

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions
December 20, 2009 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **9:30 A.M. Service**

We welcome you to this service of praise and adoration. Let God speak to you through the songs and the message,
and enjoy the fellowship of those who are seeking the Lord and the spiritual help that we need for daily living.

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Karen Murray

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All through this season of Advent, we have encountered Hope, Peace and Joy.

People: **Today Love is the theme.**

Leader: Today we will hear the story of the Incarnation.

People: **We will learn what it means to be the Body of Christ today.**

Leader: Today we will be challenged to believe in all that God can do through us and in us.

People: **Open our hearts, Lord, that we may be ready for your love . AMEN.**

WORSHIP IN SONG: DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR *(by N. Regney, G. Shayne)*

Said the night wind to the little lamb, Do you see what I see? 'Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see? A star, a star, Dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite, With a tail as big as a
kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear? Ringing thru the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear? A song, a song, High above the tree, with a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, Do you know what I know? In your palace warm, mighty king,
Do you know what I know? A Child, a Child shivers in the cold; Let us bring Him silver and gold,
Let us bring Him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people ev'ry where, Listen to what I say! Pray for peace, people ev'ry where,
Listen to what I say! The Child; The Child, sleeping in the night; He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light.

MARY'S BOY CHILD *(J. Albert Music)*

Long time ago in Bethlehem so the Holy Bible say
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ was born on Christmas day

*Chorus: Hark now hear the angels sing, a new King born today
that folks may live forever more because of Christmas day.*

Now Joseph and his wife Mary went to Bethlehem that night
and found no place to lay their head not a single room was in sight. (repeat chorus)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night they saw a bright new shining star.
And from the East there came three men bearing gifts from afar. (repeat chorus)

OFFERING *(by Paul Baloche)*

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star while angels sang to lowly shepherds.
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar hoping to find the Child from Heaven.
Falling on their knees they bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

*Chorus: I bring an offering of worship to my King. No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due, O Lord, I bring an offering to You, I bring an offering to
You.*

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love; There is no shadow in Your presence.

No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, before the Holy One of Heaven.

It's only by Your blood and it's only through Your mercy, Lord, I come. (chorus) (continued on next page)

Tag: O Lord, I bring an offering to You, O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

O Lord, I bring an offering to You, I bring an offering to You. *(2003 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)*

OPENING PRAYER - Lord, be with us this day as we encounter Immanuel, and hear of the wondrous
message that he brings to us. Remind us that, like Mary, each one of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are
called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name. Open our hearts and our spirits today to receive with
great joy the love that you have for us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

I WONDER AS I WANDER *(Appalachian Folksong)*

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.

For poor, ornery people like you and like I - I wonder as I wander, Out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cows' stall, With wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, And the promise of ages It then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing: a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;
or all of God's angels in heaven to sing, He surely could have had it, 'cause He was the King!

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, How Jesus, the Savior did come for to die.

For poor, ornery people like you and like I - I wonder as I wander, Out under the sky. *(1934 G. Shirmer, Inc.)*

ROCK-A-BYE, MY DEAR LITTLE BOY *(Czech carol)*

Rock-a-bye, my dear little boy, dear little boy, wonder of wonders, my blessing and joy;
slumber as I gently hold you, let my tender love enfold you;
gift of God to me and the world, here in my arms lies so peacefully curled.

Little Jesus, Infant Divine, Infant Divine, one with the Father, yet born to be mine;
as I rock you calmly sleeping, angel guards their watch are keeping;
precious child, one day we shall see what love has destined for you and for me. *(1987 Oxford University Press)*

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL *(by Bob McGee)*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. *(1976 C.A. Music)*

WORSHIP IN GIVING: Offering

SHARING THE WORD Scripture: Colossians 1:24-29, John 1:1-14

Message: "Incarnational Living" Pastor Steve Donat

***CLOSING HYMN 246 JOY TO THE WORLD** *(by Isaac Watts)*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love. *(Public Domain)*

***BENEDICTION**

***THE PEACE:** The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***POSTLUDE**

***THE PEOPLE STAND**

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE in Room E101

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 783 Sunday School: 157

USHERS: Bob Koury, Marcia Koury, Carlos Mocoelo

ACOLYTE: Alex Weitzner

PLEASE LET US KNOW...Due to current privacy regulations, churches are no longer notified if a member of their congregation is hospitalized. Therefore, if you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, please let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, food preparation, etc. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Stanton Webb, Faye Sienkiewicz, Ruth Allen, Joan Woodworth (Ann's sister-in-law), John Halbe (neighbor of Bruce & Sharon Zollers), Ben Brenner, Mary Jane Harris (niece of Bob Rodriguez), Paul Haynes, Isaiah Daniel Jefferson, Jean Berner, Ken Wedge, Mary Louise Shingleton, Dick Taylor, Kelly Secor, Amy Secor, Marisa Wieland, Michelle Knowles, Diane Allen, Diane Byrnes (cousin's wife of Ottignon & Cornell families), Marv Wilkerson (brother-in-law of Susan Rapp), Bruce Slocum, William Klansek (friend of Dick Loring), Aril Bryant (friend of Emily Wright), Bob & Dorothy Rodgers (parents of Glenn Rodgers).

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: Bob Banes and family on the death of his father Ray Banes, to Janet Hanlon and family on the death of her father, Frank Militano, to Doris Coshland and family on the death of her mother, Dorothy Devenny and Victoria McGrath & Shirley Van Duser and family on the death of Gerald Van Duser (Victoria's father).

SERVING OVERSEAS: Jim Brant (nephew of Karen Halligan).

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