

# St. John's Chapel United Church of Christ

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December 19, 2010

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Children's Christmas Pageant**

10:30 A.M.

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(\* Denotes when all who are able to please stand.)

## **Meditative Time**

Meditative Music

Played by Kyle Aho

*As you enter the sanctuary we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection.*

*Today's worship revolves around the Children's Christmas Pageant which will be a pageant about 4 year olds putting on a Christmas Pageant. It is a play within a play. You might want to reflect on the part you play in the Christmas Pageant.*

*Space to write down your thoughts:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Communion is served at the altar during this meditative time. You may wish to light a candle at the Communion table to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is in your heart and mind.*

## **Lighting of Altar Candles**

Acolyte: Grace Harper

## **Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Becky Hebert

**\*Processional Hymn** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" vs. 1 & 2 in English

ein - er Wur - zel  
 1 Es ist ein' Ros ent - sprun - gen aus ein - er Wur - zel zart,  
 1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem has sprung!  
 2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,

Jes - se kam die  
 wie uns die Al - ten sun - gen: von Jes - se kam die Art  
 Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as saints of old have sung.  
 With Mar - y we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er kind.

und hat ein Blüm - lein bracht mit - ten im kal - ten  
 It came a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of  
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to us a

der... hal - ben  
 Win - ter wohl zu der hal - ben Nacht.  
 win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.

### **\*Lighting of the Forth Advent Candle**

Christy and Hilary Dempsey and  
Kathy and Larry Pittman

*This year we are recognizing individuals and families who have recently joined our church. Today, Christy & Hillary and Larry & Kathy will light our 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Advent candles.*

Pastor: How may God's Love take shape in our world?  
In dreams which move us to risk compassion;  
In a vision of a community whole and peace-filled;  
In hope which leads to work for peace.  
So we light this candle of Love and pray:

People **Come Lord Jesus!**  
**Open our hearts to the Love which you embody;**  
**Let that Love flow through us into your world!**

### **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 want to offer your insight up to God to let God love you just as you are.)*

### **\*Assurance of Forgiveness and Adoration**

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

**Morning Prayer, Lord's Prayer** (*debts and debtors*)

**Offertory** Instrumental Interlude played by Kyle Aho

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

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 1: 18-25 p. 935

# “CHRISTMA”

## Children’s Christmas Pageant, 2010

*Original script by Mike & Colleen Gray*

*Adapted by David Rowett & Tona Rowett*

### Our Cast

**Sadie Harper** (Miss Harper)

**Clint Burton** (Seth)

**Grace Harper** (Daisy)

**Keith Burton** (Ron)

**Christopher Scharpf** (Paul)

**Mariah Datema** (Kaylee)

**Karli Rowlett** (Sarah)

**Emma Datema** (Lilly)

**Sarah Graham** (Abby)

### Closing Hymn

“Away in a Manger”

No. 176

First verse performed by Our Children  
Verses 2-4, Everyone please join together in Song

### \*Commission and Benediction

**Pastor:** Let us go forth with eyes to see and ears to hear and voices to proclaim:  
In the ordinary and the vulnerable:

**People: God-with-us!**

In the challenge of the unexpected:

**People: God-with-us!**

In love giving life in justice and mercy:

**People: God-with-us!**

In the work of peace:

