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Worship Attendance	357
Sunday School	108

### Giving:

Operations	\$16,048.00
Building Fund	\$1,820.00
Designated & memorials	\$1,907.00
Total	\$19,775.00

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*December 19, 2010 - 8:15 & 11:00 am*

## Fourth Sunday



## in Advent

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8:15 & 11:00 am

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### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

*A quiet prayer before worship: “Holy God, I come this morning to prepare my heart to welcome Christ again, because your love draws me here. Thank you.. Amen.”*

**WELCOME** (Please be seated when the Prelude begins.) Pastor Jim Wishmyer

**PRELUDE** (Please fill in Attendance Pads at this time.)

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND READING OF THE GOSPEL (seated)

The gospel of Matthew gives background to the story of Jesus’ birth.  
**It’s a story that is so incredible, we must choose to either believe it or discard it:**

*Matthew 1:18-25*

The gospel of our Lord:  
**Thanks be to God, that God would choose to work in such a way as to confound the wise and shame the proud. Yet to the humble seeker, God is revealed in wonder and awe.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray:  
**Surprising God, your Word sets wonder in motion. Like Mary, we are amazed that you find favor with us. Like Joseph, we are perplexed that you risk objection and rejection; like**

*\* Please stand as you are able*

**him, move us beyond doubt to welcome your love. Into our busy days, place your Bethlehem moments, that we may find wonder and joy in the presence of Christ. As we worship, we yield to your will and purpose, that Christ may be born in us and through us to others. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** “Savior of the Nations Come” UMH 214

**LIGHTING THE 4th ADVENT CANDLE** Boonie & Bill Henry (8:15)  
Marge & Joe Motheral (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Micah 5:2-5a

We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, purify us that we may be ready for the coming of Jesus, our peace! **Amen.**

**RESPONSE** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verse 7) UMH 211

**SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:00)** Baptism Covenant I UMH 33

**ANTHEM** “Bells Ringing, Angels Singing” arr. Dan Edwards  
*Heavenly Ringers*

### PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** "Christmas Dinner" Paul Stookey  
*soloist: Emily Sheetz, guitarist: Mike Dickerson*

**\*RESPONSE** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

**SCRIPTURE** John 3:1-9, 14-21

**SERMON** “When Love Comes... Personal Jesus” Pastor Jim Wishmyer

### INVITATION

**\*HYMN** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH 230

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**Opening Song**

**Opening Prayer & Welcome**

Marty Bartels

**Lighting 3rd Advent Candle**

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Gleadall/Mullins Families

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**Worship Songs**

**Reception of New Members**

**Sacrament of Christian Baptism**

Baptism Covenant I

UMH 33

**Offering**

*(We invite you to come forward by the center aisles to place your offering\*  
in the plates on the altar rail, and then return by the side aisles.)*

**Prayer for the Offering**

Kim Domin

**Scripture Reading**

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**Message**

“When Love Comes... Personal Jesus”

Pastor Jim Wishmyer

**Invitation**

**Closing Song**

**Blessing**

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