

## “Fourth Sunday of Advent”

**We Assemble in God's Name**

### THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"  
I Chronicles 16:31

### MUSIC FOR GATHERING

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”  
“He Is Born, The Divine Christ Child”

[Please sign and pass the pew registration pad to those seated next to you. Prayer cards can be found in the pews. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.]

### WORDS OF WELCOME

**DRAMA** “The Star” Bill Griffith, Stephanie Olson  
(Keith Arbuckle) Nathan Patrick, Kim Hamon

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** Keith, Teresa, Jessica & Casey Arbuckle

**\*HYMN** “Angels We Have Heard on High” No. 152

### \*UNISON INVOCATION

“Holy God, open our hearts and minds to the deep melody of your love. Create in us an inner space where we know the wonder of angel songs and baby smiles. Rekindle in us the simple trust of lowly shepherds and the bold risking of traveling Magi. Holy God, let us know this song and story are meant for our healing and our encouragement. Amen.

**ANTHEM** “A Celtic Noel” Chancel Choir  
(Michael Barrett)

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 96:11-13

**\*HYMN** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” No. 171

{During the Hymn, children age 4 through Grade 3 are dismissed to Children’s Worship.}

### OFFERING PRAYER

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “Pat-a-Pan” Exultation Ringers  
( Arr. Fred Gramann)

**MESSAGE** “Can You Hear...The Heavens Rejoicing?” Pastor Dan Cash  
Luke 2:1-14

### PRAYERS AT CHRISTMAS

**\*HYMN** “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” No. 170

- During the hymn those who would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ or transfer church membership to First Baptist are encouraged to come forward. The Pastor will meet you at the front of the sanctuary. -

### \*BENEDICTION

### RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** “Toccata on ‘Adeste Fidelis”  
(D.H. Hegarty)

### We Depart to Serve

**\*All who are able may stand**

**(Please remember to turn off your cell phone.)**  
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**The Body of Christ Prays For...** Military Personnel & Families & Homebound Members

**Also remember...** Pat Evans, Helen Kirk, Nancy Baumann, Joyce Crowder,  
Carl Harlow, Margo Hughey

We wish a happy birthday to Carl Harlow who turns 77 on December 25.

We rejoice with the following couples as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries:

Bob & Judy Rhude – 48<sup>th</sup> on 12/23  
Bob & Sharon Downin – 45<sup>th</sup> on 12/27

**Emergency Responder** – Jan Ross

**Cookie Ministry** – Carol Burton

**Pastoral Care Team for this week:** Ron & Peggy Lane

THIS WEEK

**TODAY, December 20**

9:30 a.m. – Worship  
10:30 a.m. – Called Business Meeting (Sanctuary)  
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School  
3:30 p.m. – ABY & Jr. ABY  
4:00 p.m. – Christmas Caroling & Party  
6:00 p.m. – Touring Bell Choir

**MONDAY, December 21**

4:30 p.m. – Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

**TUESDAY, December 22**

9:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, December 23**

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, December 24**

7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**FRIDAY, December 25**

MERRY CHRISTMAS! (Church Offices Closed)

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 27**

9:30 a.m. – Worship – Pastor Dan Cash  
10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship (hosted by Inquirers Class)

**Looking Ahead**

January 1 – New Year's Day – Church Offices Closed  
January 5 – Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)  
January 10 – ABY & Jr. ABY (3:30 pm)  
January 10 – 2010 Ministry Team Organizational Kick-Off Meeting  
January 11 – ABWM Executive Board Meeting (6:30 pm)  
January 12 – Church Council (7:00 pm)

**Church Staff**

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor  
Joyce Crowder, Minister of Music; Lauren Skelton, Children's Minister;  
Donna Tull, Organist; Laura Friedrich, Administrative Assistant;  
Dortha Anderson, Librarian; Peter Hensley, Barry Ferrill, Custodians  
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**“Practicing Our Faith”**

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**MESSENGER EXTRA**

**SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING**

A special called business meeting will be held today immediately following worship to adopt our 2010 Budget. Copies of the budget are available at the Welcome Center.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!** – There is a table set up in the Narthex for you to pick up your new pictorial directory. One per family, please.

 **CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY**   
**TODAY AT 4:00 PM**

Everyone is invited to join our youth for a Caroling outing and Christmas party. Meet at the church at 4:00 PM today. After caroling we will return to Fellowship Hall for soup, sandwiches, games, and fellowship. **If you plan to attend, please indicate the number of your party on the Registration Pads today!**

**GOING GREEN**

Have you noticed the recycling containers around the building? Our younger generation is challenging us to go green and recycle. Please help by placing bulletins, paper, and aluminum cans in these containers.



