



**St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ**

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Liturgist: Jim May

November 22, 2009 **Reign of Christ Stewardship and Thanksgiving Memorial** 10:30 PM

** Denotes when all who are able to please stand.*

Gathering

Meditative Music

As we gather for worship we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection.

The theme of today's worship will focus on what it means for Christ to reign as King of heaven. You might want to reflect on your understanding of heaven and kingship.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

You may wish to reflect on whatever is in your heart and mind where you are, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Acolyte: Ashley Blackwell

Prayer Shawl Blessing

Meditative Hymn "Because I Have Been Given Much"

No 531

Please remain seated for this hymn as it concludes our time of prayer and meditation.

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Celebration** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

No.59

***Invocation**

Remembering Those Who Have Passed Through Death and Entered Eternal Life This Past Church Year:

Calling the Roll and Lighting a Candle

Sheldon Smith—May 29, 2009

Norman Rahmoeller—August 1, 2009

Prayer of Remembrance

Pastor: At the rising of the sun and at its going down,

People: We remember them.

Pastor: At the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter,

People: We remember them.

Pastor: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,

People: We remember them.

Pastor: At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

People: We remember them.

Pastor: At the beginning of the year and when it ends,

People: We remember them.

Pastor: As long as we live, they too, will live;

People: For they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

Pastor: When we are weary and in need of strength,

People: We remember them.

Pastor: When we are lost and sick at heart,

People: We remember them.

Pastor: When we have joy we crave to share,

People: We remember them.

Pastor: When we have decisions that are difficult to make,

People: We remember them.

Pastor: When we have achievements that are based on theirs,

People: We remember them.

**Unison: As long as we live, they, too, will live; for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.**

Call to Confession

Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

During this time of inward reflection and repentance, you may want to use the "Examen," which simply means an examining of our lives in a prayerful way. It is

different from a prayer of confession in that it reviews both the good and the bad of our lives. You pause to look back over your week, or as many days as you wish to examine, and notice where you have partnered with God. In other words, when were you trying to do it alone and when did you ask God to assist you? You can also remember the events, encounters or insights that felt like gifts from God and those that did not. Or remember the times in the day when you gave and received love, and when you did not give or receive love. Once your days are reviewed and examined, you may journal what you have uncovered, or simply imagine offering your insight up to God to let God love you just as you are.

***Words of Assurance**

***Gloria Patri** (“Glory Be to the Father” No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)

Children’s Time

(Children may exit after for Children’s Choir)

First Reading of Holy Scripture Revelation 1: 4b-8 p. 1117

Anthem “The Cloths of Heaven” Stroop

Gospel Reading John 18: 33-38 p. 987

Sermon “A Kingdom Without Borders” Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn** “Let All Things Now Living” No. 769

Prayers of the People, Lord’s Prayer (using debts and debtors) **& Choral Response**

(During this time of prayer there will be times of silence for you to reflect, to talk with God and to listen for God’s still, small voice.)

Offertory “We Gather Together” Robert J. Powell

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer** (“Praise God” No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)

***Benediction**



***Congregational Response** "Ours the Journey"

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,
we, thy peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er,
now and ev - er - more. Now and for - ev - er - more!

The image shows a musical score for a congregational response. It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the piece with a final chord and a fermata over the final note.

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

You, whether a member or guest, are an important and valuable part of this St. John's Chapel Community. Your participation in this worship service is a blessing. May you always know God's gift of unending love.

A nursery is available during worship for children up through three years of age. If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an usher.

Hearing-assistance devices are available for use during worship. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher to get one for you.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Sharon Haislip: is home after outpatient surgery removing one lymph node followed by radiation. The prognosis is very good, but more will be known on Monday.

Family and Friends:

Carsen Glaser: (Daughter of members Rhonda & Melissa) is doing so well that she was released from the hospital Tuesday morning, November 17, and is receiving treatment and therapy at home.

Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Griggs) is battling aggressive breast cancer.

Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is at Magnolia Square, Room 228.

Joyce Johnson: (Friend of Glenda Weise), Johnson's breast cancer has returned.

