



**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 12 DECEMBER 2010 – 8:30 AM SERVICE
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

We encourage you to join us in our worship as a people who love the Lord. Please ask an usher about the hearing devices.

† DENOTES STANDING IF YOU ARE ABLE MUSIC LED BY *THE LORD'S CREW*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS PASTOR DAVID

OPENING PRAISE *I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day*

† **SCRIPTURE READING** ISAIAH 42: 1 - 4

† **OPENING PRAYER** PASTOR DAVID

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

PRAISE *O Holy Night
Light of the World
Jesus Be The Center*

▶ *CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT THIS TIME – ROOM 211*

WE WORSHIP IN GIVING

OFFERTORY *Bring A Torch*

PRAYER OF ADORATION SUSAN COHO

**SHARING GOD'S PEACE (GREETING ONE ANOTHER)
JOYS & CONCERNS - PASTORAL PRAYER** PASTOR DAVID

SCRIPTURE READING MATTHEW 11: 2-11 MIKE HERBER

SERMON *The True Messiah*
PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESSON

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE I CORINTHIANS 11: 23 - 26 IN UNISON
COMMUNION SONG *Your Love O Lord*

† **BENEDICTION SONG** *The Lord Bless Thee* PASTOR DAVID

RECESSIONAL *Angels We Have Heard On High*



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10:30 AM SERVICE - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Children's Sunday school is available ages 4 and up at both services. Our nursery is open to children up to age 4.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. BACH, *COMPOSER*

CHORAL INTROIT

The Shepherds Carol

CHANCEL CHOIR

† CALL TO WORSHIP—ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - THE DOBBS FAMILY

ONE: Today is the third Sunday of Advent - the Sunday of Joy.

ONE: Our joy is in God and in his son Jesus Christ. Like peace, joy is a gift from God. It overtakes us and fills us when we remember what God has done and what he has promised to do.

ONE: We light this candle today to remind us that Christ came, and is coming, so that all people might have a rich and abundant life. We thank God for the hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, and for the joy he pours into our hearts.

LIGHT THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD CANDLES

PASTOR: Let us pray:

O God of Joy, Emmanuel, send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the time of Christ's appearing. Fix our hearts and our minds upon those things you have done and those you have promised to do that we may have the joy you have promised. As we worship you, strengthen us so that we may always do your will and so bless you and the world you have made. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*** CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED TO ROOM 211 ***

PRAYER

PASTOR: Let Us Join Together In This Prayer:

ALL: **Holy and awesome God, your love is wider than our sight; your grace is more wonderful than we can sing. Yet you chose to visit us as a child in a manger, love us as a friend and save us as a redeemer. We admit that there is much in us that is not ready to receive you. Our world is torn by horrors in distant countries and tensions on our streets. Our communities have children hungry in school and youth hungry for work. Our lives are busy to the point of exhaustion, and we carry so much worry that turns prayer dry and flattens our joy. Holy and awesome God, stop us long enough that we might hear a song on the darkest night, might feel your presence in the midst of common tasks and sense joy and hope that flows from the strength of your care. Come, give us a heart of praise and a song of gladness. In Jesus we pray. Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

Christmas Grace

CHANCEL CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

PASTORAL PRAYER/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.

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

G. MARTIN, *COMPOSER*

† DOXOLOGY

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 11: 2-11

DAVID BEAMAN

LITURGIST: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The True Messiah

PASTOR DAVID BURGESSON

† HYMN NO. 218

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

† POSTLUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

L. SMITH, *COMPOSER*

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 AM to 1 PM (subject to change)
Pastor is out of the office on Mondays.

What's Happening at UMC of AG

Children's Sunday School

During the **8:30 AM** and **10:30 AM** services upstairs in **room 211**

Sunday meeting for the Junior High & High School

During the **10:30 AM** services upstairs in **room 215 – The Youth Lounge**

Sunday School/Bible Study

Immediately following the **8:30 AM** worship service (MMR)

Women of Prayer

Mondays at 7 PM (S) – open to all denominations of women for prayer.

