

BARTLETT CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 28, 2008

First Sunday After Christmas

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AND CENTERING

Parish Cares and Concerns

Organ Prelude

Ellen Hayes, organist

PRAISE

Call to Worship

Ernest Hiscox

Sing to the Lord a new song of praise to the ends of the earth!

Sing to the Lord and tell of God's wonderful salvation!

Declare God's glory among all nations and to all peoples!

Honor and majesty belong to the Lord.

God's strength and righteousness are to be greatly praised!

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

* Christmas Carol # 124

Away in a Manger

* Unison Invocation and Lord's Prayer

O God, so often we have behaved as if the darkness of the world has had the last word and the Light You gave us has been put out. And sometimes in our own darkness we have been blind to Your presence and the ways You would have us love and serve You in today's world. Forgive us, Lord, and help us share Your love boldly with the world around us. In Jesus' name, who taught us to pray: "Our Father..."
(debts/debtors)

* Gloria Patri

ILLUMINATION

Epistle:

Galatians 4:4-7

Children's Time

Gospel:

Luke 2:22-40

John Shaw

Anthem

Message:

"Is Christmas Really Over?"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymnal # 129

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



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RESPOND TO THE WORD

Reception of New Members:

Sentences

Question and Promise

Prayer

Welcome

Let us, the members of Bartlett Union Congregational Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Greeting of Christian Love

Pastor, Moderator and Sr. Deacon

Offertory

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* Benediction

* Parting Hymn:

Spirit Song

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

*O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove*

will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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* Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! We hope and pray you will find the inspiration you seek. Please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship following worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS are given at 9:59 a.m. They are followed by a time for centering our minds and hearts for worship during the Prelude.

NURSERY/CHILD ACTIVITY SESSION is available following the *Children's Time*. An usher or Deacon will assist you in finding the Children's Activity Room.

YOUTH CHOIR resumes practice on January 11, 2009.

BIBLE STUDY, led by Beri Hiscox, a trained Bible Study Leader, resumes Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to this informative and inspirational event.

CHOIR PRACTICE — Every Friday afternoon at 2:30. Phone Ellen Hayes for more information: 374-6621.

PREACHING SCHEDULE — On January 4 and 11, Seminarian Patricia Jackman will fill our pulpit. We are currently looking for a new interim pastor while the Search Committee is busy interviewing candidates.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Ernest W. and Beri G. Hiscox. 533 Cobb Farm Road; PO Box 267; Bartlett, NH 03812-0267. Phone: 603-374-6167.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WAS SUPER! In addition to our wonderful music program, Christmas Eve was enhanced with the participation of the new Youth Choir and the Bartlett Church Youth Band. We are all so proud of the magnificent young people in our church.

THANK YOU ... to all who brought presents for the two boys ... 4 huge trash bags full of unforgettable Christmas Treasures. Thanks to our generous congregation for the food donations. Some of it went to people who have actually lost their homes and have moved in with others.

WE'LL MISS YOU ... John and Sylvia will head south to Florida for January and February. We will continue to keep you uppermost in our prayers and thoughts. Our church has a tremendous potential, and we are confident that God has great things in store for Bartlett Church.