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From Our Chaplain (December 2004)

Dear Friends,

*Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.*

It is hard to believe that we are in the season of Advent and Christmas is just around the corner. It just seems to sneak up on us.

Christmas came quietly some two thousand years ago. In fact the holy night went unnoticed by much of the world. Most of the people in Bethlehem had no idea that in a stable at the end of town God had entered the world through the womb of a teenage girl. Yes, there was majesty born in a stable. The eternal one, caught in a moment of time.

Christ still comes quietly to our lives. I pray that you will see Him this Christmas - that you will not miss His coming to your world. Oh, He may come in surprising and unexpected ways, but He comes to make a difference in your life. He comes because of love – His love for YOU! God's love found a way to come to us so that we would come to Him.

It is again my privilege to open the door to the Christmas at hand and to share with you the story that God was born in a stable on borrowed straw to teenage parents. It is my desire that the familiar Christmas story of love be filled with new wonder and joy for you. May the Christ of Christmas fill your lives with His presence and peace!

*“Thanks be to God for His gift  
that is too wonderful for words.”  
– 2 Corinthians 9:15*

In the joy of this holy season,

Chaplain Sandy Anenson

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