



## Fairfax United Methodist Church

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December 20, 2009  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
*Service of Lessons and Carols*

Music to Celebrate the Presence of God

*Pastoral Symphony*  
David Leahey, organ

*G. F. Handel*

Welcome

### Entrance and Praise

\* Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles

(8:15) Bob & Ginnie Boughton

(9:30) Mark & Betsy DeWeese

(11:00) The Dave Martin Family

Leader: Voices are lifted up and hearts are open in anticipation.

**People: We hear the lessons of old and the songs of new life.**

Leader: God's promise to us remains sure and true. God's Anointed  
One will soon walk among us, to lighten our darkness.

**People: To restore the joy of our salvation, to save us from our sins.**

Leader: Four lights now shine in spite of our despair. Jesus is coming soon!

**People: Come, O long-expected Jesus.**

*(Lighting the Candles)*

Prayer:

**God of mystery, help us accept your gifts of grace that we cannot begin to understand. Plant a stubborn hope deep in our hearts so we will be able to embrace the Christ-child when Jesus is birthed anew in our lives. Teach us your ways of joy. Amen.**

\* Processional Carol No. 250

Once in Royal David's City

*Irby*

(8:15 & 9:30) James Wilusz, soloist

(11:00) Sarah Zotian, soloist

*Congregation please join in singing stanzas three and four*

\* The Bidding Prayer

\* The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

**First Lesson****Genesis 3:8-19**

*God announces Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion in the Garden of Eden and that the seed of humankind shall bruise the serpent's head.*

***Readers***

(8:15) Janet Jones	(9:30) Melissa Osborne	(11:00) Leslie Carter
Carol	<i>Adam Lay Ybounden</i> Chancel Choir	<i>Boris Ord</i>

**Second Lesson****Genesis 22:15-18**

*God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth shall obtain blessing.*

***Readers***

(8:15) Nancy McCurdy	(9:30) Dana Dingell	(11:00) Gerry Weaver
Carol	<i>I Wonder As I Wander</i> Chancel Choir Ian Lane, tenor	<i>arr. John Rutter</i>

**Third Lesson****Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

*The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.*

***Readers***

(8:15) Ralph Jones	(9:30) Mark Moffatt	(11:00) Alan Payne
Carol	<i>Sussex Carol</i> Chancel and Chapel Choirs	<i>Trad. / Willcocks</i>

**Fourth Lesson****Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9**

*The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all of God's creation.*

***Readers***

(8:15) Patricia Hilbrink	(9:30) Scott Tribbie	(11:00) Millie Holdaway
Carol	<i>A Spotless Rose</i> Chancel Choir Ian Lane, solo tenor; Sian Leahey, soprano; Elizabeth Lane, alto; Florentino Corral, Jr., tenor, Gerry Weaver, bass	<i>Herbert Howells</i>

**Fifth Lesson****Luke 1:26-35, 38**

*The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son, whose kingdom shall never end.*

***Readers***

(8:15) Sharron Jones	(9:30) Mary Hughes	(11:00) Stan Schelhorn
Carol	<i>Sans Day Carol</i> Chancel & Chapel Choirs	<i>Trad./Rutter</i>

\* Congregational Carol No. 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem *St. Louis*

Offertory O Nata Lux *T. Porter*  
Chapel Choir

**Sixth Lesson** **Luke 2:1-7**

*Against a backdrop of emperor and taxes, Jesus is born.*

**Readers**

(8:15) Marsha Ficken (9:30) Linda Gramlich (11:00) Linda Brock

Carol *Wither's Rocking Hymn* *R.V. Williams*  
Chancel Choir  
Sian Leahey, soprano; Ian Lane, tenor

Congregational Carol No. 229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly *W. Zlobie Lezy*

**Seventh Lesson** **Luke 2:8-16**

*The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.*

**Readers**

(8:15) Phyllis Fadelly (9:30) John Mason (11:00) David Meyer

Carol *Away in a Manger* *Kirkpatrick*  
Chancel & Chapel Choirs Arr. Willcocks & Leahey  
Sian Leahey & Elizabeth Lane, soprano

**Eighth Lesson** **Matthew 2:1-11**

*The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.*

**Readers**

(8:15) Pete Grubmeyer (9:30) Jane Woods (11:00) Benjamin Pratt

Carol *The Three Kings* *Peter Cornelius*  
Chancel Choir Arr. Ivor Atkins  
Ian Lane, tenor

**Ninth Lesson** **John 1:1-14**

*John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

**Reader**

Pastor Steve Bray

Carol *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* *H.C. Stewart*  
Chancel Choir

\* Congregational Carol No. 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful *Adeste Fideles*  
(Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6)

\* Benediction

Postlude

*In Dulci Jubilo*  
David Leahey, organ

*J.S. Bach*

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*\* Congregation Standing*

*Immediately following each worship service this morning,  
please meet and greet persons you do not know.*

*Thank you for turning off your cell phones during the worship service.*

Large print Bibles and hymnals are available from the ushers upon request.