Men's Bible Study

Mondays at 7 PM (room 215)

Christian Counseling

Tuesday & Wednesday from 1 - 7 PM (L) - contact Carol Gandy at 234-4715

The Sew 'n' Sews—Quilting Group

Tuesdays at 9 AM (MMR) – open to all! We will teach you!

Senior Exercise Group

Tuesday-Thursday at 8:30 AM (CH)

Grande Ringers – Handbell Choir

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5 PM (room 115) - directed by Leonard Lutz.

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays at 7 PM (S) - directed by Julie Walters.

UM Youth Group—Jr. & Sr. High

Wednesday evenings, at 7 PM (room 215) – led by Mike & Linda Herber

Intercessory Prayer Group

Thursdays at 10 (L) - Join us!

Morning Bible Study

Fridays at 8:30 AM (L) – all are welcome!

The Lord's Crew – Praise Team

Every other Saturday at 6:30 PM (S) - directed by Susan Coho.

A Touch of Beauty – Time for Women

Join us the **third Friday at 7 PM (MMR)** – bring a friend!

United Methodist Women & United Methodist Men

Various groups meet **monthly** – just ask us!

...call about the other support & anonymous groups!

Abbreviation Legend

MMR	McMillen Room
CH	Criswell Hall
K	Kitchen
S	Sanctuary
N	Narthex
P/S	Pastor's Study
L	Library

The Bulletin Board

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HIGHLIGHTS

12/19 - 12/31

- Advent Spaghetti Supper at 5:15 PM *Wednesdays of Advent* (CH)
- Kids Night Out at 5:45 PM *Wednesdays* (S)
- Pastor's Advent Study—*Wednesdays* at 2 PM and 6 PM (MMR)
- Communications Committee—12/14 at 10:30 AM (L)
- Preschool Board Meeting—12/14 closed session at 2:30 PM (MMR) open session at 3:30 PM (MMR)
- ** Finance—12/14 at 7 PM (MMR)
- Mary Martha Circle Christmas Party—12/15 at 9:30 AM at Sally Weitkamp's.
- AG UM CC Holiday Program—12/16 at 7 PM (S) Reception to follow (CH)
- A Touch of Beauty —12/17 at 7 PM
- Family Christmas Eve Service Read Thru—12/19 at 12 PM (MMR)
- JOY Circle Christmas Party—12/21 at 7 PM at the Patti Melsheimer's.
- Family Christmas Eve Service Run Thru—12/21 at 5 PM (S)
- Family Christmas Eve Service FULL Dress Rehearsal—12/23 at 5:30 PM
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services Family Service at 6 PM Traditional Service at 7:30 PM
- Combined Worship & Potluck—12/26 at 10:30 PM
- New Years Eve Potluck & Game Night—12/31 at 5 PM (CH)

ADD THIS TO YOUR CALENDAR!

Caroling & Sing-a-Long

December 19th at 4 PM, join our chancel choir in a community sing-a-long at the Clark Center. Enjoy seasonal music and help raise funds for music programs at local schools. Tickets are \$10 & \$5. Contact the box office for info.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

A special service is planned for Christmas Eve. Our children and youth will perform at the **Family Service at 6 PM** and you won't want to miss our Chancel Choir at the **Traditional Service at 7:30 PM**.

New Year's Eve Game Night and Finger Food Potluck

We had so much fun last year we that decided to do it again! Please bring your game and an easy to eat finger food to share at **5 PM** to **Criswell Hall** and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. **Be sure to stay for Quiet Holy Communion at 7 PM**.

New Year's Eve Quiet Holy Communion

We invite you, **December 31st** to come between **7—7:30 PM** in our church's sanctuary for a free-flowing, self-led service of **Quiet Holy Communion**.



