

TO BE SENT FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF SENDING FORTH**

(UMH) No. 240 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

In dir ist freude, BWV 615
(In Thee Is Gladness, UMH 169)

J. S. Bach

*Thank you for being with us in worship this morning.
Please join us for worship again next week.*

Ministers: The congregation of Christ United Methodist Church

Pastors: Michael Wuehler, Amanda Larsen, David Lieder,
Nancy Wheeler Handlon

Children and Family Ministries Coordinator: Jenny Gunter

Director of Music/Organist: Richard D. Owen

Coordinator of Handbell Choirs: Deedee Odell

Parish Nurses: Patricia Hrabe and Ann Loth

Director of Operations: Kris Olson

Children's worship bags and bulletins are in the narthex.

Welcome Center: Grace Swanson and Mary Deling

Greeters: Gary and Cindy Nelson, Denny and Peg Anderson

Fellowship Coffee: Dean Swanson, Ted and Kathy Colescott, Mary Schmidt

Sound Booth: 9:00 Lad Roering and Sandy Shirk Heath

11:00 Matt Fiscus, Chris J. Popp

Front Desk Receptionist – Linda Curtis

Nursery care for under age five is available in Rooms 135 and 137 in the upper east hallway.

Next Week's Lectionary: Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:47-55; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Today's **radio broadcast** is given in honor of **Cory and Gary Fiksdal** for all the flowers donated for use during the year and for decorating done at Easter and Christmas. The 9:00 a.m. service airs Sundays at 11:30 am on KOLM radio, 1520 am. Please use the chart in the Commons, by the Sanctuary doors, to sign up for a radio broadcast, or you can sign up in the church office.

Last week, December 6, the **radio broadcast** and the **altar flowers** were given in honor of **Rick and Phyllis Mahler's 65th Wedding Anniversary**.



Worship Hours:

8:00am – Worship and Communion in the Chapel

9:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00am – Emergent Worship in the Education
Conference Center

Wednesday Worship

6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship Celebration in the Education

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**To Live, Love and Serve as Jesus Teaches
An inclusive church where all are welcome!**

December 13, 2009

Third Sunday in Advent

9:00 am

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, Op. 67, No. 51
(O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, UMH 247)

Max Reger

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF GATHERING**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

- O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**
- O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**
- O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**
- O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy strife and discord cease;
Fill the whole earth with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Trust in God and do not be afraid.

For God is our strength and our might.

God is your salvation. Let God's name be exalted.

You are indeed our strength and salvation, O God.

We will sing praises to your name so that the entire world will know of your constant love. For you are truly worthy to be praised.

Bless our worship with your presence and peace and touch our hearts with your love. May our lives be fruitful in our service to you and the people whom you love. May the dedication of our hearts and the sacrifice of our praise be acceptable to you, O God.

Blessed is the name of our God.

***ACT OF PRAISE**

GOD REST YOU MERRY

**Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and charity each other now embrace.
These holy times of Christmas are filled with days of grace;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

TO HEAR AND CELEBRATE GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON *Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah* Isaiah 9:2b-7

CAROL (UMH) No. 202 – People, Look East *BESANÇON*

SECOND LESSON *The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem* Micah 5:1-5a

CAROL (UMH) No. 230 – O Little Town of Bethlehem *ST. LOUIS*

THIRD LESSON *The Angel Gabriel Greets Mary* Luke 1:26-35, 38

ANTHEM *Savior of the Nations, Come* arr. Cathy Mokolbust
Celebration Bells

FOURTH LESSON *Birth of Christ.* Luke 2:1-7

CAROL (UMH) No. 218 – It Came upon the Midnight Clear *CAROL*

ANTHEM *Carol of the Bells* arr. Peter Wilhousky
Voices in Praise

FIFTH LESSON *St. John Unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation* John 1:1-14

ANTHEM *Sing We Noel* Noël Goemanne
Voices in Praise

HOMILY "What Should We Do?" **Rev. Michael Wuehler**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERTORY *Christmas Joy* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Celebration Bells

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We are friendly. We are just temporarily suspending shaking hands during this flu season. Share a wave, smile or elbow bump with your friends. You are also encouraged to use the hand sanitizers throughout the church building.

