

# Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation

December 20, 2009

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## ***The Lord's Word is Fulfilled***

The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Peace)

9:30 a.m. Church School Classes

10:45 a.m. Communication Time

Marjie Foster

Organ Prelude

Linda DeBarthe

Choral Introit: *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

Welcome and Invitation to Worship:

Dick Clothier

And she shall bring forth a son, and his name shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. And this that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel—God with us!

. . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. And we beheld his glory, even the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. *(Matthew 1:21-23; John 1:14)*

Congregational Response: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" HS 227  
(Stanzas 1 & 2 only)

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

Mark and Benna Easter

Responsive Reading:

*Reader:* To our lives that have been full of struggle and heartache, awaken in us a joy for living, O Lord. Fill our lives with your love that we might become ensigns of peace in a bruised and broken world.

**All: Come, thou long-expected Jesus.**

*Reader:* To lives that sometimes appear weak and forlorn, awaken in us a passion for justice; stretch out our arms to wipe the tears of a fallen world; guide our feet down paths of righteousness and peace.

**All: Come, O thou Prince of Peace.**

*Reader:* You are the fulfillment of the prophecies of old. You are Emmanuel, God with us, Prince of Peace. This Christmas, our hearts echo the ancient, fervent prayer:

**All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth—peace, good will to all.**

Hymn of Peace: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" HS 250  
*" . . . The unbroken song of peace on earth, goodwill to men "*

Prayer of Invocation Judy Badder

\*Hymn of Celebration: "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" HS 245

Disciples' Generous Response

Sing during the offertory: "Once in Royal David's City" HS 240  
*" . . . For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above "*

The Christmas Message Apostle Mary Jacks Dynes

Ministry of Music: *"Love Came Down at Christmas"* The Choir

Prayer for Peace Bill Juhnke

\*Hymn of Affirmation: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" HS 252  
*" . . . Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace "*

\*Sending Forth

\*Postlude Linda DeBarthe

*\*Please stand as you are able*

Music: The Lamoni Choir, Don Breshears, director

Candle lighting Coordinator: Bobbi Ellis

Greeters: Gary and Deb Etcheson

Ushers: Kevin Lloyd, Rich Harrop, Natalee Anderson

AV: Stan McKiernan

Worship Setting: Worship Committee

Bell Ringer: Johnathan Johnson

Nursery: Becky Willis Shantz

The Electronic Keyboard is courtesy of Bob and Jerie Gail Ramsey.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Book of Mormon Study Class** will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joan Green.

**Priesthood**, please mark your calendars for a special priesthood meeting Sunday morning, January 10, 8:45 a.m. in the overflow room at the church. This will be the first of regularly scheduled meetings to help us organize (as priesthood office) to share enhanced ministry with the congregation and community. We urge you to make this meeting a priority on your schedule.  
*The Pastorate*

**The Worship Committee** will have hot drinks and snacks on Sunday morning's beginning at 9:30 in the overflow serving area.

### Birthday Greetings to:

Coby Bates	Dec. 21
Caleb Knotts	Dec. 22
Benna Easter	Dec. 23
Kevin Johnson	Dec. 24
Winsome Jackson	Dec. 25
Mary Lou Piepergerdes	Dec. 26
Sterling Sherman	Dec. 26

### Upcoming Events

Wed. Dec. 23	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. Dec. 24	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Sun. Dec. 27	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:40 a.m.	Communication Time – Judy Badder Worship–Rick and Ann Zieger in charge

**Soup Luncheon:** All are invited to stay today for a Soup Luncheon following the worship service in the lower auditorium. A freewill offering will be received.

**Next Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**, we will worship with the theme, “All Who Heard Were Amazed.” Rick and Ann Zieger will be in charge of the service and Pat Magle Jones will serve as our pianist. Invite your friends and neighbors to come worship with you next Sunday. To help you prepare for the service, the World Church has provided the following scriptures:

I Samuel 2:18–20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12–17; Luke 2:41–52;  
Helaman 5:59–62; Doctrine and Covenants 163:3b, 7d

If you need a ride to church, call Barb Daily (784-6141), Clarence Snethen (784-3997) or the church (784-4405) on Sunday morning.

