

The First Congregational Church  
(United Church of Christ)  
Canton Center, Connecticut

December 13, 2009 10:00 AM

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PAGEANT SUNDAY

CHIMES Joseph Bowman

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: "People, Look East"

Dillon Bowen, David Solomon, Rose Minichiello, Claire Byko

CHORAL INTROIT: "If I'd Been Around" -Bozard

Cherub Choir, directed by Judy Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Rejoice, give thanks; call on God's name;

The Holy One is in our midst.

**How good it is to come home to God's house!**

**How good it is to gather in Christ's presence!**

Sing aloud! Exult with all your heart;

The Sovereign One has done glorious things.

**We offer up our anxieties, seeking God's peace.**

**We face our plenty, eager to share.**

Shout your praise! Express your joy!

The God of our salvation welcomes us.

**God's love is renewing us in these moments;**

**God's strength is becoming our song!**

\*HYMN 120 (*Pilgrim*) "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: **JOY**

Candle Lighters: The Solomon Family

Readings

**Unison Prayer: Dear God, we thank you for the delight and excitement we feel this time of year. Continue to fill us with your joy, O God. As we wait in wonder, help us to spread your light of joy to others. Amen.**

HYMN (seated) (*Chalice #128, v. 3*) "One Candle Is Lit"  
**Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth,  
Join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.  
Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.  
One candle is lit for the joy of these days.**

OFFERTORY: "Light a Little Candle" -Martin

Junior Choir;

Claire Byko, Joseph Bowman, percussion; and Judy Robinson;

directed by Betsy Ash

\*DOXOLOGY (*Pilgrim #515*)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (in unison)

**We rejoice, O God of peace, in the privilege of giving without fear. You come to us daily with blessings too numerous to count. You are the Holy One whose presence relieves our anxieties, feed our hungers, and stirs our compassion. Through our offerings, we express our gratitude. As we give of ourselves, we respond to your call to bear fruit and to make your name known among the nations. Thank you for accepting all we offer. Amen.**

\*HYMN 141 (*Pilgrim*) "The First Nowell"

***The pageant participants proceed to their places  
when the hymn begins.***

"COME SEE BETHLEHEM'S LIGHT"

A Church School Presentation directed by Sarah W. LeGeyt  
(NO photography, please)

***The designated hymns will be sung (seated)  
by the congregation after a brief lead-in.***

OVERTURE: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Pageant Ensemble

HYMN 129 (*Pilgrim*) "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"  
(sung by congregation)

ANTHEM: "Silent Night" Pageant Ensemble

HYMN **134 v. 1** (*Pilgrim*) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
(sung by congregation)

ANTHEM: "What Child Is This?" Teddy Engvall, electric guitar

HYMN **117 v. 1 & 2** (*Pilgrim*) "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"  
(sung by congregation)

HYMN **137 v. 1 & 2** (*Pilgrim*) "Away in a Manger"  
Ensemble plays through once, congregation sings v. 1 & 2

HYMN **117 v. 3 & 4** (*Pilgrim*) "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"  
(sung by congregation)

HYMN **138** (*Pilgrim*) "Silent Night, Holy Night"  
Organ and Ally Getchell, guitar  
v. 1 sung by children, v. 2 & 3 sung by congregation

POETRY READING Katie LeGeyt

RECESSIONAL: "Joy to the World" Pageant Ensemble  
***Pageant participants recess to the Parish Hall.***

\*POSTLUDE: "O Come, Little Children" -trad. carol/arr. Bish

(\*All who are able, please stand)

The Rev. Susan M. Prichard	Interim Minister
Sarah W. LeGeyt	Director of Christian Education & Youth
Mary Lou Keefe	Organist; Director of Music
Bob Oswald	Ensemble Director
Judy Robinson	Cherub Choir Director
Betsy Ash	Junior Choir Director
Cindy Griggs and Dan LeGeyt	Duty Deacons
Kristin Oswald	Duty Trustee
Darryl and Jamie Haberern	Greeters
Jeff and Tyler Smith	Ushers
Members of the Christian Education Committee	Coffee Hour Hosts

Please see bulletin insert for announcements

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009**

**THE FLOWERS** today are given in loving memory of Alta and Glenn Macbeth and Anita and Neal McConnell by Gail and Stan Macbeth.

**WE CORDIALLY WELCOME** those who are visitors to this church and to this morning's worship service. Please sign the guest book in the vestibule. Or, fill in a Friendship Card found in the pews. Also found with the Friendship Cards are Pew Envelopes. Please feel free to use them for any donation.

