

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 11, 2011 **11:00 A.M.**

Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GATHERING

Prelude Chorale Fantasia on Buxtehude
‘Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern’

Chiming of The Hour

Lighting of the Altar Candles Tara Oldaker

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 The Reverend Doctor Ivan H. M. Peden
(based on Zephaniah 3:14-17)

Minister: I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
May Christ’s peace be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Sing, O Daughter of Zion.

People: Shout aloud, O Israel!

Minister: Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!

People: Lift up your voices in praise, O chosen ones.

Minister: The Lord has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.

**People: The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.**

Minister: On that day they will say to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp. The Lord your God is with you,
he is mighty to save.

**People: The Lord will take great delight in you.
The Lord will quiet you with his love
and rejoice over you with singing.**

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Praise, UMH No. 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
C. Wesley/HYFRYDOL

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed – UMH No. 881
The Reverend Peggy A. Finch

**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.**

Lighting the Third Advent Candle Vicki & Tori Connolly

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,
for the infant, Jesus keep the candle burning in your heart.**

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Finch

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

Welcome and Parish Notes Dr. Peden

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offering Improvisation on ‘*The First Nowell*’ Burton

*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

Children’s Sermon The Reverend Lynda C. Hepler
(Please join the Chancel Choir in singing “Jesus Loves The Little Children” as the children come
for the Children’s Sermon)

THE WORD AND PROCLAMATION

Anthem *In the Bleak Midwinter* Holst/Whitworth
“In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron water like a
stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow; In the bleak midwinter, long ago.
Our God heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign; In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God
Almighty Jesus, Jesus Christ. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I
would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part; What I can I give him;
Give him my heart.”

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:22-25 Dr. Peden

Minister: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Homily for the Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Gifts that Won’t Break: Part 3, The Gift of Joy

SENDING FORTH

Hymn of Response, UMH 246 *Joy to the World* I. Watts/ANTIOCH

*Benediction Dr. Peden

*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 *Let Our Gladness Have No End* arr. Chervien

*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:** Dorann Edwards, Jamie
Hiatt, Don Clinard, Priscilla Joyce, Elaine Rabon
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
Vicki and Tori Connolly, Advent Readers

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.