

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

January 3, 2010

10:00 AM

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
MUSIC SUNDAY – LESSONS AND CAROLS

CHIMES

Bob Oswald

INTERESTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE: “What Child Is This?”

-Smith/Hustad

Piano and Organ Duet; Bob Oswald, piano

INTROIT: “Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head”

-Niles/arr. Gallina

Senior Choir Ladies and Junior Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP: (**responsively**)

Before the majesty of God, we gather to worship;  
in quiet expectation, we come to hear God’s promises.

**This is where we belong; here we are warmly greeted.**

**Surely God will feed our deepest hunger.**

Before God’s strength and power, we bow down;  
in hesitant anticipation, we listen for God’s judgment.

**This is our home, where our lives are redirected.**

**Surely God will show us new ways to live.**

Before the mercy of God, we lift our hearts;  
in humble imagination, we welcome a new visitation.

**This day God is present with us; we feel it.**

**Surely God is preparing us for a time of joy.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in **unison**, using debts and debtors)

\*CAROL (**see insert**)

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: **LOVE**

Candle Lighters: The Mutch Family

Readings

Unison Prayer:

**O God, we thank you that Jesus showed his love for every person – babies and children, old people and young, sick people and those who are strong, rich people and those who are poor. Come to us in this Advent season and give us love in our hearts for all people. Amen.**

HYMN (*Chalice # 128, v. 4*)

“One Candle Is Lit”

**Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,  
Where evil is banished and faith takes the day,  
A babe in a manger to fool the world’s eyes.  
One candle is lit for God’s loving surprise.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM: “The Holly and the Ivy”

-Trad. English carol/arr. Rutter  
Senior Choir

CAROL **151** (*Chalice*)

“The First Noel”

**The church school children pass to the Parish Hall  
when the congregation begins singing.**

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 11 (Pew Bibles, O.T. p. 607)

ANTHEM: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” -13<sup>th</sup> cen. plainsong/arr. Grant  
Senior Choir

THIRD LESSON: Micah 5 (Pew Bibles, O.T. p. 816)

ANTHEM: “O How Joyfully (O Sanctissima)”

-Sicilian melody/arr. Moklebust  
Cherry Brook Chimes;

Linda Ripley, sleigh bells, finger cymbals, tambourine

FOURTH LESSON: Luke 1

ANTHEM: “Baloo Lammy”

-17<sup>th</sup> cen. Scottish carol/arr. Gillespie  
Senior Choir; Linda Ripley, flute descant

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2 – The Birth of Jesus

ANTHEM: “Silent Night” -German/Franz Gruber/arr. Dobrinski  
Cherry Brook Chimes Bell Choir; Linda Ripley, flute

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2 – The Shepherds Visit

ANTHEM: “O Little One Sweet” -German/harmonized by J.S. Bach  
Senior Choir; Linda Ripley, flute

SEVENTH LESSON: Matthew 2 – The Coming of the Wise Men

ANTHEM: “Sing Noel, Noel, Noel” -Besancon carol/arr. Purifoy  
Senior Choir

OFFERTORY: “The Coventry Carol” -Trad. English carol/arr. Eithun  
Cherry Brook Chimes Bell Choir; Linda Ripley, wind chimes and flute

\*DOXOLOGY (*Chalice* #46)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (in **unison**)

**Thank you, God, for your mercy and protection, for feeding us physically and spiritually, for caring for us like a shepherd. We present our offerings as an act of gratitude. What we can never repay we pause to appreciate. In the name of generosity we cannot match, we seek to be generous toward others. May these offerings do far more than support our church. We dedicate ourselves and these gifts to honor Christ through ministry in the world. Amen.**

EIGHTH LESSON: John 1

\*CAROL 150 (*Chalice*) “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

\*BENEDICTION and \*RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE: “Pat-a-Pan” -Trad. French/arr. Morris

(\*All who are able, please stand)

**Please see bulletin insert for announcements**

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 3, 2010**

The Rev. Susan M. Prichard	Interim Minister
Sarah W. LeGeyt	Director of Christian Education & Youth
Mary Lou Keefe	Organist, Director of Music
Betsy Ash	Junior Choir Director
Lydia Petersen and Dave Ayres	Duty Deacons
Rina Pane	Duty Trustee
Stan and Gail Macbeth	Greeters
Jim Magennis	Usher

**THE FLOWERS** today are given by Marianne Burbank in memory of her mother, Mary Mills Humphrey, born December 21, and her grandmother, Bertha Mills, born January 7.

**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.

**PLEASE JOIN US** in the Parish Hall following the service for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

**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. Large print editions of the *Chalice Hymnal* are also available for use during worship.

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**JUNIOR CHOIR:** Today, 11:15 AM in the Music Room.

**OUR MISSION COLLECTION FOR JANUARY** continues the emphasis of December to benefit Hartford's Interval House. Needed items are Pampers (lg), Pull-ups (lg), toilet tissue, Kleenex, paper towels, cleaning products - bleach, glass cleaner, Lysol disinfectant, sponges. Plastic tall/large garbage bags (55+size).

### **COMING UP**

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

**DIACONATE:** Tuesday, 7:00 PM.

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

**MISSIONARY & STEWARDSHIP:** Next Sunday, 8:30 AM.

**TEACHERS' MEETING:** Next Sunday, 8:30 AM.

**SYF MEETING:** Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, Corner Room.

**SYF MISSION TRIPPERS & PARENTS MEETING:** Next Sunday, 11:15 AM.

**CHILD CARE** will be available on January 17<sup>th</sup>, for children 8 and under, during the worship service. All other children are encouraged to remain in church for the entire service.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** will be due in the church office on January 17. Committee chairpeople and officers of the church, please take note.

**ALL-CHURCH RETREAT PLANNING COMMITTEE** is forming for the Silver Lake Retreat set for March 12, 13, 14. Contact Sarah LeGeyt to help.

## MUSIC SUNDAY NOTES

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Due to the weather cancellation of the scheduled Music Sunday on December 20, there are some changes to be noted:

- **Joseph Bowman** will be replacing Linda Ripley on percussion today.
- The readers will be **Tyler Smith** and **Ally Getchell**.
- **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be added after the Eighth Lesson, as follows**

\*COMMUNION HYMN 107 (*Pilgrim*) "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to receive the Bread and the Cup. The deacons will administer communion to the congregation as seated. We partake of the elements after all have been served, as one body in Christ.

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