

Invitation to Give
Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory (String Quartet) "Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring"
The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Bach

Reading

Suite IV: Christmas Day In the Morning
"On Christmas Day All Christians Sing"
"Good Christians Now Rejoice"
"I Saw Three Ships"
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*The Benediction

*The Blessing

*Postlude

"Still, Still, Still"

Sleeth

***THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

WE WELCOME VISITORS who are attending our service of worship today. **EVERYONE** is requested to sign the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. We request visitors also to note their addresses and telephone numbers.

THE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Clifton W. Hudson by his brother John and family.

USHERS: Walter Hoffman, Ann Hoffman, June Grubb, Doris Sink

PLATE ATTENDANT: John Potts **ACOLYTES:** Ashley Johnson and Kalyssa Hutchens

GREETERS: Beth and Frank Callicutt

NURSERY (Birth through 6 years-old): Melissa Thomason

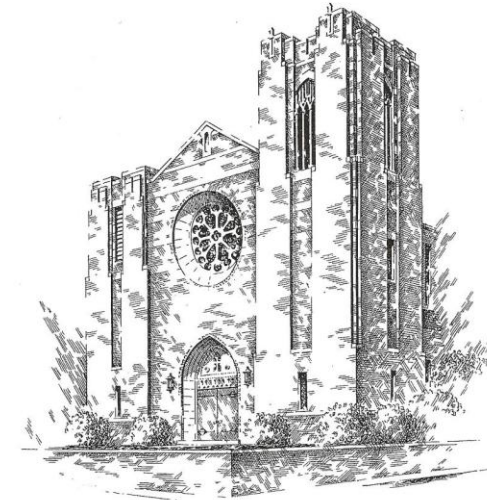
CONSISTORY MEMBERS...will have a brief meeting at the close of the service.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ethel Bailey, Sadie Bailey, Rita Tussey, Ronnie Durham, Arlene Swing, Margaret Trexler, Jacqueline Leonard, Frances Leonard, Joel Reece, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Willie Ruth Leonard, Ron Yates (Eddie's Father), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), Melvin Evans (Paul Freeman's Uncle), Ernie Bonner, Jacob Berrier, and Susan Cadwallader (Anne Fletcher's Mother). To place a name on the prayer chain, please call Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.



We extend **SYMPATHY** to and share Christian hope with **Don and Jane Leonard** upon the death of their mother and our friend, **Hilda Dorsett Leonard**.

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Sunday, December 13, 2009

Christmas Cantata

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2009

Preparation for Worship

Prelude (String Quartet) "The Brandenburg Concerto" Bach
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
Call to Worship "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord"
*Time of Greeting
Announcements

Praise to God

Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

People: Let earth receive her King;

Liturgist: Let every heart prepare Him room,

People: And heaven and nature sing,

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People: And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Third Advent Wreath Liturgy --- JOY

Katie, Shane and Callie Decker

Liturgist: We have lit a candle of HOPE.

(Light the first Advent candle.)

People: We have waited in the darkness for so long...we have almost lost the taste for hope, the art of hope, any reason for hope. And yet, praise God, hope quickens within us, against all the odds, against all that we think we know about how lost we are. And yet, there it is, a single light to dispel our darkness and despair. We now hope for the coming of the Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus.

Liturgist: We have lit a second candle of PEACE.

(Light the second Advent candle.)

People: We begin to feel a sense of peace settle within our hearts, a peace which is more than the absence of conflict, but a growing sense of the presence of God. Our peace grows out of our hope and expresses further our hope. We now begin to experience the peace which comes with the coming of our Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, come among us to be our peace.

Liturgist: We now light the third Advent candle, with JOY.

(Light the third Advent candle, pink.)

