

om whom all blessings flow;  
n all creatures here below;  
n above, ye heavenly host;  
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymnal, page 18, setting B

H CHRIST

Hymn No. 234

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tar reminds us that we must carry the message  
ve out from this sanctuary into the world.)



# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

December 3, 2005  
9:25 a.m. o'clock

The First Sunday of Advent  
Liturgical Color: Blue

Welcome to this holy hour of worship. May you find joy in the songs of praise. May you find guidance in the Word of God. May you find peace in a whispered prayer. May you find strength and hope in the renewal of your spirit.

(The asterisk (\*) designates when the congregation will please stand.  
Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

**Bold print** is read or sung by the congregation.

Worshippers are encouraged to turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.)

## **WE GATHER TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP**

### THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(You are invited to sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pads.

When it reaches the end of the pew, please pass it back so that all may note those worshipping today.

Cards are available in the pew for those desiring to request prayer or praise

for specific needs, concerns and joys. Please place the card in the offering plate during the offering.)

### THE PRELUDE

*"People, Look East"*

Robert A. Hobby

## **WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP**

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Quartet

*"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

Kasey May, Melanie May, Katelyn Kingseed, Rachel Bates

### THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The congregation stands with the first note of the chimes.

The lighted candles on the altar symbolize the presence of God's Holy Spirit.

The Holy Bible is carried in and placed facing the congregation

as a reminder that God's Word is open and available to all.)

## **WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD**

\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### **Ministers:**

Grace United Methodist Church

#### **Pastors**

Larry Newberg, Visitation Pastor

#### **Missionaries**

Ministry of North Indiana Conference  
Urban Outreach Ministries  
Local Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone

#### **Specialized Ministries**

Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist  
Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager  
Phill Montgomery, Counselor

John and Ellen Rayburn and Jim Williams

in honor of their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and by Marge Bassett

Hymn No. 211  
Hymn No. 204

(Organ Interlude)

## WATH AND CALL TO PRAYER

do not know when the time will come.” (Mark 13:33)

**ipation for the coming of the Christ Child. We  
nds for his coming. We submit our lives to the  
continued return.**

ent wreath represents our anticipation, both this year

st candle on the Advent wreath.]

**first candle in our Advent wreath, we confess our  
willingness to become excited about Christmas. We  
our dull selves into exciting, vibrant children of God,  
and waiting in anticipation our bywords. Hear us  
ur own words and in our own way.**

e to the altar for a time of intercessory prayer  
e to come and kneel or stand.  
e moments in silent prayer seated at your pew.)

**on, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
es, as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
ion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
d the glory, forever. Amen.**

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## HEAR THE LIVING WORD

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Altar Choir  
Bob Fitts and Gary Sadler

are fearful hearted, “Do not be afraid;”  
God, is strong with His mighty arms.  
n His name, He will come and save.  
save you, He will come and save you;  
y one, “Your God will surely come,”  
save you; He will come and save you;  
d save you; Lift up your eyes to Him,

You will arise again, He will come and save you.

Say to those who are broken hearted, “Do not be afraid;”

The Lord, your God, is strong with His loving arms,  
When you call on His name; He will come and save.

He will come and save you, He will come and save you;

Say to the weary one, “Your God will surely come,”

He will come and save you; He will come and save you;

He will come and save you; Lift up your eyes to Him,

You will arise again, He will come and save you.

He is our refuge in the day of trouble,

He is our shelter in the time of storm;

He is our tower in the day of sorrow,

Our fortress in the time of war, of war.

He will come and save you, He will come and save you;

Say to the weary one, “Your God will surely come,”

He will come and save you; He will come and save you;

He will come and save you; Lift up your eyes to Him,

You will arise again, He will come and save you.

Lift up your eyes to Him, You will arise again,

He will come and save you. He will come and save you.

He will come and save, He will come and save,

save you. save you. save you.

## \*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

### THE COMMUNION MEDITATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

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## WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

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### RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

(If you are a visitor, you are our guest this morning. If Grace U.M. Church is your home, remember that the biblical expectation is that you will give your tithe to your church. May we all remember that giving to God in response to His great love is the most celebrative moment of corporate worship. Today’s loose coin offering is dedicated to CAM.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

“Emmanuel” (Hymn 204 & 211)

\*The Festival Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Setting by Joel Raney

Hymn No. 95