



# ADVENT

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

DECEMBER 17, 2008

# MACEDONIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

421 West Front Street  
Burlington, NC 27215

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## THIRD WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2008

6:45 p.m.

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Piano Prelude

\*\* Confession and Forgiveness Page 116-118

\* Hymn *Savior of the Nations, Come* (stz. 1-3, 6) ELW 263

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The Sermon

### “A Bethlehem Object Lesson”

Text: Micah 5:2-4

The Offering

Offertory *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* setting by  
Michael Fontane

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\* Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ELW 279

Postlude *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* setting by  
Ernst Flugel

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\* Congregation stands

\*\* Congregation kneels

Special thanks to Ian Macklin who serves as our Cantor this evening.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Boyd Black, Joan Blomberg, Jerry Bryant, Joyce Helgeson, David Millsbaugh,, Joel Rust, Eloise Oliver, Elaine Ystebøe. *(Requests are to be renewed weekly by contacting the church office.)*

**Lessons & Carols Service . . .** On Sunday, December 21 at 10:30 a.m., we will enjoy this traditional worship service. Our choirs and directors are working hard to put together some fine music for this service. Come and worship Emmanuel!

**The Children's Christmas Pageant, "Carriers of the Light"** will be presented on Sunday, December 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us in supporting the children during this time of worship and stay for refreshments after the service.

**On Friday, December 26,** we will again prepare and serve the noon meal usually held at Good Shepherd Kitchen. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. to start cooking, and will serve from 11:30—12:30 p.m. We like to give out goodie bags as well. So, if you are unable to come that day, you can still help by donating things for the bags: candy canes or other wrapped candy, nuts, Little Debbie snack cakes, or even Kleenex packs. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Lilienthal at 229-0188.

The **Men of Macedonia** will meet on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at the Mayflower Restaurant on Huffman Mill Rd. The program will be on USHERING. All men are invited; and we need for all the ushers to be present for this informative, up-to-date rendering on the duties and responsibilities of being and usher. This is an attempt to bring together all the ushers at one time in order to define your roles and answer any questions you might have.

**THE GIFT GOES ON** is the new Christmas CD that Joy is offering to our members and friends. The cost is \$20 per CD (\$21 if she mails the CD), and funds are being matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Cash or checks (payable to Macedonia Lutheran Church) will be accepted. The proceeds of this project will benefit those traveling to New Orleans in July 2009 for the ELCA Youth Gathering, "Jesus, Justice, Jazz."

**"Advent Devotionals"** are available in the Narthex or on the table outside the church office. Please make sure to get your copy!

The **Church Books** will close as of December 31. Any monies received after that date will be posted to 2009 contributions/pledges. If you are considering major gifts of property, insurances, equities or bonds to Macedonia, please tell your financial advisor that the church books will close December 31.

### **Christmas Eve Worship Schedule**

**4:00 p.m.** Family Candlelight Service  
**10:30 p.m.** Candlelight Holy Communion Service

### **Christmas Day Worship Schedule**

**10:00 a.m.** Candlelight Carol Communion Service