**NURSERY CARE** is available in the lower level of the Parish House for infants through 2 years old.

**LARGE PRINT COPIES** of today's bulletin are available on the ushers' tables in the back of the church.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for a time of refreshment and fellowship in the church's Parish Hall after the service today. All are welcome.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE A PLEDGE FOR 2010**, please fill out a pledge form today and submit it to the church office. Trustees will be finalizing the budget as soon as possible. Forms are available on the information table by the kitchen in the Parish House.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANTS** can be dedicated in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone special, or in celebration of a special occasion. Plants may be ordered following church at the coffee hour **TODAY**. Phone orders are welcome by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> as well; please call Jim Potter 860-693-1141 or Leslee Hill 860-693-1618. The cost per plant is \$9.00. If you have any questions, please call Jim Potter 860-693-1141. Please leave your poinsettia until after the 7:30 service on Dec. 24.

**CHERUB CHOIR**, today, 11:15; **JUNIOR CHOIR**, today, 11:30.

**COME TO THE ANNUAL MUSIC SUNDAY** which takes place next week, December 20<sup>th</sup>, during the regular worship service. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Christmas season with carols and anthems performed by the Junior, Senior, and Bell choirs accompanied by trumpet, flute, and percussion.

## **Bulletin Announcements, Sunday, December 13, 2009, continued**

**JOIN US FOR THE 2010 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL** at the First Church, Winsted, on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 4 PM (music begins at 3 PM). Ticket order form is on the kitchen door or with Rachel during coffee hour. Adult tickets \$15 (\$12 if we have a group of more than 20) – Seniors \$12 and Children \$5. Please sign up by **TODAY** to ensure we can get tickets. Any questions, contact Rachel at 860-416-9360.

**2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the Parish Hall. If you do not find yours there, please contact the church office

### **COMING UP**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**: Monday, 10:00 AM.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**: Monday, 6:30 PM.

**MUSIC COMMITTEE**: Monday, 6:30 PM.

**SENIOR CHOIR**: Monday, 7:00 PM.

**MINISTER'S BOOK STUDY**: Tuesday, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

**PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**: Tuesday, 7:00 PM.

**CHURCH COUNCIL**: Wednesday, 7:00 PM.

**BELL CHOIR**: Thursday, 7:00 PM.

**WARNING** of a special meeting of the congregation to be held Sunday, December 20, 2009, after worship, to vote on the 2010 Operating Budget proposed by the Board of Trustees.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** will be held at 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 24. The 6:00 PM service will be the shorter of the two, being more geared for families with young children. Both services conclude with the traditional candle light ceremony and the singing of "Silent Night."

**ALL-CHURCH RETREAT PLANNING COMMITTEE** is forming for the Silver Lake retreat set for March 12, 13, 14. Contact Sarah LeGeyt if you would like to help with the plans.

## 2009 Christmas Pageant

Baby Jesus: **Chase Schuyler**  
Mary: **Emily LeGeyt**  
Joseph: **Randy Doyle**  
Donkey: **Jenna DiMartino**  
Inn Keeper: **Connor Treadwell**  
Gabriel: **Liza Rice**  
Star: **Savannah Herbek**  
Reader 1: **Will Rice**  
Reader 3: **Abigail Mutch**  
Poetry Reader: **Katie LeGeyt**  
Wise People : **Amanda O'Toole, Nicholas O'Toole, Katie Mankowski**  
Pages: **Colin Welcome, Jared Emirzian, Katie Walker**  
Sheep: **3- & 4 year olds, Kindergarten and Grade 1**  
Angels: **3- & 4-year olds, Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5**  
Shepherds: **Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5**  
Cows: **Grades 2 & 3**



Reader 2: **John Solomon**

Reader 4: **Katie Hill**

Cherub Choir, directed by **Judy Robinson**:

**Laura DiMartino, Declan Emirzian, Frankie Flaherty, Hailey Grabinsky, Brynn Levy, Anna Owens, Grace Owens, Kiera Parshley, Evan Plante, Kyle Plante, Abby Raccuia, Jessie Webb**

Junior Choir, directed by **Betsy Ash**:

**Joseph Bowman, Sarah Bowman, Claire Byko, Jenna DiMartino, Jarod Emirzian, Alexa Levy, Katie Mankowski, Mollie Richter, Katie Walker**

Pageant Ensemble, directed by **Bob Oswald**:

Flute: **Grace Robinson, Emma Webb**  
Clarinet: **Molly Richter, Lucy Tanner, Katie Warner**  
Alto Sax: **Henry Engvall**  
Tenor Sax: **Teddy Engvall**  
Trumpet: **Dillon Bowen, David Solomon**  
Trombone: **Ben Robinson, Mark Solomon**  
Drums/Bells: **Claire Byko, Joseph Bowman**  
Baritone Sax: **Rose Minichiello**  
Guitar: **Teddy Engvall**

Thanks to **Matt Solomon, Bob Mankowski and Jim Koplak** for creating the set, and to all the **church school teachers**.