

*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 CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Holy baby, holy child, come to us now."

THE POSTLUDE

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

setting by Paul Manz



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

December 12, 2010
9:25 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Color: Blue

In this advent season, when the past has fled, unasked, and there is nothing left to do but wait, God, shelter us. Be our surrounding darkness; be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time. In uncertain times, help us to greet the dawn and labor on, love on, in faith awaiting your purpose hid in you waiting to be born in due time. Amen.

The asterisk () designates when the congregation is to stand.
Worshippers who find standing difficult may remain seated.
Please turn off your cell phones while in the sanctuary.
Bold print is either read or sung by the congregation.*

WE GATHER TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pads in your pew.
Cards are available in the pew to request prayer for any specific joy or concern.
Please place the card in the offering plate during the Offertory.*

THE PRELUDE

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

Chamber Ensemble
arr. by Charles Rose

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

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hymn No.203

Musical Interlude

Grace United Methodist Church

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Brandy Dodd, Childcare Provider	Carisa Durham, Childcare Provider
Amy Lovegrove, Childcare Provider	Jeff Gehring, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Alexis Stamper, Youth Ministry Intern	

Our Greeters today are Galen & Hazel Hodge and Larry & Norma Raber.
The Acolyte today is Zachary Rodgers.
Lighting the Advent Candle is Don & Betty Fields
The white rose on the Altar is in memory of Kathleen Walther.
The red rose is in honor of the birth of Tait Levi Freemyer born Fri., December 3 to Daniel & Stephanie Freemyer and grandson of Pastor Steve & Jayna.

SPECIAL MUSIC
"Come, Lord Jesus"

Joy Singers, JuBELLation and Marleta Newberg, piano
Michael Bedford

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: *"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the mighty one has done great things for me, and holy is his name.'" (Luke 1:46-49)*

Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

(The pink candle on the Advent wreath is lit.)

Leader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way.

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 CHORAL ANTHEM
"We Wait For Thee"

Jennifer Kirkman, bassoon
Victor C. Johnson

*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 11:2-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC
"Pat-a-Pan"

JuBELLation
arr. by Gary Meredith

THE PROCLAMATION

Rev. Stacey Fischer Gehring

"Are You For Real?"

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

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.*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Vesper Bell Choir
arr. by David R. Kent

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

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Hymn No. 218

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