Worship material for children ages 3–6 and 7–12 is available from the ushers.

The audio for the worship service is available at  
[www.fairfaxumc.org/Downloadaudio.aspx](http://www.fairfaxumc.org/Downloadaudio.aspx)

The previous week's service is under archives on the website.

## WELCOME VISITORS

**Good morning and welcome to Fairfax United Methodist Church!** As we gather for worship today, we hope that within our sanctuary you will feel the presence of God through friendly faces, meaningful worship, and opportunities to serve God's people in our world. Our hearts are blessed by your presence, our minds are focused on Christ, and our doors are always open for you.

**Interested in finding out more about becoming a church member?**  
Please see our pastor today or call the church office, 703-591-3120.

**You are invited to the Fellowship Hall** (directly below the sanctuary) between services this morning (10:30) for coffee, juice and fellowship.

**We invite everyone to sign the attendance registration pads** located in the pews. We are blessed to have you worshipping with us. If you would like to receive information from the church via e-mail, **please provide your e-mail address** in addition to the other requested information, or you may provide your e-mail address to the church at [church@fairfaxumc.org](mailto:church@fairfaxumc.org).

**Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks.** If you have a loved one, special need, concern or situation you would like lifted up in prayer, please complete one of these cards. Your pastors and staff will remember you in prayer during the Tuesday morning staff meetings. Please indicate if you desire your request to be listed in the bulletin Prayer List. Each request will be listed for four Sundays unless you request an extension.

**The Narthex flowers this morning** are given to the glory of God and in honor of my children and their families and in memory of Lester and Wayne Henry by Alice Henry.

**UMYF** - Tonight at 6:30pm our youth ministries will be hosting their annual Christmas party. All students in grades 7-12 and all college students who are home for the holidays are invited. Bring a gift for the White Elephant exchange and get ready for an evening of fun, food, games, and fellowship!

***Retirement Celebration  
For Art Looney  
Today!***

Everyone is cordially invited to a celebration honoring Art Looney's 21 years of service as Director of Administration at Fairfax Church. Art's administrative leadership has been a constant through years of change, growth, challenges, ambitious plans and staff transitions. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 am worship service, to offer our appreciation to Art for his service.

**There will be no Fellowship Suppers** on December 22 and 29 but they will resume January 5. See you then!

**Save the date** - FUMC is hosting the Hypothermia Shelter January 31 - February 7, 2010. Volunteers are needed for evening sign in and visitation, overnight supervision, breakfast and evening meal preparation and cleanup. To sign up or find out more about available opportunities, contact Christie Johnson at [ckdj@netzero.net](mailto:ckdj@netzero.net).

**Pictorial Directories are here** and will be available in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall before and after all our worship services. Each family who was photographed will receive a free copy. If you would like an additional copy or if you were not photographed, directories are \$5. We will have an online pictorial directory available soon. If you would like to be in our online directory, please drop off, mail or e-mail a picture to Jason Snow ([jsnow@fairfaxumc.org](mailto:jsnow@fairfaxumc.org)) to be included.

**Director of Administration Opening** – Art Looney, our long-time Director of Administration, will be retiring at the end of the year. Because of this, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee is seeking to hire a person to be responsible for managing key administrative services for the church including Personnel Management, Financial Management, and Property Management and Procurement. The individual needs to be comfortable functioning in a church environment and working collegially with staff and church members. This person should possess leadership skills to take independent action in administrative matters. This is a full-time, salaried position with benefits. Bachelors Degree in Business Administration or equivalent experience and proficiency in MS Office suite are required. Resumes may be sent to [adminjob@fairfaxumc.org](mailto:adminjob@fairfaxumc.org). A Job description is available upon request.

**“Going Green” is such a fad right now.** Christians have always had a deep responsibility to the earth and to being mindful of God's Creation. We hope you will join us from January 10<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> for our Open Doors sermon series, *Going Green Is Going God*, when we will examine why “going green” is actually one of God's imperatives. We invite you to pick up a copy of *Earth Gospel-A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation* which will be available in the foyer

during our morning services and the narthex during our Open Doors service starting December 27<sup>th</sup>.