People: The hope we feel and the presence of peace we experience courses through us, and we spring with joy, celebrating the light of joy within us and through us. It is

an overwhelming joy to be expressed by praise, singing, dancing, jubilation. Heaven and nature themselves begin to sing with this joy, combining their voices through us as we too begin to sing: Joy to the world: the Lord is come! May we repeat the sounding joy, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shown around and glory shone around.**

**To you in David's town this day, is born of David's line,
The Savior, who is Christ, the Lord, and this shall be a sign, and this shall be a sign.**

**All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth, from heaven to men,
Begin and never cease, begin and never cease.**

"A Christmas Carol Gallery"

By: Larry Shackley

Reading

Doctor D. Lee Jessup

Suite I: Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Solo – Clifton Murphy

"Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying"

"Joy to the World"

Reading

Suite II: O Hear the Angel Voices

"Venite Adoremus"

"See Amid the Winter Snow"

Solo – Lib Sink

"The Birthday of a King"

"O Holy Night"

Reading

Suite III: Born Is the King

"The First Nowell"

"As Lately We Watched"

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Solo – Wanda Daye

"Silent Night"

2009 Orchestra



Paul Freeman.....Director

Sara Tolles.....Flute	Shelly Janosko Oboe
Betty Kelley.....Violin I	Amanda Matthews Violin II
Christina Poacilla.....Viola	Meaghan Skogen Cello
Greg Hall.....Trumpet I	Ricky Harris Trumpet II
Kathryn Bridwell-BrinerHorn	Bill Harbinson..... Trumpet III
James DaughteryTuba	Chris Ferguson..... Trombone
Lee Ann PeelePianist	Danny BurkhardtPercussion
Rodney Young.....Sound	Lee Jessup.....Reader

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 13	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- CHRISTMAS CANTATA (THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT)
	7:00 p.m. ----- CONSISTORY MEETING (New Members for 2010 Invited)
Monday, December 14	6:00 p.m. ----- Men's Brotherhood Christmas Dinner (Yarborough's Restaurant)
Tuesday, December 15	6:00 p.m. ----- Women's Life Fellowship Christmas Dinner (Price Home)
Wednesday, December 16	6:30 p.m. ----- CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE (FH)
	MORNING GLORY CIRCLE RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH (CONTACT: BETTY BATES)
Thursday, December 17	5:30 p.m. ----- YOGA Class (Parlor)
Sunday, December 20	9:00 a.m. ----- BAKE SALE (Fellowship Hall)
	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE (FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)
	6:00 p.m. ----- COVERED DISH DINNER & CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
Monday, December 21	Noon----- Morning Glory Circle Christmas Lunch (Price Home)

December 6, 2009	Attendance (Worship 127)	Offering Received \$3,424.00
December 7, 2008	Attendance (Worship 165)	Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,574.00

Church Staff

Reverend Walter Patten, Ph.D., Intentional Interim Minister (Cell #336-420-2728 Home #336-632-1985)	Amy McNeill, Director of Christian Education Paul Freeman, Choir Director Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst
Lee Ann Peele, Organist	



Women's Life Fellowship will hold a bake sale next **Sunday, December 20th** beginning at **9:00 a.m.** Come early and have one of Mary Jo's famous sausage biscuits or a muffin with some coffee or juice for breakfast. There will be a variety of baked goods along with tea mixes, cookie mixes, and unique gift ideas to purchase. These will make wonderful gifts for teachers, neighbors, friends, and even for you. Items will be sold before Sunday school, between Sunday school and worship, and immediately following the worship service. If there is anything left over, it will be available for purchase at the children's Christmas program that night. All monies raised will help the mission work of our circle. Thank you for your support!

Plan to donate to the "**Veterans of the Cross**" Sunday, December 20th. This offering is an expression of love and thanks to those who have served and continue to serve the United Church of Christ. The offering helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to low-income retirees, emergency assistance to clergy families in need, and Christmas gift checks to hundreds of annuitants.



The annual Christmas Party for the congregation will begin at **6 p.m. Sunday, December 20th** with a covered dish dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share with friends. Drinks are provided. After dinner the children will present, "The Not So Silent Night". This evening is a great tradition of fellowship with family and friends that is enjoyed by children of ALL ages. Remember to bring your cameras. Santa will be on hand to check his Christmas list!

The church will be aglow with candlelight at our annual Christmas Eve Service of Candlelight and Carols at **9:00 p.m. Thursday, December 24th**. Come celebrate this evening of wonder with family and friends.



The tree of "angels" is in the breezeway of the education building again this year. Make a donation (your discretion) to place an angel on the tree in honor or memory of someone. **ALL donations** will be given to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund for assistance to needy individuals/families. Please fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate or contact the church office if you are interested.

In Memory Of...

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In Honor Of...

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