

CAHILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor:

A J Hillin

Organist/Music Director:

Lynn Moore

December 7, 2008

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE

* PRAISE HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verse 1) UMH # 211

* WORDS OF WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 85)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

I will listen to what God, our Lord, is saying.

*He promises peace to us, his own people,
if we do not go back to our foolish ways.*

God is ready to save those who fear him;
his saving presence will dwell in our land.

*Love and faithfulness will meet together;
righteousness and peace will embrace.*

ADVENT WREATH MEDITATION

David and Kim Smyth

[Light the first candle on the Advent wreath.]

The prophet Isaiah wrote, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" (Mark 1:2-3, NRSV)

And John, the messenger of God, proclaimed to all the people who came to him in the wilderness that they must repent of their sins and be baptized. Many people heard his message, repented, and were baptized in the river Jordan.

It has become our custom to prepare for the birth of the Messiah by decorating our cities and homes, hanging lights inside and out, singing of Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, and measuring the quality of our Christmas morning by the number of gifts we receive on Christmas morning.

[Light the second candle on the Advent wreath.]

As we light this second candle in preparation for the coming of the Messiah, perhaps we need to listen again to John the Baptizer's message, preparing the way of the Lord:

... make straight the paths
... repent of your sins
... be baptized
... and live holy lives devoted to God.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE *There's a Song in the Air* UMH # 249

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

* DOXOLOGY

THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE

New Testament, page 29, Matthew 28:18-20;
page 184, 1 Timothy 1:12,14-17

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAYER *Love Came Down At Christmas* UMH # 242

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / PASTORAL PRAYER/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

AN ORDER FOR COMMITMENT TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Joe and Sue Balentine

SHARING THE PEACE

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH #12

*HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* UMH # 240

THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to meet the pastor at the altar to place your membership in the church by profession of faith, transfer of membership, or to recommit your life to Christ.

*THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS UMH #48

*COMMISSIONING

**In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go forth into the world,
to fulfill our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.**

*BENEDICTION

Welcome, Visitors.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us this morning
and we hope you will come again.

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Worship Services	Sundays	9:30 am
Sunday School		10:45

CAHILL NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potluck Dinner Christmas Party		Dec. 14th
After Worship Service		
Christmas Program	9:30 am	Dec. 21st
Christmas Eve Service		7:00 pm

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Our Military

Cole Kurtenbach – Iraq	Danny Dennison – Iraq
Ricky Tiwater – Iraq	Jessica Keays – Gulf
Bryan Dryer – Iraq	Wayne Fannin, Jr – Navy Training

WANT TO JOIN OUR CHURCH?

If you believe God is calling you to a relationship through this church, please come forward when the invitation is given. If “coming forward” isn’t comfortable for you, see “the Rev” after the service and you can do a “No Stress” form of joining Cahill United Methodist Church. (Present this form to the pastor during the last hymn.)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Children’s Names:

Former Church _____

Address _____

Joining By:

- _____ Baptism and Profession of Faith
(Never Baptized, no previous church membership)
- _____ Transfer from another United Methodist Church
- _____ Transfer from another denomination