**Prayer and Share** is canceled on Wednesday, December 23, to allow the choir to prepare for the Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve service. We'll worship together Christmas Eve! *The Pastorate*

**Peacebuilding ministries** of the church, Sandee Gamet and Sharon Hannah, invite the community of faith in and around Lamoni to an experience of support in response to the recent arrests of members of the Mohler family. This experience will include how to share support for persons who are incarcerated and for persons bringing charges, personal and spiritual reflection, and perceived next steps. We'll meet at the Lamoni church **today**, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please be assured that you are welcome to attend whether or not you informed Lorrie Long or another member of the pastorate of your intentions.

We invite you to attend **Congregational Conversations** next Sunday, December 27, 1:15 p.m. (following Food and Fellowship in the lower auditorium) in the overflow room. This opportunity to share in informal conversation enriches our congregational ministry. You are encouraged to bring an idea/issue/concern with you for conversation.

**Food and Fellowship:** Please plan to come, share the Food and Fellowship next Sunday (December 27) in the lower auditorium, immediately following our worship service. We want you to “come” whether or not you have food to share. However, if you want to make a monetary contribution (but it's not “expected”) in place of bringing food, the money will be used to purchase items for future meals. In support of our congregation's focus to Reach Out! the congregation is also inviting the Lamoni community to come, share the Food and Fellowship with us (with no expectation of

contribution). For this reason, if you do bring food, we encourage you to bring enough for yourselves and someone else.



*The Christmas Poinsettias are with Fond Memories of:*

Frances Easter – mother of Mark Easter and Benna

Dick Fisher, Sandra Ogier, Jean Ann Stevenson, Isaac Fisher –  
Husband/father, daughters/sisters, grandson/nephew of  
Lohre and Janice Fisher

Chub and Alice Long – parents of Lorrie Long, Dan and Becky Long

Kay Mesle – mother of Bob Mesle and Barbara

Juanna Migliorie – grandmother of Brandon Harvey, son-in-law of  
Bob and Barb Mesle

Ted Locke – father of Becky Long and Dan

Orville Hiles, Jeffery P. Hiles – husband & son of Norma Derry Hiles

David Morgan, Sr., Pam Morgan – family of Wanda Morgan; Dave Jr.,  
and Niccole

Dr. Robert Clothier – brother of Dick Clothier and Louita

Bob Farnham – friend of Dick and Louita Clothier

Chuck Church – husband of Eldeen Church

Amos and Viola Graybill; Willard and Lucile Dugger – parents of  
Bruce and Betty Graybill

Larry Oiler – husband of Lila Barnhouse,  
Tanya Barnhouse - wife of Jack Barnhouse

Alice Dobson – mother of Natalee Anderson and Bob

V. D. and Zella Ruch – parents of Velma Ruch

Mike and Lucille Gilmore – parents of Merilou Hartwig and Nick

Scotty & Betty Eberly; Dean & Olive Shelton – parents of Diane and  
Joe Shelton

Gerald & Mabel Davis; Ova & Ruth Ramsey – parents of Jerie Gail and  
Bob Ramsey

Sam & Joan Clark – parents of Bobbi Ellis & Ron

Dean & Evelyn Scott; Oscar & Julia Sharp - parents & grandparents  
of Deanna Schall

Myron, Sr. & Elizabeth Schall; Celia Schall – parents & sister of Rod Schall

William Joseph & Evelyn Breshears; Raymond and Verna Garver Smith –  
parents of Don and Barbara Breshears

*Wishing You A Merry Christmas*

Jim and Pat Jones

Frank and Carol Hough

Kelly and Tammy Everett

Charles and Katie Persall

Rick and Ann Zieger

Jon and Nancy Wallace

Les and Ava Gardner

Clarence and Maxine Snethen

Steve and Janelle Anders