## SERVING US TODAY

DECEMBER 20, 2009

**8:15 a.m.**

William Barton  
David Peacock  
Deyane Rudge

John & Helen Smith

**9:30 a.m.**

### Ushers

Wyatt Bethel  
Joe Bekhor  
Judy Goldich

### Acolytes

Cameron Harshfield

### Crucifer

### Sanctuary Greeters

Mike & Nancy Colburn

**11:00 a.m.**

Bill Clift  
Tony Almond  
Daniel Cosner  
Millie Holdaway  
Patrick Shea  
Al Wells

Molly Weaver

Patrick Weaver

## THE MINISTRY

Stephen G. Bray  
*Senior Pastor*

Elizabeth P. Barricks  
*Program Ministries*

Martha D. Peacock  
*Program Ministries*



Michael Hensley  
*Youth Director*

Jason Snow  
*Associate Pastor*

David Leahey  
*Music Ministries*

Ian Lane  
*Music Ministries*



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

December 20 - December 26, 2009

<b>SUNDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Art Looney's Reception, Fellowship Hall
	2:00 pm	Longest Night Service
	3:00 pm	Las Posadas Rehearsal
	3:00 pm	Chapel Ringers , 215
	4:15 pm	Junior Ringers, 215
	4:15 pm	King David Choir, 216
	5:30 pm	Open Doors Worship Service, Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Youth Christmas Party, 312, Fellowship Hall
<b>MONDAY</b>	8:00 am	Las Posadas Set Up, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Cub Pack 187 Pack Meetings, Multi-Purpose Room
	7:00 pm	Adult Ringers, 215
	7:00 pm	Open Doors Music Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:15 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 187, 112, 113, Fellowship Hall
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:30 am	UMM Prayer Breakfast, 112
	8:00 am	Las Posadas Set Up, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Las Posadas Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Fairfax City 4-H Cloverbuds, 303, 304
	7:00 pm	Fairfax City 4-H, 306-308
	7:00 pm	Las Posadas Lighting, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:00 am	Las Posadas Set Up, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:00 am	Las Posadas Lighting Set-Up, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 pm	Church Office Closes at Noon
	5:00 pm	Las Posadas Service, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Open Doors Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
	9:00 pm	Communion and Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
	10:30 pm	Chancel Choir Christmas Eve Concert, Sanctuary
	11:00 pm	Communion and Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b> - Office Closed
<b>SATURDAY</b>		Church Closed

**The Passages for Sunday, December 27, 2009:**

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17;  
Luke 2:41-52

## In Our Prayers

December 20, 2009

Eldrey Appler	Harry Mitchell
Gene Atkison (brother-in-law of Mary & Peter Jackson)	Rudy Pffiefer (friend of Connie Hom-Rust)
Bob Boughton	Jack Rust (husband of Connie Hom-Rust)
Virginia Buesking (friend of Brenda Weaver)	Lindsay Shaw (friend of Molly Weaver)
Jim Conklin, Sr.	Bud and Ann Shoemaker (friends of the Sharpe Family)
Hollybeth Hakes (sister of Heather Hakes)	Sandra Smith (cousin of Clark Adams)
Fisher House Families	John Snyder
Elle Howdershell (friend of the Arcia Family)	Frances Stream
Craig Goldsworthy (friend of the Weaver family)	Mildred Thompson (mother of Sharon Hibarger)
Kirk Johnston (cousin of Patty Stephenson)	Bud Traynor
Roger Kaveney Family (uncle of Gerry Weaver)	John & Sue Wallace (father & mother of Sue Crane)
Don & June Klimkiewicz (former members)	Kathleen Weaver (mother of Gerry Weaver)
Greg Laws (Grandson-in-law of Betty Fisher)	Lisa Williams (daughter of Bob Boughton)
Jim Lear (brother of Joyce Bierman)	Jacqueline Wilson (mother of Corkie Wilson)
Andrew Maternick	Annie Zecca (friend of Brian Sachlis)
Katelyn McFarland (granddaughter of Janet Jones)	

*Our prayers and sympathy go out to the friends and family of Ann shoemaker, sister-in-law of Helen & Sanford Hughes, who died December 6 in Winterhaven, Florida.*