12 DECEMBER 2010

"And whatever you ask for in prayer,
believing, you will receive." **Matthew 21:22**

- Those suffering after natural disasters.
- Members & friends of our congregation who are dealing with spiritual, emotional, physical, and financial problems—lift up their burdens.
- Our nation's leaders & its people. May God grant wisdom & discernment.
- Our Pastors and their families in prayer.
- The homeless and hungry in our community and the world.
- Prayers for Comfort and Healing for:
 - ~ Bob Serby had a stroke and has been moved to AG Care Center.
 - ~ The Wiemer's niece, Tricia, was diagnosed with breast cancer.
 - ~ Everet Bollinger (premature baby) will be having surgery on Dec. 15th.
 - ~ Bob Atwood is battling pneumonia.
 - ~ Larry and Susan Ramage in the passing of their son Max.
 - ~ Lorie Ford's friend Olivia has a growth in her mouth.
 - ~ Tillie DeBruyn and family with his recent passing of Dick DeBruyn.
 - ~ Donna Truman fell and is in rehab at AG Care Center.
- Praise God for He is good! We thank Him for hearing our prayers.
 - ~ The People's Kitchen served 170 people on 12/2 - Many thanks to the 28 volunteers who helped make this possible.
 - ~ Carol & Jerry Smith celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

Our Retired Covenant Missionary: Judy Atwood

Remember in prayer: Our missionaries serving God around the world; the leaders of our country; leaders and the people of other nations. Continue to lift up those in the military and their families. **Continue to pray for:** Our church family & friends, the UM youth, Wil Ogden, Jennifer Gandy and family, the Caweltis, the Cochran, LeAnna Gainer, Linda Archibald, the Hammonds, Jerry Smith, Esther Miller, Pastor Ron Salisbury, Yvonne Holt, Sean Lehman, Ruby Weddell, Fenton McClure, Kent Brown, Roy Lewis, the Bucktons, Paul DeMello, Steve Ross, Bob & Marjorie Walrath, Mary Lou Fink, Bodie Bennett & family, Eleanor Hughes, Brooke Tosti, Hilde Hollinger, Barbara Reineke, Jo Underwood, and Russell Johnson. **Family in Care Facilities:** Bob Atwood, Bob Woods, Mary Patterson, Inez Kenneaster. Wayne Frisby and Mary Johnson. **Shut-In members:** Doris Rice, the Houldings, Ann DeVos, Dell McCracken, Jeanne Jenkins, Madge Young, Hershel Whitefield, Stan Lundahl and Carmonde Cochran.



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SENIOR PASTOR:

Reverend David M. Burgeson

MINISTER OF VISITATION:

Reverend J. Harold Headrick

CHURCH OFFICE STAFF:

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: Sarah Gandy-Barber

BOOKKEEPER: Victoria Gandy

CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Julie Burns

THE LORD'S CREW - PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Susan Coho

'GRANDE RINGERS' - BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Leonard Lutz

YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Mike & Linda Herber

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR: Sandra Sawyer

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Carolyn Russell-Williams

MULTI-MEDIA DIRECTOR: Mike Coho

NURSERY CARE PROVIDER: Kassondra Quagliano

AG UM CHILDREN'S CENTER DIRECTOR: Maddy Quagliano

LAY LEADER: Bud Johnson

ORGANIST: Don McGuire

CHORAL PIANIST: Dennis Eiler

PUPPET PEOPLE DIRECTOR: Mike Herber

LECTOR CHAIRS: Rebeca Avila & Toni Harvey

LITURGIST (S): David Beaman

ACOLYTE MOMS: Niki Raetz & Lorie Ford

BIBLE BEARER/ACOLYTE(S): : Our Church Youth

HOSTS /GREETER CHAIR: Del Hollinger

GREETERS & USHERS: Church family

IN SERVICE: Our Church Family

RETIRED COVENANT MISSIONARY:: Judy Atwood

