

HAZLEHURST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4th Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2006

Handbell Team

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES WELCOME &
ANNOUNCEMENTS LIGHTING OF THE
ADVENT WREATH

E.M & Patricia Wilkes

fCALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

The Lord our God is in our midst. Let us rejoice in such goodness. Yes, we come seeking inner peace, longing to sit silently before our God. The Lord God is our salvation. Yes, this is good news indeed. We need to be at home in love. Strength, might, and renewal are offered by our God. Yes, let us seek repentance in the sacred waters of baptism and find redemption in our God. Come let us worship as God's people. Amen!

fPRAISE CHORUS "There's Something About That Name" CONGREGATION

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim. Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!

tOPENING HYMN "Joy to the World" No. 246

fRESPONSIVE READING Canticle of Mary No. 199

fAFFIRMATION OF FAITH From 1 Corinthians and Colossians No. 888

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

All: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

fGLORIA PATRI No. 70

Glory be to the Father/and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost/as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be/world without end. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kim Porter
(After Children's Sermon is over, preschool through 4th grade is dismissed for Children's Church).

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" Chancel Choir

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" No. 224

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

fDOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow/Praise Him all Creatures here below/Praise Him above ye heavenly host/Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

SOLO "Mary, Did You Know?" Kim Porter

fSCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-20 Rodney Porter

SERMON "What Are We to do With the Child?" No. 237
"Sing we Now of Christmas"

tHYMN OF INVITATION

fBENEDICTION

fPOSTLUDE

t(If able, please stand)

Sermon

God came to a humble maiden in an obscure village called Nazareth. He told her that she would bear a child. That child would be the hope of the world. That hope gives us the answer to what we are to do with child. Amid all the hustle and bustle of Christmas - we need only to take a second look and quietly receive God's gift!

Children's church volunteer today- Roxie Crosby Children's church volunteer next Sunday- Gay Harrison

USHERS: Charles Cole, Phil Merritt, Glenn Kemp, Jim Peterson
OFFERING STEWARDS: Richard Deas, Jimmy Maley

Candle 11 Service



Candlelight Service - tonight 6 PM

The church office will be closed from Monday, December 25th through Monday, January 1st. Martha will be working on December 27th from 10 am to 2 pm to receive any end of year donations for the year 2006.

Sunday Morning Breakfast list

12-24 Janice Conley

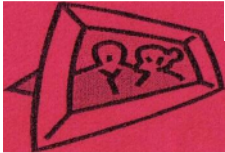
12-31 Bayne & Carole Stone

1-7-07 Lenna Morris, Jane Baggett & Fonda Ussery

1-14-07 Gina Morris & Debbie Butler



If you donated pictures for use in the Directory you may pick them up in the church office.



Notice: The church's oldest member Hoyt Haley will be 97 years old on December 29th. Let's all wish him a Happy Birthday. Address: Magnolia Estates Inc, 68 College Ave., Elberton, Ga. 30635. Phone: 706-213-0123.

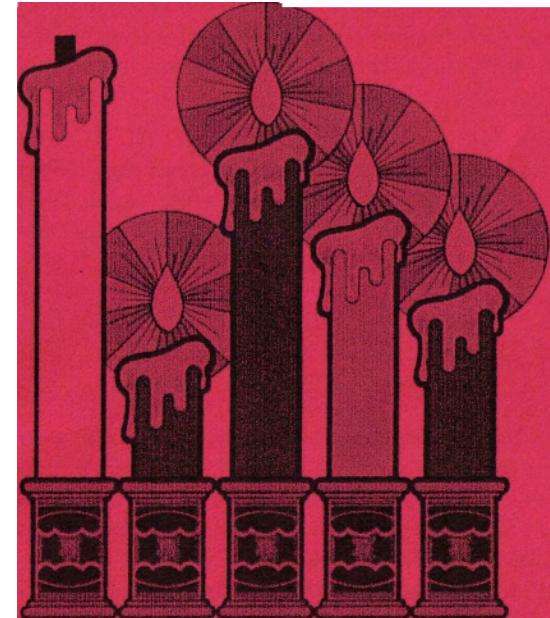


Forever Young

We're going to The Shed in Alma on Thursday, January 4th. Leaving the church parking lot at 4:30 pm. Come and enjoy a fun time of fellowship together.

First United Methodist Church Hazlehurst, Georgia

WEEK FOUR Advent Candle Lighting



Our Church Staff

Ministers-Congregation

Minister of Music & Senior Adults -Jeffery Spell

Minister of Youth -Jared Middleton

Office Manager-Martha Lolley

Organist-Janice Cole

Custodian-Eliine McCall

Nursery-Jessica Miller

Pastor-Rodney Porter

The mission of the First United Methodist Church of Hazlehurst is to reach out and welcome people just as they are, lead persons to commit their lives to God through Jesus Christ, nurture and encourage them as disciples and send them out to help make our community more loving and just.