

**Welcome Center:** Roger and Joyce Heil  
**Greeters:** Norm and Char Hepper, Delores Holland  
**Fellowship Coffee:** Mary Schmidt, Edith Martin, and Jim Morton  
**Sound Booth: 9:00** Lad Roering and Sandy Shirk Heath  
**11:00** Matt Fiscus, Chris J. Popp  
**Front Desk Receptionist** – Joan Wilcox

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

**Next Week's Lectionary:** I Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Today's **radio broadcast** is given by **Jerry and Marjie Blaisdell** in memory of **Marjie's mother, Ruth Frieheit**. 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.

The **flowers** on the altar are given by **Brad and Nancy Currier** in celebration of the **wedding last evening of Sarah Currier and Phil Lieders**.

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

***December 20, 2009 Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:00 am***

\* Congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO PRAISE GOD**

PRELUDE Impromptu Cornelius Gurlitt  
**Jane Drennan, Merri Bremer and Richard Owen, pianists**

GREETING

**\*HYMN OF GATHERING**

(UMH) No. 220 – Angels from the Realms of Glory *REGENT SQUARE*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Let your souls magnify the greatness of the Lord.

**Our spirits rejoice in the God of our salvation,  
who has looked with favor on us, God's humble servants.**

From this day forward all generations shall be called, "Blessed".

**For the almighty has done great things for us,  
and holy is the name of the Lord, whose mercy is on all who love God.**

The Lord has filled the hungry with good things, and enriched the lives of all people.

**God has come to our aid on this day, remembering the promise of  
mercy, a promise made to our forebears and fulfilled in our lives again  
today. Let our souls magnify the Lord.**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE**

- 1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**
- 2. See him in the manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

"Sanctus" from *MISSA EMMANUEL* Richard Proulx  
**Voices in Praise with Scott Koon, soloist**

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.**

CHORAL AMEN "Amen" from *MISSA EMMANUEL* Richard Proulx  
**Voices in Praise**

**TO HEAR AND CELEBRATE GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 1:39-45; Luke 1:47-55

GOOD NEWS FOR TODAY "Magnifying God"  
**Pastor Michael Wuehler**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERTORY Candlelight Carol John Rutter  
**Voices in Praise**

**\*DOXOLOGY** *UMH No. 94*  
**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

**AND TO BE SENT FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH**  
(UMH) No. 224 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice *IN DULCI JUBILO*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Capricietta Cornelius Gurlitt  
**Jane Drennan, Merri Bremer and Richard Owen, pianists**

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

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**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.

**Give an alternative gift this Christmas....**a donation to Interfaith Hospitality Network will honor your recipient and they will receive a beautiful handmade card to convey your gift. Cards will be available in the Commons between services. CUMC will host homeless families of IHN December 27-January 2 in our church.

**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 remaining Wednesday 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!

**ASP wishes to thank** the congregation for the support shown before, during and after the Christmas Brunch. It was wonderful and very much appreciated.

There will be a **Wednesday Fellowship Dinner** on December 23, 4:45 – 6:00. HyVee will again be catering.

**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.

**Heather Nielsen, missionary to Guatemala,** will be speaking today 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.

**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.

**The 2010 Disciplines are here.** The cost is \$10.00.

**Calendar of Events:  
December 20 – December 27**

**Sunday, December 20**

- 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 am Adult Forum with Heather Nielsen – ECC  
10:10 Sunday School Children baking Cookies - Kitchen  
10:10 Mid High Sunday school – Room 38  
10:10 Sr. High Sunday school – Youth Room  
10:10 Inquiring Spirits – Hamline  
10:10 Contemporary Issues – Room 146  
10:10 20/30/40 Class – ECC  
10:10 Voluntary Simplicity – Mettam  
10:55 Little Angels - Commons  
**11:00 Children’s Christmas Music Worship – Sanctuary**  
4:00 pm Bella Voce Concert - Sanctuary  
3:30 Sr. High Guitar Group – Room 38  
5:00 CUMC Band – ECC

**Monday, December 21**

- 5:30 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Homes  
5:30 Men’s Covenant Disciple Group – Adult Library  
7:00 Boy Scouts – Wesley Hall

**Tuesday, December 22**

- 5:15 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room  
7:00 Finance Team - Mettam

**Wednesday, December 23**

- 10:00 am 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  
6:00 Jubilee Bells Party and Concert for Parents– Bell Room  
6:00 Voices in Praise – Choir Room  
**6:15 Christmas Eve, Eve Service – ECC**  
7:00 Christmas Music - ECC  
7:00 Carillon Ringers – Bell Room  
8:00 Christ Chimers – Bell Room

**Thursday, December 24**

- 4:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary**  
**8:00 Blended Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary**  
**11:00 Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary**

**Friday, December 25**

Church Closed – Have a Very Merry Christmas

**Saturday, December 26**

- 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 27**(See Sunday, December 20)

- No 20’s, 30’s, 40’s Class  
4:00 pm IHN Guests arrive.