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December 23, 2012
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE *“Good Christians Friends Rejoice”* Pearsall

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Fellowship Folders to those seated next to you.)

(If you have difficulty hearing, small earphones receptors from the sound system are available from the sound board operator.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 2: 12

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Peace be with you.” “And also with you.”

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

“The Snow Lay On The Ground” “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

*(* invites all who are able to stand to praise God)*

SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 15-20

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LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Carol Agnew, Barbara Anthony, Sue Caves, Gloria Petrosino

SONG

“Advent Song” (back of hymnal—verse 4)

V1 Imagine what it is like to be a shepherd outside at night with your sheep, watching the stars and thinking about God.

V2 A shepherd loves and cares for his sheep. Jesus is like a shepherd who loves us.

V3 Let us put the shepherds and sheep into the manger scene.

V4 In the Bible, Isaiah wrote:

“God will take care of his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs together

and carry them in his arms;

he will gently lead their mothers.

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