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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 A.M.

December 3, 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 –# 29 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (Vv. 1,2 & 3)
31 “Joy To The World” (Vv. 1, 2, & 3)

RESPONSIVE READING – see insert

*INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE- “The candle of Joy”
- Kadian Family

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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ANTHEM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER

OFFERING AND SOLO- Mrs. Gayaneh Kachadourian

*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

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SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: John 1:1- 5 (Pp. 1645-46)

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “The Word”

*HYMNS- #168 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (Vv. 1,2, & 3)
182 “What Child Is This, Who, Laid To Rest” (Vv. 1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: Isaiah 40 & 55 (Selected Readings)

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

*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 A.C.C. in memory of Louise Osseyan, who passed away on December 3rd, 2005.

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR today is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Diran and Patty Kochyan in honor of Patrick’s 18th Birthday.

BOARD OF DEACONS meeting will be held today, following the morning worship service in the Christian Education Room.

THE A.C.C. MEN’S AND WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP meetings will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2007 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Members of both groups are reminded to read **chapter one** of their respective study books this week. All men and women are welcome to join us.

ACYF CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Friday, December 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Ms. Marjorie Nanian’s home. Youth ages 12 to 18 are welcome. There will be an invitation and directions in the mail soon.

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. **Today** is the last day that you can give your name and donation to the church.

THE FAMILY CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be held on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. After the service, refreshments and desserts will be served by the Women’s Fellowship.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2007? Those who did not pledge on Stewardship Sunday can still do so. Pledge cards are available if needed from the church office.

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

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.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS. Please continue to pray for the health of Ray and Herb Jernukian, and Armen Kasabach. Pray for the comfort of Siroon Karapetoff, Bill, Bobby and Billy Lindeman, the Haroutunian and the Mousigian families, and all their relatives and friends during this time of mourning.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message
(John 1:1-5)

Last week we started by talking about how Jesus is the promised Messiah who came as the full revelation of God and in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. John's gospel does not have a birth narrative like Matthew, and Luke, but today in five short verses we are told a lot about Jesus' origins and who He is. Jesus is from the beginning. John does not trace the beginning of His earthly life, but shows how Jesus does not really have a beginning because He is from eternity. *He always existed.* He was always there with God and *He Himself is God.* He is the second person of the Trinity. Jesus is not "a god," He is not "godlike", or a "divine person," *Jesus Christ is God.* In the beginning when God created everything He was there, one with the Creator, creating everything that was created. He Himself was not created, but He was the Creator of all things. He also is the source of life, and this life brings light into the lives of people. Sin had brought darkness into the minds and hearts of people and Jesus came as a light that shines in the darkness. Today also, Jesus comes to us as the light that brings salvation from the darkness of sin.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: If you would like to donate one or more Christmas poinsettias for the church altar, please contact the church office. The traditional red Poinsettias are \$15.00 each: Please submit the form below when you place your order: Deadline is December 18th, 2006.

I wish to order Red Poinsettia for the Church Altar (____)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

My name is _____