

Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church

Order of Worship, December 2, 2012

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PREPARING TO WORSHIP Dr. Dismukes

WELCOME Rev. Johnson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Ramirez Family

REFRAIN: Advent Song
*Candle, Candle, burning bright,
Shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, Candle, burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

*OPENING HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH 211

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
We have broken your law,
We have rebelled against your love,
We have not loved our neighbors,
And we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING 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.

CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Dr. Dismukes

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

HANGING OF THE GREEN

FIRST READING: The Evergreens

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING: The Nativity

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

THIRD READING: The Poinsettias

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie, above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

FOURTH READING: The Chrismons

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Glasgow

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18 Susan Maxey

ANTHEM Like a Child Chancel Choir

MEDITATION You Will Not Believe Rev. Glasgow

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 12

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*FINAL HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH 196

*BENEDICTION Surely the Presence UMH 328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

POSTLUDE Dr. Dismukes

*Please stand as you are able.

Worship Helps

Worship notebooks for children are available outside the Sanctuary. These notebooks are put together so that children can worship in a way they are comfortable, with crayons and activities.

Nursery is available in the preschool wing, directly behind the Sanctuary. Children's Church begins after the children's time for older children. However, **all** infants and children are always welcome to stay in worship.

Our color today is blue for Advent, or **white**, which symbolizes holiness and purity.

Correction: The altar flowers last Sunday were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia Butler by her children.

Our apologies for the error.

Holy Communion

In The United Methodist Church, all people are invited to receive Holy Communion. You do not have to be a member of this or any church. Our altar is not Cahaba Heights UMC's table or even a United Methodist table; it is the Lord's table. Therefore, anyone who desires more of God in his or her life and seeks to live in peace with his or her neighbors is invited to come forward. We also especially welcome children. We believe that you do not have to fully understand Communion (who among us fully understands God's grace?) in order to benefit from it.

If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please alert a host and we will bring it to you. If you would like to come forward but are unable to kneel, you are welcome to stand.

The Season of Advent

Today begins the season of Advent, a time in which churches throughout the world prepare for Christmas—the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word *adventus* which means “arrival” or “coming.” We celebrate Advent for the four Sundays prior to Christmas. During this time we get ready for Christmas by reflecting on what it means to need and desire a Savior and what it changes to know that Jesus came into the world.

Announcements

Children's Play Practice will begin immediately following this morning's service. Lunch is provided.

The Christmas Choir will practice at 4:00 pm this afternoon.

The Service of Hope will be this evening at 6:30 pm. The Christmas season is full of joy and celebration, but for those who have experienced loss it can be a painful and difficult time as well. Please join us as we invite God's peace and comfort into our lives and ask for healing for our grief as we begin this season.

Poinsettias: Today is the final day to order poinsettias. Please turn in your order form to the offering plate. This year, the cost is only \$10.

Missions: The missions committee is collecting gently used clothing, blankets, and towels for the homeless. Please bring your donations to the box in the Narthex.

Church Outing: On Wednesday, Dec. 12th, we will meet at the church at 6:00 pm to travel to Vestavia Hills UMC for "A Night in Bethlehem," a living (and talking!) nativity with crafts for the children. We hope all ages will join us for a fun trip as a church family.

Drivers Available: If you would like to attend any of our evening events but do not drive at night, please contact the church office to ask for a driver. We have volunteers ready and waiting to pick-up and drop-off. We want you with us!

Week of December 2nd:

Sun. 12/2: 12:00 pm Children's Play Practice

4:00 pm Christmas Choir Practice

6:00 pm Youth Dinner

6:30 pm Service of Hope

Mon. 12/3: 8:00 am Maintenance Team

Tues. 12/4: 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group

6:00 pm Christmas Choir Practice

Wed. 12/5: 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group

6:30 pm Youth Group

Sat. 12/8: 9:00 am Children's Play Practice

10:00 am Christmas Choir Dress Rehearsal

Those We Are Praying For

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Philippians 4:6

Our New Prayer Concerns:

Frances Parker (Lora Parker), Nancy & Jim Sutherlin (Freddie Huey), Irona Glasgow, Tom McAfee (Reita Davis)

We Continue to Pray for:

Joan Bidanset (Debbie Ponder), Helen Gilbert (Myra Harper), Beth Perry, Steven Simms, Susan Gaskin (Ginger Dismukes), Alice Scott, Edna Stevenson (Myra Harper), Terry Harmon, Mandy Best, Linda Tippens, Jacqueline Cockrell (Myrna Swain), Nancy Robinson, Dawn Barrow, Don & Pam McGill (Susan Maxey), Myra Franklin (Susan Maxey), Karl Harper (Myra Harper's husband), Sue Delk, Bea Carlton, Bill Maze, Marion Richards, Lauren Green, Gaston Wright, Jenni Harwell (Debbie Boyer), Catherine Stewart (Beth Scofield), Pat Hope, Trammel Huey, Anita Livingston, Charlotte Cowart, Susan Jernigan (Mike Mizerany), Avery Holland, Captain Butch Beach (Jim Thomas), Lisa Coleman, Isaiah Loveless, Kathy Muroski, Betty Peterson, Jim Thomas, Ed Roberts, Dave Jeffries, Perrin Bryant (Sylvia & Richard Barrow), The Farr Family, The Family of Anita Livingston

Confined to Home:

Dick Humphrey (Mt. Royal Towers), Mildred Humphrey (Kirkwood)
Jack & Mary Maze

Financial Report for 11-25-12

Tithes and Offerings: \$2,988.00

Debt Reduction: \$100.00

Weekly Budget: \$5,449.00

CHUM Staff

Rev. Rusty Glasgow, Pastor

Rev. Kelsey Johnson, Assoc. Pastor

Jana Cook, Children's Director/MDO/Preschool

Lora Parker, Youth Director

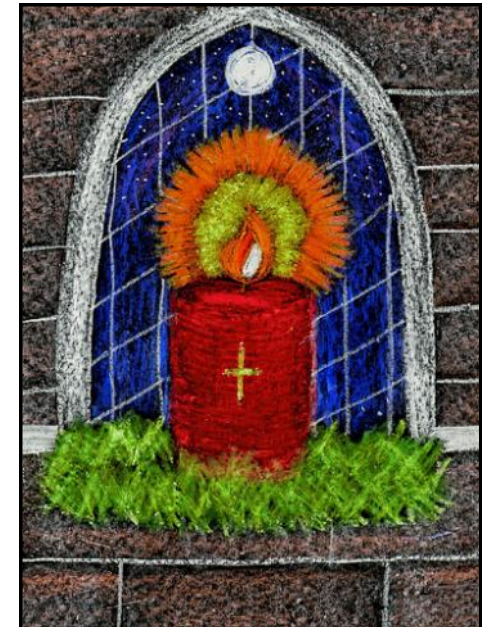
Ginger Dismukes, Organist/Pianist

Gwen Johnson, Secretary

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First Sunday in Advent



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