### Our Prayers are With Those Serving Our Country Overseas . . .

Stephen Anderson (cousin of Daniel Cosner)	Jay Martin (son-in-law of Joan Hensley)
Jesse Charles Andrew (grandson of Alma Eblen)	James Mayer (grandson of Jim & Gloria Joyce)
Ray Britt (son of Diane Britt)	Ann Mazur (friend of Doug & Maureen Frank)
Patrick Bull (grandson of Ed & Marilyn Bull)	Christopher McClung (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)
Tyler Butterworth (son of Marion Butterworth)	J.R. (Jack) O'Connor (friend of Ann Hamann)
Charles Cashin (friend of Jeanne & Bob Buchanan)	Gregory Orrell (nephew of Mikki Goubeau)
Keith Corey (friend of the Foggs & the Bouchards)	Gary Rhodes (friend of the Charles Walter family)
David Fernandez (grandson of Art & Marcy Bivens)	Daniel Richitt (nephew of Souren & Lori Tashjian)
Brian F. Foley (son of Nina Deluca-Phillips)	Col. Robert Rigsby
Paul Gault (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)	Joseph Scanlin (son-in-law of Larry & Mary Branch)
T. J. Graham (friend of Gale Pearson)	Mike Schenaker (friend of the Sachlis family)
Robert Hensley (son of Joan Hensley)	Greg Soulé (nephews of Walter & Judy Ferguson)
Jeff Hicks (nephew of Ted & Jean Tedder)	Jim Sparks (nephew of Sue & Fred Bowers)
Matthew D. Hudson (son of Sharon & Chip Hunt)	Col. George Walsh
John & Jennifer Huntsman (nephew and niece of Jen & Mark Tajnai)	Joe Weeren (relative of Alex & Rosemary Graham)



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## Christmas 2009

### In Memory of:

### Given by:

Col. William R. Hensley	Joan Hensley
Jerome and Jean Sanford	Paul & Michele Sanford
Sharon, Lisa & David	Ruth Vint
Ellen D. Mory & Philip J. Combs	Mariellen & Jonathan Combs & Steven Mory
Lindsey Bridge and Alexandria Christopher	Robert & Diane Bridge
Donald Seay	Linda Seay
Edwin Allen	Elizabeth Allen
Our Great Grandparents	The John Carter Family
Andy Grafton, Darrell H. Grafton	Chris, Kim & Sarah Grafton
Wayne Walker	Patrick, Molly, & Grace Weaver
James E. Gidney, Sr.	Daryl & Deidra Witherspoon
Clate & Jo Cox; Billie & Darold Aldridge and Tom Bishop	Mary Lou Bishop and Family
Roy Muth	Fay Muth and our Children
Dave Newman	Sue, Sarah & Sean Newman
Clark David Collins	David, Cindy, Louisa & Elliot Meyer
Our Parents	Allen & Jane Johnson
Allen L. Lytton	Louella, Shirley & Anna Lee Lytton
Bill Fisher	Betty & his children, Jim, Judy & Catherine with love
Norma & Bill Daeschner and Wayne Peacock	Martha & David Peacock
Dottie & Clark Cooper and Annie & Clayborne Zimmerman	Connie & Rick Perry
Marie Outten, W.L. Outten, Jr. And Bonnie Outten	W.L. Outten, III
Our Parents	Dexter & Jacqueline Benson
June & Ted Grefe	The Family
Family Members	Karen Howard
Russell & Eva Antsen, John Chamberlain	Paul Antsen Family
Helen Johnson	June & Dixon Hemphill
Nick Jobe	Marie Jobe
Chip Lozinak	The Kennedy and Lozinak family
Donald Chapin & Chad Chapin	Brad, Donna, Alyssa & Ryan Beach
Eugene & Agnes Stull and Leonard & Dorothy Forster	Gary & Marlene Dew
Sam Scibilia and Donald E. Davies	Tom & Diane Scibilia
Shirley Kreisel and Julia Barr	Carl & Cindy Kreisel
Our Parents	David & Betty Bauer
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Schreiner and Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Slowik	William Slowik Family
James & Lucille Radcliffe	The Hyslop Family
Bernice Clifford	Barbara & Wally Dicks
Our Parents	Bill & Camille Smith
Our Parents and Loved Ones	Peter & Mary Jackson
My Parents Rev. Dr. Rawle S. And Mrs. Elsa R. Porte	Caryl Porte
Pearl & Fred Keller	Doris Keller
Ashley Fister Cole	Brian Cole
Virginia Mae Young	Lehman
Warren Payne, Harry Zotian	The Zotian Family

