

CAHILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor:

A J Hillin

Organist/Music Director:

Lynn Moore

December 14, 2008

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE

* PRAISE HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verse 2)* UMH # 211

* WORDS OF WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Come once more, with eager longing, to receive the promises of God.

Out of the desert places of our lives we gather with joy and gladness.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Our God has promised that lonely places and deserts will be glad and blossom as the rose.

The Lord has promised that the blind will be able to see, the deaf will hear, the lame will leap and dance, and those who cannot speak will shout for joy.

Our God, who made heaven and earth and all that is in them, keeps faith forever. He sets the prisoners free and brings healing to those who seek him.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and watches over strangers. He upholds the orphan and the widow.

Our God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

Come once more, with eager longing, and bless the holy name of our God.

ADVENT WREATH MEDITATION

(Lighting of the first and second candles of the Advent wreath)

If Jesus comes to us again at Christmas this year, and if Jesus dwells within each of us, shouldn't that make a difference in who we are and how we live our lives? Hear these words from First Thessalonians:

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." "Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of the prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil."

"May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, NRSV)

If we seek Jesus who is born in the manger, shouldn't we:

... be at peace among ourselves?

... help the weak and the poor?

... not repay evil for evil, but always do good to one another?

... in all circumstances, give thanks?

(Lighting of the third candle of the Advent wreath)

As we light this third candle, let us remember that this is the will of God in Christ Jesus, who comes to us.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UMH # 220

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

* DOXOLOGY

THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE

Old Testament, page 651, Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11

New Testament, page 79, John 1:6-8; 19-28

This is the Word of God for the people of God **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PRAYER *Away in a Manger* UMH # 217

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

GIFT OF MUSIC *Jesu, Bambino* Cheryl Hillin

SERMON A J. Hillin

*HYMN **Go, Tell It on the Mountain** UMH # 251

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

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

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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
Tim House - Navy Jessica Simon - Korea

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