

9:20 AM Worship Service
DECEMBER 18, 2011

4th Sunday of Advent

*Please Stand As Able

CHRISTMAS "WORSHIP WARMUP"

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Trumpet: Rory Powell/Piano: Suzanne Powell

"How Great Our Joy" arr: Stan Pethel

Church Orchestra

WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE "Noel Francais" a French Christmas arr: Valerie Stephenson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise be to God!

People: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.

Leader: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

* **SINGING TOGETHER**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Verses 1-3-6) #234 (Red Hymnal)

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #224 (Red Hymnal)

* **OPENING PRAYER**

Merciful God, You sent Your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* **PRAYER RESPONSE**

"O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Celebrate the Child" arr: Stan Pethel
Church Orchestra

* **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.**

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

There is nothing in our hands, O Lord, that was not given by You. The earth, the seas, our homes, our incomes, the people we love, were all Yours before they were ours. Therefore we can give You nothing that is not Yours already, except our hearts. We come now to give them, and all in our lives that goes with them. Receive them and bless them, we pray, that You

kingdom may rejoice and prosper in the world.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "The First Noel" arr: Rouse/Vader

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-21; Titus 2:11-14 (NASB)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

The Word of God for the People of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

SERIES: "THE ULTIMATE GIFT"

(Christmas Carols – The Message in the Music)

SERMON

"Jesus: The Best Gift Ever"

Craig Jones, Senior Pastor

* **SINGING TOGETHER**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230 (Red Hymnal)

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

FLOWERS on the **ALTAR:** In appreciation to the choirs, musicians and directors for the joy you provide. Thank You. Henry and Diane Arnold
FLOWERS on the **ORGAN:** To the entire CUMC Music Department: Bell Choirs, Singing Choirs, Praise Team, Instrumentalists & Vocalists. With love and thanks for your wonderful contributions all year long. From a Music Aficionado.

OPEN DATES FOR CHURCH FLOWERS

January 8, 15, 22, 29; February 5, 19, 26

Contact Jenn Daum to place flower orders:
CUMCFlowers@aol.com or 574-2374 or 259-1730

*Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 will be one Service at 10:20 AM.

Flower Stands and 2nd Service dates also available.

☞ **Children Bulletins** are available. Please ask an usher for one.

11:20 AM

Worship Service

Welcome and News

of the Church

Today's Worship Songs

"Joy to the World/We

Worship Jesus"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"Offering"

"Jesus All for Jesus"

"Power of Your Love"

Lighting Of The Advent Wreath

Scripture Lesson Matthew 1:18-21;

Titus 2:11-14 (NASB)

Message

"Jesus: The Best Gift Ever"

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Sent to Serve

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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THOSE SERVING YOU:

Senior Pastor: Craig D. Jones

Associate Pastor: Lois Schalk-Hartley

Organist/Choir Director: Carol Gangwer

Pianist/Bell Director: Marcia Lucas

Praise Team Director: Amy Morand

Youth Leaders: Cathy Davis/

Becky Grosse

Church Secretary: Juanita Woodburn

Facility Coordinator: Lynn Krebs

Ministers: CUMC Family

Tear off here: ✂

Name(s)

Address

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

Would like to receive prayer requests online

Check all that apply:

☞ **Tuesdays** **7 AM**
Prayer Time in Chapel

Dec. 30 **6 PM**

Creation Museum

Tear off here: ✂

COUNT ME IN SHEET

Please SIGN, Tear Off and Place In

Offering Plate

FOR ATTENDANCE COUNT

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Member

Nonmember (Regular Attender)

Visitor

Wish To Join Church