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St. John's Chapel United Church of Christ

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December 20, 2009



Favorite Hymn

SUNDAY

Liturgist: Glenda Weise

December 7, 2008

Second Sunday of Advent
Favorite Christmas Carols Service

10:30 A.M.

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

Gathering

“Two Noels, From a Christmas Triptych”
“A Carol Fantasy”

Ferguson
Ashdown

As we gather for worship we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection. The theme of today's worship will focus on the music that flows from our hearts when we feel blessed. You might want to reflect on a time in your life when you have felt blessed and filled with song.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

Or 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. Or you may wish to reflect on this where you are today on your faith journey. Or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Lighting of Altar Candles

Acolyte: Ashley Blackwell

Meditative Hymn

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” No. 192, vs. 1 & 2

Please remain seated for this hymn and let it be a part of your meditation and reflection.

Lighting of the Forth Advent Candle

The Fortner-Andrews Family

Liturgist: The fourth Advent candle, we light in silence. The rose candle stands for LOVE! Christmas draws near. Love is in the air. Embrace someone in the silence of the moment.

Welcome and Announcements

Members and guests, please sign the friendship pad and pass it down to the end of the pew. Then, pass it back toward the aisle noting the names of those seated next to you. After worship, greet those who are sitting in the pew with you.

*Call to Celebration

Leader: In 1674, Isaac Watts, a nonconformist and Congregationalist, (and one of our forefathers), penned the words put to music 20 years later by Lowell Mason.

People: **“Joy to the World” was revolutionary in an age when religion was somber.**

Leader: Watts and Mason pushed the envelope to get people to see the joy given to the world with the coming of the Lord.

People: **Let Christians radiate the joy that comes today and every day because the “Lord is come.”**

*Opening Hymns

“Joy to the World”	No. 173, vs. 1 & 2
“Angels We Have Heard on High”	No. 190, vs. 1 & 2
“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”	No. 168, vs. 1 & 2
“The First Noel”	No. 167, vs. 1 & 2

Children’s Time

Children and Parents, Now come gather around the piano.
(Carry your hymnals with you.)

Favorite Carols

(Congregation may remain seated.)

“Away in a Manger”	No. 176, vs. 1&2
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	No. 169, vs. 1&2
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	No. 181, vs. 1&2

Morning Prayer

There will be sentence prayers spoken to lead you into silent prayer.



Lord's Prayer in Song

Soloist: Chris Brammer

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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors;
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 "Reflection, var. IV of Joy to the World" Helman

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

Reading of Holy Scripture Luke 1: 39-55 p. 932

Dialogue Sermon

"May You Have a Blessed Christmas"

The Rev. Becky Hebert
The Rev. Chuck Gackstetter

Call to Confession

***Silent Meditation and Personal Confession**

Words of Assurance

***Favorite Hymns**

"There's a Song In the Air"	No. 196
"Once in Royal David's City"	No. 170
"What Child Is This?"	No. 179
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"	No. 174

***Benediction**

Organ Postlude "Improvisation on 'Antioch' " Joseph

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.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, December 13, 2009

Sunday School	24	Offering	\$3.00
Worship	88	Offering	\$2,479.00

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Sharon Haislip: was admitted to Cox South on Monday evening with a fever due to infection at the site of her recent surgery. On Wednesday, it was determined that the IV administered antibiotics were not working, and Sharon underwent surgery to drain her wound and to insert a shunt. Sharon's infection should diminish rapidly with this latest procedure, and she is expected to be released in 2-3 days (as of Thursday, December 17).

Bob Lockhart: underwent arthroscopic surgery for a torn meniscus (torn knee cartilage), and is now recovering.

Tona Griggs: continues to recuperate at home from a bout of double pneumonia, and hopes to return to work on Monday, December 21.

Tom Davis: has completed follow-up tests and residual thyroid cancer cells were found. His third radioactive iodine treatment is next. Tom reports that he feels OK, though tired, and ends his note with "I'll be back in the saddle soon".

Family and Friends:

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), Her breast cancer has returned.

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

Liturgists, It's a New Year! Sign up now for January in the Narthex~

60th
ANNIVERSARY


We, Perdy and John Scafe,
are celebrating our 60th Anniversary on
Sunday, December 27 at
St. John's Chapel UCC from 2:00 to 4:00.

*We would be honored if you, our fellow church friends, would come help
celebrate with us. No gifts, please~*

Perdy & John

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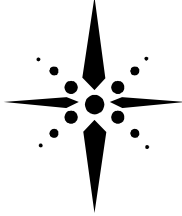
Music Director - Chris Brammer

Nursery Attendant - Lea Ann Kruger

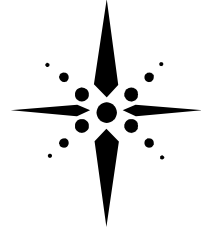
Organist - Vicky Claborn

Custodian - Lee Bartell

Thursday, December 24
7:30 pm



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
at The Chapel



~Poinsettia Dedications, 2009~

Corneil & Shirley Datema, In Memory of **Parents & Loved Ones**
Mary Lou Datema & Family, In Memory of **JoAnne Datema**
Margaret E. K. Dodge, In Memory of her Grandmother, **Elizabeth Hawksworth**
Stephen T. Dodge, In Memory of his Mother, **Barbara R. Brook**
Charles & Jane Dunham, In Memory of **Our Parents & Loved Ones**
Evelyn Edwards, In Memory of **my son, John, & husband, William**
Sharon Haislip, In Memory of **Family & Loved Ones**
Marsha G Schatz, In Honor of **Gerald Willoughby** by his Daughters
Virginia Shean & Family, In Memory of **Wes Shean, & Hubie & Maledia Chranford**
Ken & Loy Swanson, In Memory of **Andy & Lorene Bain, & Jeanne Loveless**
Kent & Betty Weber, In Memory of **William Morehouse**
Carolyn Wolfe & Family, In Memory of **Kirk Wolfe, & Ed & Anita Hoffman.**

Thanks for Caring!



The Friendship Circle

Christmas Eve at *North*
Church
1110 North Main
Thursday, December 24
11:00 pm



The Council of Churches, A Benefit Concert
"Celebration in Song"
Christmas at Stone Chapel
Sunday, December 20, 7 pm
Stone Chapel, Drury University, 900 N. Benton Avenue
*Soloists joined by the adult & children's choirs of
Brentwood Christian & National Avenue Christian Churches*





Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

December 20, 2009

Jim May will open the church in December

Today: Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:30 am
 Favorite Hymn Sunday
 The Kitchen..... 4:15 pm
 Confirmation Class..... 5:00 pm

Monday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
 January Messenger items due today

Wednesday: No Spiritual Development today
 No Bells today
 No Chancel Choir today

Thursday: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service7:30 pm

Friday: Christmas Day, Wishing A Very Blessed Christmas to All!

Next Sunday: First Sunday After Christmas Service..... 10:30 pm
 No Confirmation Class today
 60th Anniversary Celebration of John & Perdy Scafe..... 2:00 pm


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 P E A C E
Love Joy



TWO
 • LIGHTED •
 TREES ON EACH
 • SIDE OF THE CROSS •
 WERE DONATED BY EVELYN
 • EDWARDS IN MEMORY OF HER SON, •
JOHN, & HUSBAND, WILLIAM.
 THANK YOU,
EVELYN

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.