Todd McClain: (Cousin of Melissa Burnett) is undergoing extensive medical tests.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, November 15, 2009

Sunday School	27	Offering	\$17.00
Worship	77	Offering	\$1,173.00

Please let us know if you did not receive your
STEWARDSHIP LETTER this week~
Thank you, Tona Griggs & Nancy Anderson

Stewardship
Sunday



TODAY is...
Thanksgiving,
Memorial &
Stewardship
Sunday



PLEDGE thoughtfully—**GIVE** from your heart

**Discernment Prayers for
Our Church**

Prayer time is on the second and
fourth Tuesdays each month. The
next prayer dates are
November 24 & December 8.

Crosslines Toy "Store" 2009

Donate a gift for a 0-23 month old

*FYI, stuffed animals are the **least** chosen toys.
Leave toys as purchased in manufacturers'
packaging with the price tag intact.*

**Our 2009 Crosslines Toy Store Coordinator
is Eleanor Lockhart, 881-3811.**

The Membership Directory will soon be complete!
Last minute additions accepted 'til Wednesday, Nov. 25th.
Contact: sec@stjohnschapel.org or 881-5175

The Chapel Office will be closed
Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27





A Call for...

OPEN HEARTS & HELPING HANDS

Members, Friends, Relatives and Neighbors of the Chapel will gather

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

On the Eve of the First Sunday of Advent

To prepare our Sanctuary for...

THE HANGING OF THE GREEN

5 pm: Get Busy!

6pm: Pizza for Hungry Helpers

SIGN UP TODAY

in the Narthex

Your advance commitment is greatly appreciated—



~ AN ORGAN CONCERT ~

Rededication & Benefit

Today, Sunday, November 22

At 7 pm, Westminster Presbyterian

1551 East Portland, 417-866-2711

Featuring

VICKY CLABORN, Organ

Drury University Chorale • Christopher Keipper, Organ • Tim Wootton, Trumpet





IT'S TIME FOR *POINSETTIAS*

A donation of everlasting, permanent poinsettias has been made to our Chapel. In addition to remaining perfectly lovely through the Christmas season, these already purchased poinsettias enable **100% of your donation** to go towards feeding families via Friendship Circle's Food Pantry/Crosslines in this year of tremendous need.

- 1) Fill out the form below.
- 2) Include your check for the desired amount made out to Friendship Circle, noting "Crosslines" on the memo line.
- 3) Prior to **Sunday, December 13**, place both check and completed form in an envelope clearly marked POINSETTIAS in the offering plate or Chapel Office.

And, we would love to have your independently purchased, live poinsettias beautify our altar as well!

POINSETTIA DONATION FORM
Please Print

Donor's Name _____

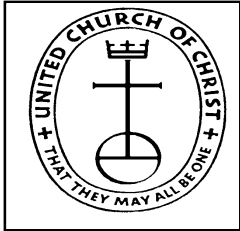
Circle one:

Given in Memory Of _____

Given in Honor Of _____

Today's Date _____

Thank you for caring



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

Secretary's Office Hours: 8:30 AM — 1:00 PM Monday-Friday

November 22, 2009

Shirley Datema will open the church in November

Today: Reign of Christ 10:30 am
 Memorial & Thanksgiving Sunday
 Stewardship Dinner..... 12:00 noon
 Youth Frogs Bowling..... 12:15 pm
 Confirmation Class..... 5:00 pm

Monday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm

Tuesday: Discernment Prayer 12:00 noon
 Board of Christian Education 6:30 pm
 Choir..... 7:00 pm

Wednesday: No Spiritual Development 4:30 pm
 No Chapel Bells
 No Chancel Choir

Thursday: **Happy Thanksgiving**
 Chapel Office Closed

Friday: Chapel Office Closed

Saturday: Preparation for the Hanging of the Greens..... 5:00 pm

Next Sunday: Hanging of the Green..... 10:30 pm
 Communion
 Baptism of Jacob McDonald
 Confirmation Class..... 5:00 pm

Our Mission Statement

St. John's Chapel UCC is called to love unconditionally, seek justice, foster spiritual growth, and embrace diversity of thought and body as taught by Jesus Christ.

