

**Makarios Darawi, Pastor**  
**Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist**

11:00 A.M.

November 29, 2009

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

*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.*

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMNS & SONGS** –#33 *“there is No Name So Sweet On Earth” (Vv.1,4)*  
#165 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Vv.1,2,4)*  
#170 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Vv.1,2,3)*

**PRAYER**

**LIGHTING OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> ADVENT CANDLE** – *Chris Pope*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE:** *Matthew 10:16-23 (Pp.1511)*

**“Jesus Warns Of Trouble Ahead”**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE:** *Acts 13:13-52 (P.1714-16)*

**“God Has Kept His Promise To Us”**

**REMINDERS**

**\*HAYR MER** – #133

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *“Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er”*

**POSTLUDE**

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*\*Congregation is requested to stand*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR** this morning is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Moses and Maggie Avakian in memory of Nahabed Avakian.

**MISSIONS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. **Christmas Joy Packages.** Bring Christmas joy to the children of Armenia, Karabagh & Georgia through AMAA Armenia Summer Camp Christmas Committee.
2. **Change For Children:** Pennies for Kids Campaign is a fund-raiser that supports Grace Centers of Hope’s building of a Childcare Center. Grace Centers of Hope is Oakland County’s oldest and largest human service provider.
3. **Community Service:** The ACC Mission Committee is gathering a group of 12 people to attend the Grace Centers Of Hope in Pontiac on Wednesday, December 9th at 4:00 p.m. to prepare and serve dinner to needy families. If you would like to attend, please call the church office to add your name to the attending list. For more information you may speak to Pastor Mak or Suzan.

**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 fund. Please submit your name and donation to the church office by December 11.

**ACC CHOIR.** The ACC Sanctuary Choir and director Mrs. Susan Harrison are preparing a special Christmas program, which they will present during the Christmas Eve Service. Plan on joining us this year.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Please join the Sunday School on December 20th for this year’s Christmas Program. The program begins after the church service, with a luncheon to follow. All are welcome.

Parents make sure to mark your calendar: the rehearsal for the Christmas Program is on Friday December 18 at 5:00 p.m. with complimentary Pizza dinner.

**THANK YOU** to Mr. & Mrs. Harold and Joyce Gant for donating their valuable time to decorate the church beautifully for the holidays.

**ACC YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY** the pastor and Mrs. Darawi invite all the ACC youth (11-17 years) for a Christmas party at their house on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The evening includes dinner, singing Christmas carols, games, and gift exchange.

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS** November meeting will be held **today** following the fellowship hour.

**ACC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** will be having a bake sale during the Fellowship Hour on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please come and support the ladies by purchasing cookies, cakes, choreg, pies, cookbooks, and more! All the money collected will be donated to the orphans in Armenia and Lebanon.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** we are now taking orders for flowers to adorn our chancel on Christmas Sunday. The traditional poinsettia price is \$15.00 each. Please submit your name to the church office no later than December 17.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU** from the family of Hovnathan Krikorian to the ACC church members and friends for their generous donations.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.**

Please pray for Marie Arslanian, Herb Jernukian, Emily Rukkla, Jan Janigian, Dee Fogarty, Debbie Smetana, and Hovnathan Krikorian, Taylor, nephew of Mary Conley.

**Next Sunday. English:** Matthew 10:24-33. "Fearless Proclamation"

**Armenian:** Acts 14:1-18. "The Living God"

**Synopsis of the Armenian Message**

Paul and Barnabas continue their missionary journey and sail from Cyprus to Asia Minor. As usual on the Sabbath they attend the local synagogue where they are asked to speak. Paul proclaims the Gospel by retelling the history of the nation of Israel with interpreted comments that point to Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises to them. By retelling them the historic story, Paul shows that Jesus is the expected Messiah whose advent the prophets foretold many years before. He also shows that God has been faithful in keeping His promise, "What God promised our fathers he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus" (32-33). The reason Paul wants them to know this is, "through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses" (38-39). Many of the Jews believed, but others were abusive towards them so Paul and Barnabas went to the Gentiles who accepted their message.

Friends, as we enter the advent season and begin preparing to celebrate Christmas, let us remember that Christmas is the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Deliverer. Jesus comes after a long wait to bring Hope to us and to our world.