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THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP

December 26, 2010
9:25 a.m.

1st Sunday after Christmas Day
Liturgical Color: White

We thank you, Lord, for Christmas – grant that we may be grateful enough to keep it not for a day, but for always. In the name of Christ, whose coming is a mystery; whose life is a miracle, whose ministry in word and deed and death is salvation, and whose presence is now our highest hope. Amen.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

“He is Born, The Divine Christ Child” arr. by Dennis Alexander

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 MORNING CAROL

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (Stanzas 1 and 2) Hymn No. 224

*THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Pastor: As we light these candles today, we thank God for the hope God gives us, for the peace God bestows, for the joy God pours into our hearts, and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

All: **We thank God for His gift of Jesus. We thank Him that through Christ God’s light has come into the world and made it possible for us to see, and in seeing, to rejoice. His truth, His love, His very self, transforms all who receive Him.**

Pastor: Let us pray.
Loving God, Emmanuel, we thank you for being with us – for sending your Son to walk with us and to lead us. As Christ Jesus was born of Mary, so may He be born in us, and through us revealed to the world. Grant that the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love of which we have heard and spoken of throughout Advent may be fully realized in us as we worship; and serve you through Him, both now and forevermore. Amen.

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE SEASON IN SONGS AND CAROLS

The congregation is invited to request various Christmas Carols from the hymnal for us to sing together in celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Leader: Merry Christmas!

All: **Merry Christmas!**

Leader: Let us pray.

Father, You make this holy season radiant with the splendor of Jesus Christ our Light. We welcome Him as Lord, the true light of the world. And we pray, O God for your light to be upon all those we hold before You now in the silence of our hearts and with the words of our lips. Hear us now as we pray, each in our own words and our own way.

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.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

Pastor Stephen Beutler

THE SHARING OF GOD'S BLESSINGS

If you are visiting this morning, you are our guest. If Grace UM 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

"Joy to the World"

arr. by Jay Rouse

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

To the tune of "What Child is This"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

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The love of the everlasting Father enfold you,
And the grace and light of the Prince of Peace shine all about you,
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***THE POSTLUDE**

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