

**\*THE HYMN OF INVITATION  
“Joy to the World”**

(The altar of this church is open to you...come.  
Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.)

Hymn 246

**\*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT**

(The Living Flame on the altar reminds us that we must carry the message

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE  
“What Can I Give Him”**

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wiseman I would do my part;  
Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

Altar Choir  
Don Cason

**THE POSTLUDE**

Postlude on “Truro”

Charles Callahan



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

December 10, 2006  
9:25 a.m.

The 2nd 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.

Worshippers are encouraged to turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.  
**Bold print** is read or sung by the congregation.)

**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.)

A presentation by the Gideons

**THE PRELUDE**

“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

Chamber Ensemble  
Steve Dunn

**WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Quartet  
“O 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 facing the congregation as a reminder that God's Word is open and available to all.)

**Grace United Methodist Church**

**Ministers**

The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

**Pastors**

Stephen A. Beutler, Sr. Pastor      Larry Newberg, Visitation Pastor

**Our Missionaries**

Oscar Ramos, Hispanic Ministry of North Indiana Conference  
Jeff Newton, Kokomo Urban Outreach Ministries  
Dr. Dennis Marke, Medical Missionary, Kissy, Sierra Leone

**Specialized Ministries**

Randy Manning, Director of Music      Barbara Hobbs, Pianist/Organist  
Jacque Hunt, Chamber Ensemble Director      Cindy Lovegrove, Office Manager  
Debra Long, Volunteer Parish Nurse      Phill Montgomery, Counselor  
Church Administrator, Chuck Hefley

Lighting the Advent Candles today are James, Megan and Joey McConnell.

Our Greeters today are Dick & Judy Emry and Sue Cox.

Our Ask Me Greeters today are Jerry Hodges and Joy Loop.

Our nursery volunteer is Sue Murrell

The flowers are given to the glory of God by The Emry Family in memory of Dale Emry.

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

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### **HYMNS & CAROLS OF THE SEASON**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vs 1 & 7

“Joy to the World” vs 1

“Away in A Manager” vs 1

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” vs 1

Chamber Ensemble

Hymn 211

Hymn 246

Hymn 217

Hymn 246

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CALL TO PRAYER**

Leader: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God”

All: **As we wait in darkness, our hope is rekindled by the light of the Lord shining in the night. We offer our lives to serve the Lord with our renewed hope.**

Leader: Last wee we lit the first candle in our Advent wreath—the candle of anticipation.

(Light one purple candle in the Advent wreath.)

Today we come to the wreath again, our anticipation a part of our lives. We light the second candle, the candle of preparation, for we would learn to be straighteners and builders of a highway for God.

(Light a second purple candle in the Advent wreath.)

All: **Dear God, we confess that while sometimes we do become excited with our anticipation of Christmas, we display a lack of preparation when the day finally arrives. Help us overcome the frenzy and disorganization of our Advent celebration. Send us the gift of preparation to balance our sense of anticipation. Hear us now as we pray, each in our own words and in our own way.**

Moments of Silent Prayer

(Those desiring to come to the altar for prayer are welcome to kneel or stand.)

The 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.**

### **SPECIAL**

“Esurientes” from “Magnificat”

(During the playing of the hymn, “Children of the Heavenly Father”,

Children, pre-school through Grade 2 are invited to attend an age appropriate

Worship experience in Room #102, Lower Level.

An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones to their room.)

Linda White and Arlene Beull

Antonio Vivaldi

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## **WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD**

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### **\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 1:39-45

(Pew Bible Page 724)

### **THE ANTHEM**

“The Holly and the Ivy”

Altar Choir with John Rodgers, Leeanna Zimmerman, Sam Blatt, Melanie May  
Anna Laura Page

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom, white as the lily,

Mary bore Jesus, our Savior sweet.

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,

Mary bore Jesus to do sinners good.

Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer,  
the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a prickle, as sharp as any thorn,

And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn.

The holly bears a bark, bitter as gall; Mary bore Jesus to redeem us all.

On, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer,

The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

### **THE PROCLAMATION**

“Jump For Joy”

Pastor Steve 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 visiting this morning, you are our guest. If Grace U.M. Church is your home, remember that the biblical expectation is that you will give your tithes 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 Offering

The Offertory

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hymn 196

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**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.**

Jay Rouse