**In Honor of:****Given by:**

Lt. Col. Jay Martin and Major Rob Hensley ..... Joan Hensley  
 My Family ..... Ruth Vint  
 Camille Haberland ..... The Junior Choir  
 Peter Mory and  
   Corinne & Bill Lockhart ..... Mariellen & Jonathan Combs & Steven Mory  
 Our Parents and Grandparents ..... The John Carter Family  
 Cy & Natalie Doub, Mary Katharine Grafton ..... Chris, Kim & Sarah Grafton  
 ESL Teachers and Staff ..... Sue Almond and Judy Blanchard  
 Marion Walker and Fred & Kathleen Weaver ..... Patrick, Molly, & Grace Weaver  
 Our Grandchildren ..... Allen & Jane Johnson  
 Karen, Kathryn, Kimberly and Their Families ..... Art Looney & Celia Hancock  
 Our Children ..... Jim & Lovena Conklin  
 Jean & Charlie Macon ..... Martha & David Peacock  
 Our Children & Grandchildren ..... Connie & Rick Perry  
 Our Troops ..... Michael & Melinda Rodgers  
 My Great Grandson, Sawyer Kincaid Davis ..... Lucy Witman  
 Our Daughters, Allyson, Brenda & Sylvia ..... Al & Margaret Wells  
 Our Children and Grandchildren ..... Marie Jobe  
 Our Children Spencer & Madelena and our Parents  
   Don & Mary Johnson and Joe & Joyce Cappellari ..... Ken & Sue Johnson  
 Cecilia & Cody Kennedy ..... The Kennedy and Lozinak Family  
 Beverly & Stephen Bray ..... Diane & David Bray  
 Roberta ..... Marty & Betsy Draper  
 Our Children Bruce, Chris, Scott, Nidya, and Catherine  
   and our grandchildren Trey, Juliana, Isabella and Taylor ..... David & Betty Bauer  
 Our Children and Grandchildren ..... Bill & Camille Smith  
 Matt Kidder ..... His Family  
 Sarah Elizabeth Cole ..... Brian Cole  
 Katherine Payne, Diane Zotian ..... The Zotian Family  
 Mercedes de Jesus Ardon, Maria Ester Ardon ..... Jose & Virginia

**Contributions to Virginia United Methodist Family Services; United Methodist Committee on Relief; World Service & Conference Benevolences:**

**In Memory of:****Given by:**

Orville Dew ..... Gary & Marlene Dew  
 James & Lucille Radcliffe ..... The Hyslop Family  
 Mary Jane Stoleworthy ..... Barbara & Wally Dicks  
 Our Parents ..... Bill & Camille Smith  
 Our Parents ..... Linda Kidder and Family  
 My Parents Rev. Dr. Rawle S. and Mrs. Elsa R. Porte ..... Caryl Porte  
 Loved Ones ..... Linda Gramlich  
 Our Son Glenn ..... Pat & Leo Pflugshaupt  
 William Henn (A life very well lived) ..... The Henn Family  
 Michael P. Harper, Charles Diggerel, Barley, Paula & Janet ..... Susie Martin  
 Bucky Waters and Pat & George Ficken ..... Peter & Marsha Ficken  
 Jim Woods ..... Jane Woods  
 Parents, Family & Friends ..... Ann Hamann  
 Grammy Sharp ..... David, Andrew, John, and Matthew Bentley  
 Papa Purce and Grandma Bentley ..... The Bentley Family  
 D. Andrew Grafton ..... Cyrus & Natalie Doub  
 Sue & Tom Farrell ..... The Branner Family  
 Midge Jorns ..... Russ Jorns  
 Mac & Eleanor Downs; Virginia Hazel ..... The Jim Hazel Family

**In Memory of:**

**Given by:**

Loved Ones ..... Malcolm & Jan Fraser  
Philip Edson ..... Virginia and Family  
Our Loved Ones ..... George & Caroline Melnykovich  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Schreiner and  
    Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Slowik ..... William Slowik Family  
Louise & Norman Cobb, Mavis Cobb ..... Carol & Woody Williams

**In Honor of:**

**Given by:**

To the Glory of God ..... Marty & Betsy Draper  
JoAnn Davies, Maudie Scibilia ..... Tom & Diane Scibilia  
Virginia Jirgl ..... Carl & Cindy Kreisel  
Our Children Bruce, Chris, Scott, Nidya, and Catherine  
    and Our Grandchildren Trey, Juliana, Isabella and Taylor ..... David & Betty Bauer  
Our Children and Grandchildren ..... Bill & Camille Smith  
Our Children ..... Pat & Leo Pflugshaupt  
David, Diane, Meghan and Mike ..... Steve & Beverly Bray  
Rachel Waters ..... Peter & Marsha Ficken  
Louella Lytton ..... Anna Lee & Shirley Lytton