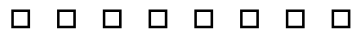


*Concerning the celebration of Christmas...*

*I can understand the man who takes off his hat to a lady because it is the customary symbol; I can also understand the man refuses to take off his hat to lady, like the old Quakers, because he thinks that a symbol is superstition. But what point would there be in so performing an arbitrary form of respect that it was not a form of respect?*

*We respect the gentlemen who takes off his hat to the lady; we respect the fanatic who will not take off his hat to the lady. But what should we think of the man who kept his hands in his pockets and asked the lady to take his hat off for him because he felt tired?*

G. K. Chesterton



**Ladies Luncheon**, December 15<sup>th</sup>. See Kimberly Williams for details

**Christmas Eve Service**, 7:00 pm Monday December 24<sup>th</sup>.

# Cottonwood Community Church

December 9, 2007

Sunday Devotion: 9:30 am

Worship: 10:00 am

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Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:25-31

Lighting The Advent Candle

Hymn # 62 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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Psalms 39:7-11

**(7) And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope *is* in You. (8) Deliver me from all my transgressions; make me not the reproach of the fool.**

**(9)** I was dumb, I did not open my mouth; because You have done *it*. **(10)** Remove Your stroke away from me; I am destroyed by the blow of Your hand.

**(11) You correct a man for iniquity with rebukes, and you make his desires vanish away like a moth. Surely every man *is* vanity. Selah.**

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Hymn # 60 It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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**Children's Christmas Presentation**

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New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4

Congregational Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our  
sins  
as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever.

Amen.

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**Second Sunday In Advent: Shepherds  
Luke 2:8-20**

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Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn #58 Joy To The World!

Benediction: Jude verses 24-25  
Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,  
And to present you faultless Before the presence of  
His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior,  
Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion  
and power, Both now and forevermore. Amen.