Don't forget to visit the UMW Christmas Bake Sale in the Commons today.

ASP Christmas Brunch and Mitten Sale Today - Serving will begin at 8:00 am and serve through 12:30 pm. The menu includes a choice of meat or veggie strata, fruit, beverages, and pastries. Prices are \$5 for children 5 and under, \$7 adult or \$20 per family.

The 2010 Disciplines are here. The cost is \$10.00. There is a table in the Commons, where Disciplines can be purchased.

As you celebrate Advent at CUMC, take a moment to enjoy the variety of nativities displayed in the SE corner of the Commons. Collected by Carla Behnke, they reflect only a few of the many ways the birth is depicted in cultures around the world.

Peter Mayer in Concert, Friday, December 18, 8:00 pm in the ECC. Peter is a singer/songwriter who works with Harmony for Mayo. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from Dave Lieder, dave@cumethodist.com or Sheila Parker, sheila@cumethodist.com.

Wednesday, December 23, after Wednesday Worship, the CUMC band will have a time of Christmas Carols. They will start this time off by doing a couple of songs, and then the floor will be opened up to the rest of the church community. Participants should bring their own instruments, accompaniment, etc, for the selections they would like to perform. If you are interested, please call the church office at 289-4019, x114.

Parent's Night Out will be December 18 from 5:30—8:30 pm. Take advantage of this time to check things off of your holiday list. Children are fed a simple dinner, encouraged to do crafts and games and end the night with a video. Contact Jenny Gunter (jenny@cumethodist.com or 398 - 4882) by the 15th of the month to register for this free service.

Volunteers are needed to help deliver poinsettias to shut-ins on Monday, December 28. Please call Carolyn Chaapel (288-4459) or Rachel Mullenbach (282-9034) if you can help. People of all ages who are able to drive are encouraged to volunteer. Bring boxes if you have any.

Women's Night In - Thursday, December 17, 4:45-8:45 in the Hamline room. Join with other women to finish up your Christmas crafts or address your cards. Light, table space, devotions, meatballs and veggies will be provided. Come for a few hours or for the whole evening- this is your time.

It's time to order poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Please fill in the form below if you would like to share a poinsettia plant with others this Christmas season. Each plant is \$11.00 (separate from offering). You may place this slip in the offering plate or take to the church office.

Please indicate if you would like to pick up the poinsettia after 10:00 am on Dec. 27 or if you would like to have it delivered to a shut-in or bereaved person. We would like to have about 75 plants to deliver. Please support this ministry of caring to our homebound and bereaved members.

Name (*please print*) _____

Telephone: _____

_____ Church take to shut-in

_____ I will pick up after 10:00 am on December 27

_____ plants = \$_____



In memory of:

In honor of: _____

What was it really like to be born in Bethlehem at the time of Jesus? You can stop wondering and come and see for yourselves.

During the four Wednesdays in Advent you can see the story of the birth of Jesus in its original setting. The scenic footage is shot on location and portrayed by professional actors. The Gospel stories will come to life with these short video depictions of the birth of Jesus.

Come and join us each Wednesday night at 6:15 in the ECC. It's cheaper than a plane ticket to Israel!

Heather Nielsen, missionary to Guatemala will be speaking next Sunday, December 20, at 10:10 in the Education Conference Center about her first few months as a missionary in Guatemala. Please make plans to attend and hear of this Christ Church member's life-changing ministry.

