

# 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 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.

## PRELUDE

Hodie Christus Natus Est  
(On This Day Christ Is Born)

G. Gabrieli

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 246 Joy to the World

## 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.**

**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.

\*RESPONSIVE READING 212 Psalm 24

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 The Apostles' Creed

## \*GLORIA PATRI 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Let Our Gladness Have No End  
Adult Choir

Reske

## CALL TO PRAYER 242

Love Came Down at Christmas

Verse 1

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

## CHORAL AMEN

## WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning. Please fill out the blue-colored card that you will find in the bulletin. Write any special prayer requests on the back, and pass them face down to the center aisle.

## PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

See Amid the Winter's Snow  
Adult Choir

Goss/Willcocks

## \*DOXOLOGY 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below:  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HYMN OF PREPARATION 229** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

## MESSAGE

*Prepare to Meet Your God!* Advent Series, pt. 4  
God With Us

Pastor Steve Donat

## \*CLOSING HYMN 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Verses 1,2,3,& 5

## \*BENEDICTION

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

**And also with you.**

## \*POSTLUDE

\*The People Stand

**BRASS QUARTET:** Bill Hosbach, Fred Reimers, Andrei Shidlowski, Jim Weinhouse

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

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 683 Sunday School: 150

**USHERS:** Jerry Mengel, Ellen Edwards, Bob Edwards, Larry Shay, Barbara Webb

**GREETERS:** Harvey and Bonnie Weiskittel

**ACOLYTES:** Ulla Parmentier, Olivia Bewley

**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 & Jan 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**

Stephen Donat, Senior Pastor	Joan Flamini, Administrative Assistant
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