

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 4, 2011 **11:00 A.M.**
Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GATHERING

Prelude *Fanfare and Trio on Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* Osterland

Chiming of The Hour

Lighting of the Altar Candles The Acolytes

Call to Worship *Soon and Very Soon* Andraé Crouch
 “Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King; Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.”

Congregational Greeting & Acclamation The Reverend Peggy A. Finch
 Leader: I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 May Christ’s peace be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Praise, UMH No. 220 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
J. Montgomery/REGENT SQUARE

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed – UMH No. 881 The Reverend Rodney W. Denton

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 the third day He rose from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri UMH, No. 70
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it
 was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace *Shalom to You UMH No. 666* E.S. Eslinger/SOMOS DEL SENOR
**Shalom to you, now, shalom, my friends.
 May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
 In all your living and through your loving,
 Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Welcome and Parish Notes Reverend Finch

Lighting the Second Advent Candle Jerry & Judy Smith

Sung Response: *Light The Advent Candle* Chancel Choir
and Congregation
Davenport-Wagner

**Light the Advent Candle, for the infant Jesus,
 keep the candle burning in your heart. A tiny King
 is coming, this little Child will lead us, light the Advent
 Candle in your heart. Child so dear, Christ is near, and
 leading once again to Bethlehem. Light the Advent Candle
 keep the candle burning in your heart.**

Dismissal of children for Children’s Church

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Presentation of Eagle Scout Award to *Keith Barefoot* Dr. Tom Smith

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Pastoral Prayer The Reverend Doctor Ivan H. M. Peden

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.**

Prayer Response *Amen* Lutkin

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offering
 Offertory *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* arr. Karluken

*Doxology No. 95
**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**
 *Prayer of Dedication The Reverend Rodney W. Denton

THE WORD AND PROCLAMATION

Anthem *O Come, O Come Immanuel* arr. Rutter
 “O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile
 here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O
 Israel. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of
 hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice!
 Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
 who to thy tribes on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and maj-
 esty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, thou
 Key of David, come, and open wide our home; make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-20 Reverend Finch
Minister: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Homily for the First Sunday of Advent
Christmas Gifts that Won’t Break: Part 2, The Gift of Love

SENDING FORTH

Hymn of Response, UMH 219 *What Child Is This* W. Dix/GREENSLEEVES

*Benediction Reverend Finch

*Benediction Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* Bob McGee
 “Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is
 called Emmanuel.”

*Chimes of the Holy Trinity

*Postlude *Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding* Monk

*Please stand, as you are able.
 +Please pass the registration pads at this time

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available in the Narthex. Just ask an usher if you
 need one. **Chief Usher:** Gerry Crowder **Leaders:** Don Clinard, Carey Eanes, Zeb
 Hanner, J. H. Williams, Charles Wade **Today’s Ushers:** Debbie & William Hinkle,
 Roger Bryant, Bill Mills, Mark Leonard. **Today’s Greeters:** Lorna McCullough,
 Albert Lawrence, Larry Cagle, George Atkinson, Hoxie Jones.
HEARING DEVICES are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Participating in today’s service:
 The Reverend Doctor Ivan Peden, Senior Minister
 The Reverend Peggy A. Finch, Associate Minister
 The Reverend Rodney W. Denton, Associate Minister
 The Reverend Lynda C. Hepler, Minister of Children and Families
 Dr. Danny Frye, Music Director
 Mr. Brian Vannoy, Organist
 Tara Oldaker, Acolyte
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Smith, Advent Readers
 Dr. E. Tom Smith, Troop Leader: Boy Scout Troop 121

Nursery Care is available for children ages, infant to 5 years, in the main building from
 8:30 am to 12 noon. Directions to the Nursery from the Sanctuary: Exit
 sanctuary at doors on either side of the chancel area. At the bottom of the steps, follow
 directional signs to the nursery located on the ground floor in the south wing. Our
 caring nursery staff will be there to meet you!
Children's Worship is held in the Chapel following the Children's Sermon.
 Directions to the Chapel from the Sanctuary: Exit sanctuary at doors on either side of
 the chancel area. At the bottom of the steps, follow directional signs to the Chapel
 located on the ground floor in the north wing. Children ages 4 and up are invited to
 come for their own style of worship including: music, storytime, video, role play and
 other activities. Parents are asked to pick up their child after the worship service in the
 chapel.

PRAYER LIST

*If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna
 McCullough at 475-6026. If you put a name on the list, please keep in touch and let us
 know how he/she is doing as names will be removed after 3 weeks. During the week,
 please pray for:*

Military personnel stateside and overseas	Tracy Brinkley
Becci Cagle	Debbie Hill
Wayne Leonard	Mike Schartiger
Jane Dorton	Evelyn Harris
Jack Herring	Jackson Gilliam
Charlie Sparrow	The Jabez Williams family
Tom Walker	Louise Doyle