confidence and valuable information that will positively affect future dating experiences. All singles, never-married, divorced or widowed welcome. Interactive format: small groups, visual aids, music, humor & scripture. Cost: \$59 (includes snacks, lunch & materials). Register: Melody Ellenberger, Facilitator, at 303-750-2208, or visit [www.SinglesWorkshops.com](http://www.SinglesWorkshops.com)

### **UMW Lydia Ladies:**

We'll be sending care packages to our troops overseas for Valentine's Day. The packages will include homemade cookies and Valentines handmade by our church school kids. Please save Pringles containers and consider making a batch of cookies for us (cookies must fit in pringles containers). All supplies will need to be brought to the church by January 11. If you know of any troops who would appreciate a care package, please send their names and addresses to Deirdre Christen at [deirdrechristen@hotmail.com](mailto:deirdrechristen@hotmail.com) or call her at 303-432-9456.

New schedules and sign up sheets will be mailed after the first of the year. Make sure to fill them out and return them as quickly as possible so that we can plan accordingly for our upcoming events!

## **AUMC FOUNDATION**

The Foundation will be offering the Financial Peace University Series again early in 2009 (same classes as before). Be thinking about the opportunity to take these very rewarding classes. Details for the new class will be worked out after the Christmas holidays. Those who are presently taking part in the series have found the classes to be informative, enthusiastic, and rewarding for them financially.

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## ***Sian Up In The Center***

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Purchase **King Soopers & Safeway certificates.**

**Greeters are needed for January.**

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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**



The poinsettias that grace our sanctuary will be delivered to those needing our care and concern. Thank you to those who donated the plants and those who deliver them. Your generosity makes this meaningful ministry possible.

#### **Greeters:**

7:45 - Retha Grieb

9:30 - Melanie Wilson and Shirley Walker

### **Youth Activities**

#### **Sunday School**

Nursery 7:45 & 9:30 room 300

Preschool room 304

Kindergarten room 305

1st-2nd Grades room 205

3rd Grade room 203

4th-6th Grades room 306

Junior High (7th-8th) room 209

Senior High (9th-12th) room 206

#### **UMYF 7th-12th**

Today: Attend the Candlelight Service and support fellow youth in the Orchestra, 7 pm

Next Sunday:

**Our Sunday Morning Worship times have changed to 7:45 and 9:30 am.**

**Coffee Fellowship in the Center is from 8:45-9:30 am and 10:30-11:00 am.**

**Children & Youth Church School is during the 9:30 hour.**

**Nursery provided at both 7:45 and 9:30.**

### **TODAY, December 21**

Hunger Sunday  
Candlelighting Service, 7 pm



### ***This Week: Dec. 22-Dec. 27***

Meals on Wheels: Mon-Fri, 10 am

Lite Fitness: Tues & Thurs, 8:30-9:30 am

Yoga: Mon & Thurs, 6:00-7:00 pm

KDD: Mon-Fri, 9:00-11:30 am

Mon: **Bronze Ringers, 6:15 pm**

Tues: Morning Bells, 8 am

**Care Team, 1 pm**

Wed: Children's Service, 3 pm

**Candlelight Services, 5, 7, and 11 pm**

Thurs: Christmas Day

Fri: **Christmas Friday, Church closed**



### **NEXT SUNDAY, December 28**

Nursery Committee, 9 am

#### **7:45 Good Morning Choir**

The anthem, "Christmas River" today for the early service has been a collaboration of Good Morning Choir director, Sydney Vogel, and choir

member, Vera Alexander. The newly composed music which surrounds the traditional hymn tries to reflect the days preceding and following

Jesus' birth as flowing like a river."

Christmas comes just like a river . . ."

Vera's lovely words capture the calmness of the manger scene and leaves the listener with a feeling of gratitude and beauty. This anthem is sung today for the first time .