

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering
The Offertory
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

arr. by Jay Rouse
Hymn No. 95

To the tune of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*THE HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Hymn No. 206

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

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The Living Flame on the altar reminds us that we must carry the message
of God’s grace and love out from this sanctuary into the world.*

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“Tell Out My Soul”

Paul Manz

Grace United Methodist Church

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The Congregation of Grace United Methodist Church

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Jeff Gehring, Coordinator of Youth Ministry Alexis Stamper, Youth Ministry Intern

Our Greeters today are Larry & Barb Moss and Sally Tate.
Today’s Acolyte is Delaney White.
The Liturgist is Karen Zimmerman.
Lighting the Advent Candle is David, Lisa and Lydia Emry.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

November 28, 2010
9:25 a.m.

1st Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Color: Blue

Keep silence, friend, for some have come to cast their care on God today, and some to praise from thankful hearts; and some “Thy Kingdom come” to pray. Keep silence, let Him speak anew to every heart—perhaps to you.

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.*

THE PRELUDE

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came Down”

Chamber Ensemble
Paul Manz

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ!
All: **We have come to experience God’s grace in our worship and in our lives!**

*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.*

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE OPENING HYMN

“People Look East”

Hymn No.202

Musical Interlude

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined . . . For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

Leader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.
(The first candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.)

ADVENT CHORUS

**Holy baby, holy child, we await your coming now.
You bring us hope, you bring us peace;
you bring us joy, you bring us love.
Holy baby, holy child, come to us now.**

Moments of Silent Prayer

*Those desiring to come to the altar for a time of intercessory prayer
are welcome to come and kneel or stand.*

All are invited to spend these moments in silent prayer seated at your pew.

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.**

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE ANTHEM

"The Advent Road"

Linda White and Jayna Beutler
Douglas E. Wagner

*During the playing of the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me" children, preschool through Grade 2,
are invited to attend Children's Church in the Chapel. An adult will meet the
children at the sanctuary exit to the Narthex.*

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Stephen Beutler

"WAITING...OR WATCHING"

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Carys Kristine Gehring

Parents: Jeff & Stacey Gehring

Godparents: Greg Gehring & Jamal Bennett

The Declaration

The Request for Baptism

The Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Affirmation of Faith

Minister: We say together:

Congregation: We believe in God the Father, who made the world.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, who redeemed humankind.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God.

The Baptism

Nancy Hefley: Carys, receive this light, for you belong to Christ, the Light of the World. Christ is your Light and your Way.

Congregation: May you grow and live in the faith of Christ. Amen.

The Baptismal Promises of the Parents and Godparents

The Promises of the People

Minister: Members of the body of Christ, we rejoice that Carys, our sister, has been baptized. Will you so maintain the Church's life of worship and service that she may grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord?

Congregation: With God's help, we will.

Minister: Let us pray.

Congregation: Generous God, touch us again with the fire of your Spirit and renew in us all the grace of our Baptism; that we may profess the one true faith and live in love and unity with all who are baptized into Christ. Amen.

OFFERING GOD 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 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.