**Join us at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
**December 24, 2009 ~ 7:00 PM**  
**As the Chancel Choir leads us in Worship**  
**"I Hear the Prophet Callin'"**



The Christmas Story from Prophecy to Fulfillment ~ Music and Lyrics by Pepper Choplin

**Christmas Offering:** The Church Council has designated the Pregnancy Care Center as the recipient of our Christmas Offering this year. (Please make checks out to FBC, designate "Christmas Offering", and either place in a blue pew envelope, or mail to the church office.)

**RICHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR BOOK BUDDIES**

Richards School has a real need this year for Book Buddies. There are at least 6 open spots right now. If you are able to assist with this program, please contact the school.

**HELPING GOD'S CREATURES**

As winter approaches, the Bartholomew County Humane Society is in need of blankets, towels and throws (in any condition) for the cats and dogs in their care. For the month of

December a box will be placed on the lower level near the restrooms for donations. For more information contact Don Harris (378-3176) or the BC Humane Society (372-6063).

**REMINDER: Final payment for the Women's Retreat is now due.**

**POP TOPS FOR RICHARDS SCHOOL:** We are collecting can pop tops for Richards School. Please place them in the container on the Welcome Center.

**GIVING ENVELOPES ARE IN THE HALLWAY NEAR FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

**INDIANAPOLIS SYMPHONIC CHOIR'S FESTIVAL OF CAROLS  
AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH (6045 E. State St.)  
TODAY AT 7:00 PM**

A concert of traditional Christmas music directed by Dr. Eric Stark and accompanied by Charles Manning.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

On Sunday, January 3, right after Sunday School we will be taking the garland down. If you can help, we would appreciate the extra hands.

**Ssshhhh.....It's a Secret!** ~ Join the FBC 2010 "**Secret Sisters**" Club

**This is for all women/girls of the church - any age.** You will have a secret pal from within the church that you can slip notes, cards, small gifts, emails, etc. to throughout the year. We will end with a big reveal at a Christmas Party in December 2010. Please fill out the form below and place in the envelope on the Welcome Desk or return to the church office **no later than December 27!** Your Secret Sister will be randomly chosen for you the beginning of January. See Jane Ellen Watkins if you have any questions!

**Secret Sisters**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite Food: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contributing to Advent/Christmas Decorations**

**Juanita Adkins & Family** in memory of Marvin Adkins

**Bill & Carolyn Baker** in honor of Martha Critser; and in memory of Pat Bokelman, William Critser, and Ruth & Harry Baker

**Ed & Barbara Campbell** in memory of Pat Bokelman

**Dan & Lori Cash** in memory of Lori's father, Charles Kline, and Dan's sister, Ruth Barker

**Mary Garten & Family** in memory of William Garten

**Carl & LuAnn Harlow** in memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Harlow, and Mr. & Mrs. Alva Nolting

**Paul & Helen Kirk** in memory of Pat Bokelman

**Ron & Peggy Lane** in honor of their children and grandchildren, and Claude Lane; and in memory of Miles & Lizzie Houck and Frances Lane

**Larry & Linda Mayfield** in memory of Terry A. Mayfield and Doyle L. Nelson

**Paulette McClintock** in memory of Elaine McClintock, Don Shumaker, and Merle Nikirk

**Helen R. Murdock** in memory of her husband

**Bob & Margaret Nelson** in memory of Dale Eddelman and Gerry Nelson

**Amanda Reed** in memory of Roger Reed

**Bob & Judy Rhude** in memory of James Rhude and Russell & Goldie Rogerson

**Lyman & Corbie Snyder** in memory of their parents and other deceased loved ones and friends

**Joanne Sublette** in memory of her husband, Joe

**David & Sharon Tobias** in memory of Judith Arbuckle and Bill Tobias

**Kenneth & Donna Tull** in memory of Brian Tull, E. Don & Katherine Tull, Joyce Hutcheon, Carl & Imogene Sprouls, Vicky Herron, and Mel Everroad

**Tom & June Ann Vickers** in memory of their parents

**Corie Wheeler** in honor of God; and in memory of her grandparents, Uncle George, Judy Arbuckle, and Aunt Gloriana

**Randy & Jeannie Wheeler** in honor of Jesus Christ our Lord; and in memory of loved ones

**John & Sue Wyman** in honor of their grandchildren; and in memory of Alice & Mary Jackson and Fronia Archibald

**Anita Yancey** in memory of her mother, Jo Eva Yancey