

GROVELAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, U.C.C.

Sunday, December 18th, 2011

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Welcome to the Groveland Congregational Church. Large print copies of the bulletin and hymns for today are available from the ushers. If you are visiting us, please let the Deacon at the back of the sanctuary know if you would like to speak with the Pastor or a member of the Deacons. There is child care for younger children in the nursery downstairs.

Announcements [Please give your written announcement to the Deacon before the service begins.]

Welcome

Prelude *Away in a Manger* Traditional

Call to Worship

Leader: Come apart to this place of rest and renewal;

Let your spirits rejoice in the presence of God.

People: We will sing of God's steadfast love for all people.

We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: God looks with favor on the humble and lowly.

God's covenant does not focus on rank or position.

People: God strengthens those who are weak.

The proud are scattered in the thoughts of their hearts.

Leader: Blessed are those who walk in God's light.

Blessed are all who say "yes" to God's call.

People: Let the heavens proclaim the wonders of God.

Let all the earth rejoice in Christ's coming.

+ Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #116

+Prayer of Invocation

We bring our spiritual hungers to this place, O God, hoping to be fed. We bring our weariness, expecting to find rest for our souls. We bring our dullness, asking that we might be alerted to those things that you consider important. We come because we want the scattered fragments of our lives to come together in a meaningful wholeness. You have promised to be with us. Reveal yourself to us here, we pray in the name of One who came to share our common lot. Amen.

+Gloria Patri [Words to the "Gloria" are found inside back cover of the Hymnal]

Lighting of the Advent Wreath James and Lynda Pelletier, Parker and Sawyer

Advent Hymn *When God Is a Child*, verses 1, 2, 3 & 4 see pew rack

Anthem *Away in a Manger* Fitzpatrick

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

[Please use slips provided in the pew to legibly **print** your joys/concerns to be included in the Pastoral prayer.]

Pastor: God be with you

People: And also with you

Pastor: Let us pray

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer [Our Father who art in heaven...debts and debtors... Amen.]

Prayer Response Maranatha (Come, Lord Jesus)

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Come, Little Children* arranged by G. Martin

+Doxology [Words are found inside back cover of the Hymnal]

+Prayer of Consecration

+ Hymn *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* #119

The Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Please see the insert for congregational participation. We ask that you remain seated during the carols sung as part of the pageant.

+ Benediction

Response #116 refrain

Postlude *Jesus, Jesus Reprise*
[Please feel free to leave during the postlude.]

+ indicates to stand if you are able



*The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Nick Latham
from Doug, Betsy, Alex and Chris Latham*

*The rose on the altar is given in honor of Gretchen S. Dallaire for her birthday
from Lance, Josh, and Seth*



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CHRISTMAS EVE
 SATURDAY~ DECEMBER 24TH
 5:00PM FAMILY WORSHIP
 11:00PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS
 CHRISTMAS MORNING ~ 10:00 AM

Deacon Team: Ann Moriarty and Ed Binder
 Ushers: Linda and David Niles
 Ron Mertens and Priscilla Styer

This Week				Next Week			
Sun	12/18	8:15 10:00	Chime Choir Worship	Sun	12/25	10:00	Christmas Morning Worship
Mon	12/19	6:00	Webelos	Mon	12/26		Offices Closed
Tue	12/20	7:00	Emmaus Meal Faith Circle	Tue	12/27		
Wed	12/21	8:00 6:30 7:30	Thrift Shop Junior Choir Senior Choir	Wed	12/28	8:00	Thrift Shop
Thu	12/22	7:00	Boy Scouts	Thu	12/29		
Fri	12/23			Fri	12/30		
Sat	12/24	5:00 11:00	Christmas Eve Family Service Service of Lessons and Carols	Sat	12/31		

Pastor's Office Hours

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