

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 21, 2014
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PEACE

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE / LIGHTING CANDLES

***SONG OF PRAISE - #2085 "He Came Down"**

***CALL TO WORSHIP –**

L: There's a special message for you today.

P: What is it?

L: It's a word of peace, of God's brilliant peace for your lives.

P: What is that?

L: It is an awareness of God's loving presence in your lives in which your spirits are calmed and comforted, made ready to receive the Gift.

P: How can we find that peace?

L: Wait. Listen. Breathe deeply. God's gift will come to you.

P: When is it coming to us?

L: You may not know the hour or minute, but you can be assured that God's gift of God's own self will be given for you.

P: What do we need to do?

L: Be ready. God's promise of peace and hope are real and they are given especially for you. Do not fear. Do not be afraid. God is with us.
AMEN..

CONGREGATION: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, We thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, That we may walk in the light of Christ.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

PRAISE HYMN - #220 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

CHORAL ANTHEM – "Who Is This Tiny Child"

CHILDREN'S TIME – "The Animals' Gift to Jesus"

LIGHTING FOURTH CANDLE IN ADVENT WREATH - PEACE

– Children will come forward to light candles

Reader 1 The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God.

Reader 2 - We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found. (a CHILD lights the candle of peace)

- Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

Reader 3 – Let us pray: Thank you God for the peace you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN - #2080 "All I Need Is You"
PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199); Luke 1: 26-38(p.57NT)

MESSAGE OF PEACE – "The Real Peace"

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – O Lord of peace, bless these gifts and all gathered here that we may be bearers of peace to your world. AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN - #431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"
BENEDICTION –The light of the Candle of Peace goes before us, offering hope and healing to a darkened world. Go into the world, confident in God's presence with you. Bring the words and actions of peace to all God's people. And the blessings of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you always. AMEN..

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK

Organist: Cindy Heggie
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Ron Salyer
Greeters: Marissa Sorensen and Emmileigh Stempien
Ushers: Jacob DeMay and Dameyon Miller-Cotten
Scripture Reader: Elly Stempien
Fellowship: Marilyn Sands and Pam Althouse
Sunday School: No Sunday School or Nursery
Counters: Ron Salyer and Ed Head

SERVING NEXT WEEK: (12/28/14)

Organist: Cindy Heggie
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Ron Salyer
Greeters: Larry and Sharon Larsen
Ushers: Sherri Hunt and Michele Covert
Scripture Reader: Sarah Stackhouse
Fellowship: Marilyn Sands
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller
Nursery: Terry Fingar and Doreen Sorensen
Counters: Ron Salyer and Ed Head

This Week Schedule:

Tues. UMW luncheon, Noon at Antique Inn
Choir Rehearsal, Tues. 7pm
No Wed. Bible Study until after Christmas and New Year's.

**DEC. 24TH – OUR TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. - 7PM
CANDLES, CAROLS, COMMUNION AND CHRIST**

Dec. 28th will be a special after-Christmas Sunday.

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