

# Morning Worship and Celebration

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## Arvada United Methodist Church

### First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2009

#### Mini Concert

*Goin' To Bethlehem*, Jay Althouse  
*I Saw Three Ships*, traditional, arr. Loomer/Thompson  
*Run to the Manger*, Kirby Shaw  
*We Three Kings*, John Henry Hopkins, arr. Thompson  
3 Men & a Bass

**Prelude** *Once in Royal David's City*, H. Gauntlett, text by Alexander

#### \*Call to Worship

One: May the blessing of light be on us, light without and light within.

**All: May the sun shine on us and warm each heart,**

**One:** so that strangers and friends may come in and warm themselves.

**All: And may God bless this communion of saints.**

(from the Irish Celtic tradition)

**\*Opening Hymn** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* #203

#### 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.

**Children's Time** *Children are invited forward for a special time. They will be led to their classrooms for Sunday School following Children's Time.*

#### Lighting the First Advent Candle – The Candle of Hope

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

#### Choral Invitation to Prayer

#### Congregational Prayer (unison):

O God, it is the Season of Advent, and we are waiting...  
waiting for the peace that passes all understanding;  
waiting for justice to carry the day;  
waiting for love to rekindle the flame of our spirits;  
waiting for the Light of Life to brighten our steps.

O God, coax us out of our hiding places. Place us in the midst of the hungry and face to face with the lonely. Remind us how much we have to give to those who have so little. May we not only believe in love, but live it every day in everything we say and do. 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.

#### Special Music

*Away in a Manger*, Kirkpatrick, arr. Petrie  
3 Men & a Bass

#### Stewardship Moment

Barbara Reiter, Jefferson Avenue UMC

#### Invitation to Offering

*If I give away all my possessions but do not have love, I gain nothing.* – The Apostle Paul

#### The Offertory

*Silent Night*, Franz Gruber, text Mohr, arr. Thompson  
3 Men & a Bass

#### \*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

**Special Music** 9:30 *Lo How a Rose E're Blooming*, Praetorius  
3 Men & a Bass

**Scripture Reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Reflection** "In Those Days" Rev. Butler

**\*Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #196

**\*Benediction/Response** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* vs. 1 #211

**Postlude** *Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People* arr. Manz

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\*Please stand as you choose and are able.

**Assisting in Worship:** Patti O'Neill, Brad Pierson, Schawn Kellogg,  
Sydney Vogel, Debbie Willeford, Carolyn Cline, Serena Klein, Kent Smiley,  
3 Men & a Bass

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

**Acolytes:** 9:30 Faith Christen and Haley Peterson

**Welcome Center:** Bruce and Kay Robison

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.

**Next Sunday the 7:45 am worship service is in the sanctuary.**

**Next Sunday's Special Music:** Morning Bells

*Light the Lights, King of Kings*, Chancel Choir

**Reminder:** Come early to enjoy the mini concert holiday music before the  
9:30 am service on Dec. 6, 13 & 20.

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