**People: God-with-us!**

### Organ Postlude

Recessional Instrumental

played by Kyle Aho

*Today: Budget Presentation & Vote following Worship*

**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:**

**Eddie Anderson:** is feeling much better per Nancy on Thursday.

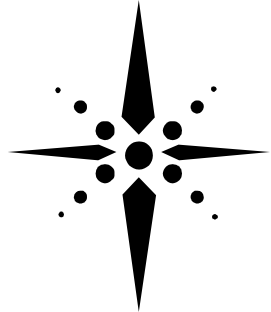
**Family and Friends:**

**Elfi Martin:** grand-daughter of John & Perdy Scafe, is in Cox South with a blood clot.

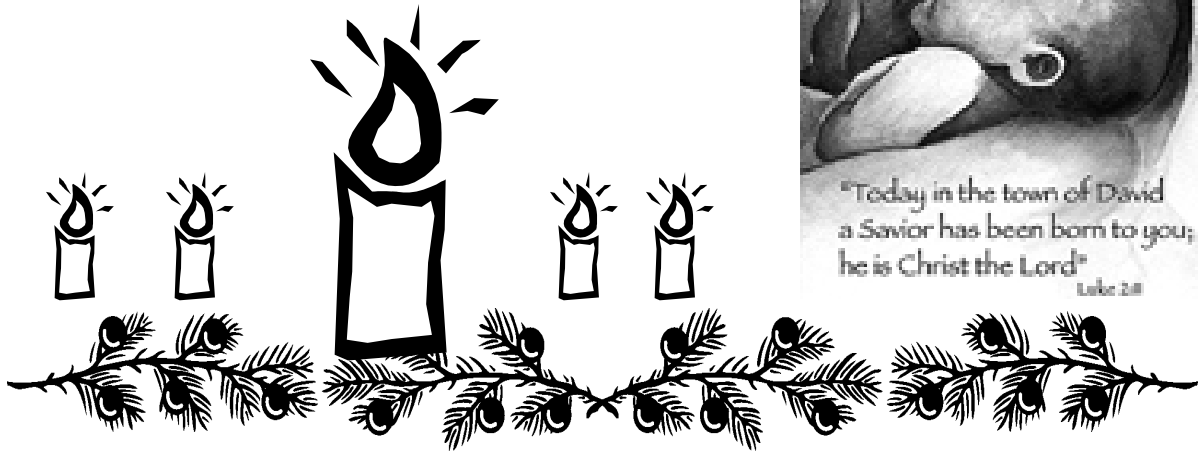
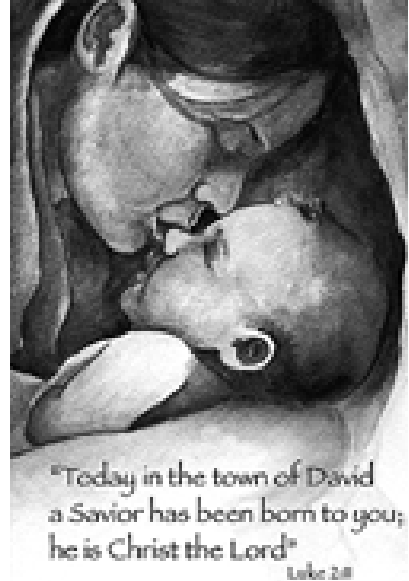
**Peggy Gilbert:** (Friend of Tona Griggs & friend & colleague of Melissa Burnett) thanks the congregation for our continued prayers as she takes oral chemotherapy during remission of her breast cancer.

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

Please join us for  
*christmas eve at  
the north church*  
1110 North Main  
**11:00 pm**



*christmas eve at  
st. john's chapel ucc*  
Friday, December 24  
Candlelight & Holy Communion Service  
7:30 pm



  
**A Blessed Birth Announcement...**

Aliya Anneli Fourie was born Tuesday, December 7. She weighed 8 lb. 13 oz. and was 22 inches long. Wian and Kristin Fourie are her parents. Her grandparents are Wim and Elsabe Fourie and Dean and Jan Rund. Rev. Robert and Aileen Dohm are her great-grandparents.

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**To those interested and available to go Christmas caroling**

...Meet at the church front parking lot at 3:30 Sunday afternoon (TODAY, December 19th). We will be back home by supper. Speak with Elaine Tebbenkamp after church and let her know you are coming. Thank you!

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**All are welcome...**

Anyone who finds themselves without plans, family or available friends for Christmas Dinner is invited to join Lee & Judith Bartell & Family.

**Christmas Dinner, Christmas Day, 1:00 pm**

*Depending on the number of guests, dinner will either be served at the Bartell Home or here at the Chapel. Please be in touch with Judith for details. Advance reservations are a must~*

**Thank you SJC Santas...**

*For the special monetary contributions made by members towards the 2011 expenses of:  
Janitorial supplies, snow removal, fire inspection and sprinkler system start-up.*

**Thank you!**

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**Our Stewardship for Sunday, December 12, 2010**

Worship: 61

Offering: \$2,747.00

Sunday School: 10

Offering: \$7.00

*The average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget is \$2,704.00*

**Poinsettia Remembrances & Memorials  
Christmas 2010**

Given in memory of Barbara Brook, Steve's mother  
And Elizabeth Hawksworth, Margaret's grandmother  
By Steven & Margaret Dodge

Given in memory of Gerald Willoughby  
By his daughters

Given in memory of Edwin and Anita Hoffman, and Kirk Wolfe  
By Kyle & Carrie Aho

Given in memory of Rev. Norman Rahmoeller  
By Lois Rahmoeller & Family

Given in memory of Lorene and Andy Bain  
By Ken & Loy Swanson

Given in memory of Ed Hale and Paul Steury  
By Jan Hale and Virginia Steury



*Bravo to our talented pageant cast  
And Thank You Dave & Tona!*





Sunday School — 9:15 AM  
 Worship — 10:30 AM  
 Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

**This week's "special offering basket" in the Narthex is for~  
 CROSSLINES**

**December 19 2010**

Jim May will open the church in December

- TODAY: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 Children's Pageant, followed by budget presentation and vote~  
 Serve at The Kitchen.....4:15 pm
- Monday: Grace & Weight.....5:30 pm
- Wednesday: Bells Practice .....6:30 pm  
 Choir Practice.....7:40 pm
- Friday: Candlelight & Holy Communion Service.....7:30 pm
- Saturday: Merry Christmas Everyone!
- Sunday: First Sunday after Christmas.....10:30 am



**2010 Advent Calendar**

- Sunday, December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 Children's Pageant  
 Christy & Hillary Dempsey, Larry and Karen Pittman, Advent Families
- Friday, December 24: Candlelight & Holy Communion Service, 7:30 pm  
 Curt & Sheri Bartell (for newly confirmed member, Brady Bartell)
- Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Service at the North Church, 11:00 pm

***Merry Christmas***

**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.