FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 23, 2007

Organist: Arlys Willis

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PRAYER

Loving Father,

Open our eyes to Your plans for us, so that we can move beyond fatigue to lives full of purpose and fruitful labor. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

GUIDES FOR WORSHIP

The order of worship begins on page 151 in the hymnal. There is no Holy Communion today, so please turn to page 162 after the offertory hymn to continue.

The Hymns are: 357 – 347 – 924
Sermon Text: Matthew 1:18-25
Sermon Theme: "Beyond Fatigue"

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Church Attendance:	Saturday, December 15, 2007:	31
	Sunday, December 16, 2007:	140
	Holy Communion:	74
	Sunday School:	42

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who have come to this house of God on this fourth Sunday of Advent! God can and does meet us here in special ways in our common worship. But God also comes to us unexpectedly, just as he did when he surprised us by appearing on an ordinary night in an obscure town in the form of a baby boy.

The Children's Christmas Worship Service will be at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Day Worship Service will be held at 9:30 a.m. and will be "A Carol Service of Nine Lessons". Holy Communion will also be celebrated.

The New Year's Eve Worship Service with Holy Communion will be held at 7:30 p.m. December 31st.

There will be no Sunday School on December 30th. Sunday school will resume at 8:15 a.m. on January 6th.

The series "Making Your Children Mind Without Losing Yours" by Dr. Kevin Leman, will begin on Sunday, January 6th during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall. We encourage all parents to participate during this time.

The Adult Inquirer's class will begin on January 6th at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The January "Usher & Acolyte" schedule has been printed. Check your distribution box for a copy.

The 2007 church books will be closed following the worship service on December 31st. Please have all donations in the offering at this time.

The January – March "Portals of Prayer" are on the table in the narthex.

The 2008 church contribution envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please stop and pick your envelopes up before you leave if you have not already done so.

Known to be hospitalized this week: Ray Sommers

The Bible verse to memorize this week is: **II Corinthians 5:17** - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE

Today	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Eve Worship Service
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Worship Service
Sunday		*No Sunday School*
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	7:30 p.m.	New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion

A nursery is available for parents with small children while attending our worship service. If you need to use it, please ask one of the ushers and they will direct you to it.