**Calendar of Events:
December 13 – December 20**

Sunday, December 13

- 7:45 am-Nursery - Room 137
- 8:00 Worship and Communion – Chapel**
- 8:30 am – 12:00 pm ASP Christmas Brunch – Wesley Hall
- 8:30 am – 11:30 am UMW Cookie Sale - Commons
- 9:00 Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary**
- 9:00 Adult Bible Study – Room 146
- 9:00 KinderWorship – Room 133
- 9:30 *Mennonite Worship Service - Chapel*
- 10:00 Parish Nurse – Family Room
- 10:10 Age 3-Pre-K Sunday school – Room 133
- 10:10 K-5th Grade Rotational Sunday school – Lower east hallway
- 10:10 Mid High Sunday school – Room 38
- 10:10 Sr. High Sunday school – Youth Room
- 10:10 Inquiring Spirits – Hamline II
- 10:10 Contemporary Issues – Room 146
- 10:10 20/30/40 Class – Room 145
- 10:10 Voluntary Simplicity – Mettam
- 10:20 VIP Warm-up – ECC
- 11:00 Emergent Worship – ECC**
- 12:00 pm Emergent Worship Planning – Wesley Hall during Brunch
- 3:30 Sr. High Guitar Group – Room 38
- 5:00 CUMC Band – ECC

Monday, December 14

- 5:30 Covenant Disciple Group – Homes
- 5:30 Men’s Covenant Disciple Group – Adult Library
- 6:00 Church Council - Hamline
- 6:30 Labyrinth - Commons
- 7:00 Boy Scouts – Wesley Hall

Tuesday, December 15

- 5:15 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room
- 5:30 Community Bible Study Leaders – Hamline
- 6:00 Staff Parish Relations Team - Mettam
- 7:00 Community Bible Study – Church-wide

Wednesday, December 16

- 10:00 Under K Play – Room 137
- 4:30 pm Child-care – Room 137
- 4:30 Little Angels – Rooms 134 & 135
- 4:30 Stepping Stones and Pathway Singers – Sanctuary
- 4:45 Wednesday Fellowship Dinner – Wesley Hall
- 5:15 Pathway Singers – Choir Room
- 6:00 Jubilee Bells – Bell Room
- 6:00 Voices in Praise – Choir Room

6:15 Wednesday Worship – ECC

- 6:30 Carillon Ringers – Sanctuary
- 7:00 Exploration – Wesley Hall
- 8:00 Christ Chimers – Bell Room

Thursday, December 17

- 7:00 am Men’s Discussion Group – Room 145
- 7:15 Circle 2 – Ardy Bartel’s Home
- 8:30 Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room
- 9:00 Mitten Mission – Room 34
- 9:30 Circle 1 – Hamline
- 10:30 Circle 8 – Homes
- 1:00 pm Circle 9 – Fireside
- 4:45 Women’s Day In – Hamline
- 5:30 Parent’s Night Out – Room 133
- 5:30 Power and Light – Room 38
- 7:00 Circle 4 – Fireside
- 7:00 Visioning - Mettam

Friday, December 18

- 9:30 am UMW Book Group – Fireside
- 8:00 pm Peter Mayer Concert - ECC

Saturday, December 19

- 11:00 am Saturday Noon Meals Social Hour and Snacks – Wesley Hall
- 12:00 pm Saturday Noon Meals Family Style Meal – Wesley Hall

Sunday, December 20(See Sunday, December 13)

- 10:10 am Adult Forum with Heather Nielsen – Sanctuary
- 10:10 Sunday School Children baking Cookies - Kitchen

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The entrées for the Wednesday Fellowship Dinner December 16 will be:

Stuffed Chicken Breasts	\$3.00
Meatloaf	3.00
Chicken Alfredo	3.00
Fried Cod	4.00
Swedish Meatballs	3.00
Pizza Boats	3.00

Side Dishes include:

Au Gratin Potatoes with Onions and Sour Cream	\$1.00
Steamed Vegetables	1.00
Green Bean Casserole	1.00
Whole Kernel Corn	1.00
Fruit Cobbler	1.00
Coleslaw	1.00
Cut Fresh Fruit	1.00
Chocolate Covered Rice Krispy Squares	.50