

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 19, 2010 4th 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

Sue Harris, Worship Leader

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

People: Thanks be to the God of Light.

Leader: In the midst of confusion and fear, God brings hope and peace.

People: Thanks be to the God of peace.

Leader: In the midst of strife and stress, God comforts and soothes us.

People: Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life. AMEN.

WORSHIP IN SONG: JOY TO THE WORLD (by Isaac Watts) (VERSES 1, 3, 4)

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.

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)

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)

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (by John F. Wade)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest; Refrain. (Public Domain)

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

We give You all the glory, we give You all the glory; We give You all the glory, Christ the Lord.

We'll praise Your name for ever, we'll praise Your name for ever; We'll praise Your name for ever,

Christ the Lord. (1988 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

OPENING PRAYER - Lord of all life and all seasons, help us open our hearts to hear the words of promise and love that you send to us. Like Joseph, may we trust in your abiding love and power. Prepare us to receive your gift of grace and peace. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

EMMANUEL (by Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash)

What hope we hold this starlit night: a King is born in Bethlehem.

Our journey long, we seek the light that leads to the hallowed manger ground.

What fear we felt in the silent age, Four hundred years can He be found?

But broken by a baby's cry; rejoice in the hallowed manger ground.

Chorus: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, praise His name, Emmanuel.

The Son of God, here, born to bleed; a crown of thorns would pierce His brow.

And we beheld this offering, exalted now, the King of kings, praise God for the hallowed manger ground.

*Chorus: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell. Emmanuel, Emmanuel, praise His name,
Emmanuel. Emmanuel, praise His name, Emmanuel. (2009 Worshiptogether.com)*

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.

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS (by Christina Rossetti)

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;

Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign. (Oxford University Press)

WORSHIP IN GIVING: Offering

SHARING THE WORD Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Message: Prepare to Meet Your God! Advent Series, pt. 4 Pastor Steve Donat
God With Us

CLOSING HYMN 234 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (by John F. Wade) VERSES 2, 5

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee with love and awe.

Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? Refrain (Public Domain)

GOING FORTH: The Benediction

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

And also with you.

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE in Room E101 for children up to age four

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 683 Sunday School: 150

USHERS: Bob Klenk, Rose Klenk, Bob Koury, Marcia Koury, Carlos Mocado

ACOLYTE: Jessica Hagmaier

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, Paul Haynes, Kelly Secor, Aril Bryant (friend of Emily Wright), Brenda Janssen (niece of Sue Adams), Bill Moyer, Charles Simon (brother of Bob Simon), Leah Sparks (Erin Talbot's sister), Shelby Florida (granddaughter of Ed and Ruth Florida), Betsy Turchi (niece of Dale & Marjie Duffin), Carleen Frake (sister of Lynne Schill & Ellen Edwards), Margaret Stonaker, Mary Schick (neighbor of Linda Wanagas), John Orthwein (father of Carol Veldon), Stan Winston, Ben Brenner, Courtney Noelle Harrington (granddaughter of John & Shirland Daglian), Debra Tarby (daughter of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), Ina Cobb, Margaret Campbell (friend of Shirland Daglian), Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Nan Scheyhing, Ethel Thawley, Alex & Evan Knerr (twin grandsons of Don & Fern Knerr), Neal Sundberg, Danny Gustovoy (friend of Carol Taylor), Patti Ann Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jack & Janet Feeley), Laurie Sherlock (relative of Ed & MaryLou Nelson)..

SERVING OVERSEAS: James Shields (son of Marcia Koury), Deanna Richardson, Mike Murphy (nephew of Dee Dee Langshaw).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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