



Joy

SHOUT FOR JOY, YOU HEAVENS!
ISAIAH 49:13

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 A.M.

December 3, 2006

We welcome all who are worshiping with us, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church.
A supervised nursery is available for children age two and under.

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMNS –# 29 *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* (Vv. 1,2 & 3)
31 *“Joy To The World”* (Vv. 1, 2, & 3)

RESPONSIVE READING – *see insert*

***INVOCATION**

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE- *“The candle of Joy”*
- *Kadian Family*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

OFFERING AND SOLO- Mrs. Gayaneh Kachadourian

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: John 1:1- 5 (Pp. 1645-46)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: **“The Word”**

***HYMNS-** #168 *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* (Vv. 1,2, & 3)

182 *“What Child Is This, Who, Laid To Rest”* (Vv. 1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Isaiah 40 & 55 (*Selected Readings*)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: **“The Promise”** (Message II)

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *"Park K'ez D'er, Asdvadz M'er"*
ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand
*** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by A.C.C. in memory of Louise Osseyan, who passed away on December 3rd, 2005.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR today is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Diran and Patty Kochyan in honor of Patrick's 18th Birthday.

BOARD OF DEACONS meeting will be held today, following the morning worship service in the Christian Education Room.

THE A.C.C. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meetings will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2007 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Members of both groups are reminded to read **chapter one** of their respective study books this week. All men and women are welcome to join us.

ACYF CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Friday, December 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Ms. Marjorie Nanian's home. Youth ages 12 to 18 are welcome. There will be an invitation and directions in the mail soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS. We invite you all to come and join us on December 17th, for our Sunday School Christmas program and luncheon. The program will follow the morning worship service. Costumes appropriate for kings, shepherds or stable animals are needed. If you can help please see Leslie Banerian or Ann Bayleran.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE A.C.C. BULLETIN WILL BE A CHRISTMAS ISSUE. Once again, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends – in and out of town – by making a contribution to our missions, and Christian Education fund. **Today** is the last day that you can give your name and donation to the church.

THE FAMILY CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be held on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. After the service, refreshments and desserts will be served by the Women's Fellowship.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2007? Those who did not pledge on Stewardship Sunday can still do so. Pledge cards are available if needed from the church office.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES. The 2007 stewardship envelopes are ready. Please pick them up at the entrance of the fellowship hall.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2007 if anyone would like to add their mobile number or their e-mail address to the directory please call the church office.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS. Please continue to pray for the health of Ray and Herb Jernukian, and Armen Kasabach. Pray for the comfort of Siroon Karapetoff, Bill, Bobby and Billy Lindeman, the Haroutunian and the Mousigian families, and all their relatives and friends during this time of mourning.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

(John 1:1-5)

Last week we started by talking about how Jesus is the promised Messiah who came as the full revelation of God and in fulfillment of Old Testament prophesies. John's gospel does not have a birth narrative like Matthew, and Luke, but today in five short verses we are told a lot about Jesus' origins and who He is. Jesus is from the beginning. John does not trace the beginning of His earthly life, but shows how Jesus does not really have a beginning because He is from eternity. *He always existed.* He was always there with God and *He Himself is God.* He is the second person of the Trinity. Jesus is not "a god," He is not "godlike", or a "divine person," *Jesus Christ is God.* In the beginning when God created everything He was there, one with the Creator, creating everything that was created. He Himself was not created, but He was the Creator of all things. He also is the source of life, and this life brings light into the lives of people. Sin had brought darkness into the minds and hearts of people and Jesus came as a light that shines in the darkness. Today also, Jesus comes to us as the light that brings salvation from the darkness of sin.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you would like to donate one or more Christmas poinsettias for the church altar, please contact the church office. The traditional red Poinsettias are \$15.00 each: Please submit the form below when you place your order: Deadline is December 18^h, 2006.

I wish to order Red Poinsettia for the Church Altar (____)

In Memory of _____

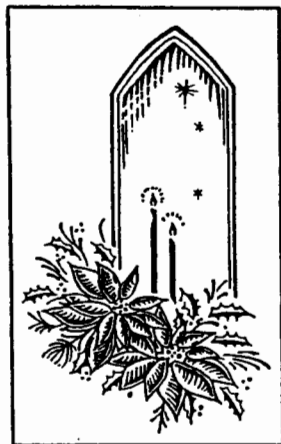
In Honor of _____

My name is _____

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Responsive Reading



Minister: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Congr.: He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Minister: In Him was life, and the life was the light of man, and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Congr.: There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

Minister: He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

Congr.: But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

All: And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Second Sunday Of Advent

Reader One: This is a season for planning. We make list of tasks, friends and family to visit, and holiday food to cook. Great hopes lie at the root of all our planning. Our fertile minds are opening bringing forth visions of our deepest longings.

Reader Two: Yet, planning makes us vulnerable to hurt and to our own deepest fears. Sometimes, our hopes begin to form but do not take shape. Sometimes, they lie stillborn in our dreams.

Reader Three: Even so, in the mixture of hope and despair, God is always with us gathering us in, comforting our broken hearts, gently leading us to new possibilities, and rejoicing with us.

Reader Four: As we come to worship God, we light two candles. We are aware that our planning reflects our deepest hopes and our trust. These bear witness to God's promises of new life. We are not afraid to speak out now, to tell the world that a God-sent baby is coming!

Lighting of the Two Candles

Prayer: Holy God, We are waiting and planning for the birth of your holy child. Guide us tenderly through the wilderness moments. Make the rough places smooth. Lead us through the barren times, So that our plans may grow into strong and steady incarnations of your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus, the herald of good tidings. Amen.