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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 A.M.

November 26, 2006

We welcome all who are worshipping with us, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church. A supervised nursery is available for children age two and under.

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMNS –#39 “*My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*” (Vv.1, 2,3)
#170 “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” (Vv. 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE READING – *see insert*

***INVOCATION**

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE- “The candle of Hope”
- *Pope Family*

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ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: John 1:19-28 (pp. 1646-1647)
Isaiah 40:3-5 (p. 1119)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “John’s Testimony”

***HYMNS-** #165 “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” (Vs. 1 & 2)
#177 “*It Came Upon The Midnight Clear*” (Vv. 1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Isaiah 7 and 9 (Selected readings)

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “The Promise” (Message I)

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “*Park K²ez D²er, Asdvadz M²er*”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*

**** Latecomers may be seated*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Mrs. Sybil Derderian in honor of Vaughn Derderian’s 30th birthday.

BOARD OF DEACONS meeting will be held on Sunday, December 3rd, 2006 following the morning worship service in the Christian Education Room.

CHRISTMAS JOY PACKAGES. Bring Christmas joy to children of Armenia, Karabagh & Georgia through the AMAA’s Armenian Summer Camp/Christmas Committee. Forms are available in the hallway.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY. On Saturday, December 2nd a group of A.C.C. members will be going to *Gleaners Community Food Bank* in Howell to help pack boxes of food for needy families in Michigan. If you would like to volunteer contact the church office ASAP.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.

- We invite you all to come and join us on December 17th, for our *Sunday School Christmas program and luncheon*. The program will follow the morning worship service. Costumes appropriate for kings, shepherds or stable animals are needed. If you can help please see Leslie Banerian or Ann Bayleran.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE A.C.C. BULLETIN WILL BE A CHRISTMAS ISSUE. Once again, as in the past, we offer you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to all the church members and friends – in and out of town – by making a contribution to our missions, and Christian Education fund. Please submit your name and donation to the church office, no later than Sunday, December 3rd.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2007 if anyone would like to add their mobile number or their e-mail address to the directory please call the church office.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPS. The 2007 stewardship envelopes are ready. Please pick them up at the entrance of the fellowship hall.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS.

- **Prayer.** Please continue to pray for Ray and Herb Jernukian, and Armen Kasabach. Also pray for,
- **Death. Dianne Niemi-** Daughter of Mrs. Siroon Karapetoff, passed away on Monday, November 20, 2006. May the peace and grace of our Lord be upon the Niemi, Connors, Karapetoff, Leslie, and Theil families, and all their relatives and friends during this time of mourning.
Margie Lindeman- Wife of Bill Lindeman, mother of Bobby and William Lindeman, passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2006. May the comfort, peace, and grace of our Lord be upon the Lindeman, Harutunian, and the Mousigian families, and all their relatives and friends during this time of mourning.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

As we start the Advent season (the four Sundays leading to Christmas Sunday), we will spend some time studying the first chapter of the gospel of John. The gospel of John is different than that of Matthew, Mark, and Luke in that John does not have a birth narrative like Matthew, Mark and Luke. But as we will see, He does include a section about the origins of the Messiah.

In today's passage, John 1:19-28, we meet John the Baptist who quoting Isaiah 40:3, testifies about his role as the herald to the coming Messiah. The coming of Jesus as the Messiah is a fulfillment of a promise that God made to His people, and has been prophesied by Isaiah hundreds of years before. This is important to establish the credentials of Jesus with the Jewish people and the religious leaders. Jesus is the Savior that the Jewish people had been expecting for a long time. He is the one that God had promised and now He is here. We are also told that "glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it." Jesus came as the full revelation of God to all humans. Some recognized Him and accepted Him, and others did not. Today people still do the same.

As we are getting ready to once more remember and celebrate the birth of our Savior, God gives us one more opportunity to recognize and accept His Son Jesus as the promised Savior of the world. May we all take this opportunity, and not let it get lost in the midst of all the busyness of the Christmas season.