

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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"TELL ME, SHEPHERD"

HYDE

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND DOXOLOGY

HOLY COMMUNION TABLE II

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*(There is a gluten-free station available to the left of the pulpit.)*

The Communion rail offering will be donated to missions.

\* HYMN #249

"There's a Song in the Air"

### SENDING FORTH

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

"FARANDOLE"

BIZET

*We welcome the Magellan String Quartet today in worship.*

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Dr. Billy "Buck" Pennel by Jean Pennel.*

**Advent Bible Study, Begins December 4, with Emily Truan at 4:30 pm in the Library.**

*Birthday Party for Jesus on December 4 at 5-6 pm in the FLC*

**Games, Dinner and Fellowship**

Mission focus: VA Christmas at Home. We would like each family to bring stocking stuffer items for wounded warriors: any small toiletry items, gift cards, playing cards, puzzle books, etc. A box will be set up to collect the items at the party.



### AUDITIONS

"Appointment in Jerusalem," an original one-act play will be performed Sunday evening, January 22, in the Family Life Center. **Cold reading auditions will be held for ages 15 to "senior saint" immediately following the 11:00 service on Sunday, December 4, in the Multi-purpose Room.**



**HOLY LIGHT Sunday, December 11, 2011 Aldersgate Sanctuary  
5:00pm**

The music ministries of Aldersgate UMC, Covenant Presbyterian, and the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection will present HOLY LIGHT.

A holiday reception in the Family Life Center will follow.

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Rev. John Pinson, Senior Pastor

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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DECEMBER 4, 2011  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

### THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "A CHRISTMAS OVERTURE" MOORE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #203 "HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED"

GREETING AND PRAYER

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

\*ADVENT WREATH: THE SECOND CANDLE

Reader: "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people'" (Luke 2:8-10).

Reader: Today, we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

**People: Today, we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.**

Reader: On this second Sunday in Advent, we light the second candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.

*(Light two purple candles.)*

CHORAL RESPONSE "AWAY IN A MANGER" ARR. WILBERG

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you** (people greet one another).

CHILDREN'S SERMON

JULIE LEWIS

\*HYMN #202

"PEOPLE, LOOK EAST"

PRAISE, PRAYER, AND MEDITATION

ANTHEM

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO"

HAYDN

\*GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 1:1-8

SERMON

REV. PINSON