

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2009 10:00 a.m.**

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***Our mission is to change peoples' lives
through a relationship with Jesus Christ.***

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~WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE~

Greeting of Peace

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Advent Candle-Lighting Liturgy

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Grace and Love

L: On this fourth Sunday in Advent we light the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy again. We remember our longing for God to be with us, to give us peace, and to rejoice with us.

Child: Today we light a fourth candle and name it love (light the last purple candle).

P: *This candle reminds us of Mary, Jesus' mother. She was a person who had a lot of courage. This candle reminds us of a mother's love for her child, Jesus, who was God's own Son.*

L: This candle is a symbol of God's love that was born in baby Jesus on Christmas day. It is a symbol of God's love that is alive in us each day too.

All: *O God, come, travel with us through Advent. Give us courage to spread love in the world. Amen.*

Hymn "The King of Glory Comes" #2091

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Reading of the Word

Gospel Matthew 1:18 – 2:12 Rev. Michele Ewers

Follow That Star

A Musical Story by Rebecca McKown Staton

Scene 1: "In the Bleak Midwinter" #221 vs.1-3

All: "Look a virgin shall conceive and
Bear a son, and they shall name him
Emmanuel, which means, God is with us!"

Scene 2: "Mary Did You Know" arr:Lowery &Gree
Music Ministry Team

Scene 3: "We Three Kings" #254, vs.1

Scene 4: "We Three Kings" #254, vs.2-4

Scene 5: "It's Good to Be King!" arr:R. McKown Staton
Soloist, Charlie Ewers

Scene 6: "The First Noel" #245, vs. 3-5

Scene 7: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234, vs.1-3

Scene 8: "Silent Night" #239
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Offertory "Sing, Mary, Sing" arr: Jennifer Knapp

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

We offer this day all that we are and all that we will be. We receive God's abundance born in Jesus, God's child. We give back to God as we see Christ in all God's children. We dedicate ourselves and these gifts to honor Christ through our ministry in the world. Amen.

Hymn "Joy To the World" #246, vs. 1,2, 4
With Hand-Bell Choir

Sending Forth

Closing Song "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #431

~ Thank You ~

<i>Narrator</i>	<i>Dean Fortin</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>Becky Brower</i>
<i>Joseph</i>	<i>Brandon Brower</i>
<i>Angel</i>	<i>Rev. Michele Ewers</i>
<i>Star Bearer</i>	<i>Gabrielle Wood</i>
<i>Towns People</i>	<i>Sunday School</i> <i>Children</i>
<i>Melchior</i>	<i>Nathaniel Wilson</i>
<i>Balthazar</i>	<i>Zachary Beauchaine</i>
<i>Caspar</i>	<i>Glenn King</i>
<i>King Herod</i>	<i>Charlie Ewers</i>
<i>Silent Servants</i>	<i>Aidan Cook,</i> <i>Arielle Wilson</i>
<i>Servant 1</i>	<i>Laural Plourde</i>
<i>Servant 2</i>	<i>Lee Ducharme</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Music Ministry Team</i>
<i>Hand-bell Director</i>	<i>Carolyn Mitchell</i>
<i>Directors</i>	<i>Susan Wood,</i> <i>Ann Cook</i>

*Thank you to the entire congregation for your
love and support of our children!*