

**BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 22, 2013
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
LOVE
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING

***SONG OF PRAISE - #2096 "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow**

LIGHTING OF THIRD ADVENT CANDLE – LOVE

L. - Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Love.

P. - Jesus shows us God's perfect love. He is God's perfect love in human form. Those who believe in him and live in him, live in love. Love transforms and perfects all things. It never ends.

L. We light this candle today to remind us that God is love. We thank God for hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, for the joy he pours into our hearts, and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

-- Light the First, Second, Third and Fourth Candles --

P. O God of Love, Emmanuel, send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the time of Christ's appearing. Grant that we may so dwell in him that his perfect love will fill our entire being. Make our worship a time in which we celebrate his love and are made ready to show that love to the whole world - both today - and forevermore. Amen.

ADVENT CAROL - #2090 Light the Advent Candle vs.4

***SHARING OF HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE** - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #240 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"**

CHRISTMAS STORY – "My Life Was Changed" Ryan Andersen, Shepherd Boy

CHILDREN'S SONG – "Do You Hear What I Hear"

CHOIR- "Who Is This Tiny Child"
Mary – Marissa Sorenson

CHRISTMAS PUPPET SKIT- "A TV interview with Stable Animals"
Interviewer – Angie Rugg

PRAYER HYMN - #217 "Away In the Manger, vs.3"
PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE – Isaiah 9:2-7(p.638, OT); Matthew 1:18-25(p.1,NT)

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE – "Don't Worry, God Is With Us"
Man in pew – Stacy Wyant; Woman in pew – Chris Wyant
Little girl in pew – Emmaleigh Stempien

CHRISTMAS SOLO – "Child of Peace" – Aimee Perry

***OFFERTORY**

***DOXOLOGY:** Hymnal, #95

Gracious God - we thank you for your many gifts to us and our world. Most of all we thank you for your gift of love in and thru Jesus Christ. As He offered himself for the world to you -so we offer ourselves and our gifts to at this time. May your name always be glorified in what we say and do. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #246 "Joy To the World"**

***BENEDICTION -**

Go now in Peace, (go now in Peace)

May the love of God surround you (May the love of God surround you)

Everywhere (everywhere)

You may go (You may go)

#251 "Go Tell It On the Mountain" (chorus only)

POSTLUDE

***All who are willing and able, please stand**

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK

Organist: Cindy Heggie
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Ron Salyer
Greeters: Jacob DeMay and Dameyon Miller-Cotten
Ushers: Ryan and Hayley Andersen
Scripture Reader: Elly Stempien
Fellowship: Helen and Dana Schillinger
Sunday School: No Sunday School today
Nursery: No Nursery today
Counters: Ron Salyer and Ed Head

SERVING NEXT WEEK: (12/29/13)

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: TBA
Sunday School: Jessica Kenneda
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Laurie Prinzivalli
Counters: Ron Salyer and Ed Head

This Week Schedule:

Tues. UMW luncheon, Noon at Antique Inn
NO BIBLE STUDY ON Wed. UNTIL JAN. 8TH.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE , DEC.24TH -- 7PM

CAROLS, CANDLES, COMMUNION AND CHRIST CHILD

There will be an offering for the Living Well.

NEXT WEEK WILL BE OUR MUSICAL SUNDAY. DON'T MISS IT. ALL THE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC, SCRIPTURE LESSONS TO CONTINUE OUR CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S BIRTH

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