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Henderson Cascade United Methodist Church  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 21, 2014 9:30 AM

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING SONG "Light the Advent Candle" # 2090  
from The Faith We Sing ~ verses 1,2,3 & 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

READER: Luke 2: 15—20

Relight first purple candle: Mary Candle and

Relight second purple candle: Joseph Candle

Relight pink candle: Angel Candle (represents joy)

Light fourth candle: Shepherd Candle

RESPONSE TO THE WORD:

L: We have heard the word of God.

**P: We must trust in Him with our whole hearts.**

L: We know that He makes wonderful things happen.

**P: We must now spread His word to those who don't know**

**As we end this Advent season, let us not just praise  
quietly. Let us spread God's joy to those around us.**

*TUNE: "Days of Elijah"*

*These are the days of great waiting  
Declaring the word of the Lord,*

*And these are days of a virgin Mary. Gabriel spoke to her.  
He told her the gift of a baby. His name shall be Jesus Savior.  
He will reign o'er the house of Jacob always.  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!*

*These are the days of Augustus declaring there'd be a census.  
And these are the days of a man named Joseph.  
Angels spoke also to him. Mary will deliver a baby  
And he will be called Immanuel.  
And those were the words of the prophet Isaiah,  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!*

*These are the nights of the shepherds.  
They're watching their flocks by night.  
And these are the nights of God's servant Angels  
Announcing a message of praise  
Their message to Shepherds was: Fear not!  
We bring you Good News of great joy.  
Born today in the city of David,  
Prepare for Christ Jesus the Lord!*

*These are the days of the shepherds.  
They all heard the word of the Lord.  
And these are the days of the City David  
Shepherds go seeking the Lord.  
These are the days of the shepherds,  
Telling of the baby they'd seen.  
They glorified God with their praising saying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!*

CHILDREN'S CHAT

HYMN # 236 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) ~ Hymnal: page # 6

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1: 26—38

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Promises"

SHARING OUR PRAISES AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY # 95

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION # 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

\*BENEDICTION

\*DISMISSAL # 213 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"  
( verse ONE only )

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you leave the sanctuary, please extend signs of Friendship  
and Peace. Pass the blessings of Christ to each other.

### *Announcements*

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve Service at Henderson will be at 6:00 PM on  
Wednesday, December 24th. We will be observing Holy Communion  
and traditional candlelighting at end of service.

(7:30 PM Service held at Simpson Cascade at 2113 Sassafras Street)

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Henderson Church Family: whoever can come, plan to gather on  
New Year's Eve at Ministry Building starting at 6:00 PM. Will share  
food and fellowship.