

Evangelical United Church of Christ
33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2008
(*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT
“Noel, Noel”

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN OF ADORATION
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #139

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Good morning!

PEOPLE: *Good morning to you!*

LEADER: This is a time to really be awake.

PEOPLE: *For Christ shall come to us!*

LEADER: Get ready. Be alert.

PEOPLE: *Lord, help us open our eyes and our hearts to receive you in glory. AMEN.*

HANGING OF THE GREENS — *See Insert*

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64:1-9 Page 1161

I Corinthians 1:3-9 Page 1771

*Mark 13:24-37 Page 1578

PASTORAL PRAYER

LEADER: Lord of hope, wake us from our slumbers! Create in us a sense of urgency to be in ministry and mission for you. Help us put all the frivolities in perspective. Cause us to reach out to others in need, keeping

the opportunities for service ever before us. Help us remember that you have given to us your greatest Gift, the One who has come to save and heal us. Let us be agents of healing and mercy in his name, for we offer this prayer in great faith and confidence.

PEOPLE: *AMEN.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM
“One Small Child” —Choir

HOMILY — Pastor Dan Johnson
“Keep Awake”

LORD’S PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us,

ALL: 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, for ever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PARTING
“Shine, Jesus, Shine” #431

*BENEDICTION

LEADER: Now may the God who has called us to live in hope and expectation, go with you as you journey in Faith toward that new future created by **God’s love that has dwelt, and continues to dwell among us and in us. Go, in His grace and in His peace.**

CHORAL EXTROIT
“A Christmas Blessing”

POSTLUDE

HANGING OF THE GREENS

November 30, 2008



OPENING PRAYER

Given By: Bonnie Stahlman

THE MEANING OF THE SERVICE

Reader: Maxine Hale

MANGER CHRISMONS: The cave, or stable, in which Christ was born. It reminds us of his lowly birth.

CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA

Reader: Veronica Spencer

LESSONS OF CHRISTMAS

Reader: Brittney Spencer

SHEPHERDS STAFF CHRISMONS: Shepherds were common folk that were told of the birth of Christ. As our Savior, Jesus is the good shepherd. Seeing the staff gives comfort and guidance to the sheep.

ANGEL CHRISMONS: Messengers who announced the birth of Christ.

IOTA CHI CHRISMONS: The first letters of the Greek words for Jesus and Christ.

CHI RHO CHRISMONS: The monogram derived from the first two letters of the Greek word Christos, meaning Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG Page 277, vs 1

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

THE SANCTUARY EVERGREENS

Reader: Grace Coy

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Holly and the Ivy”

Choir

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Reader: Jennifer Stahlman

CHRISTMAS TREE CHRISMONS: An evergreen tree, representing everlasting life.

LIGHT THE TREE

SPECIAL MUSIC “O Christmas Tree”

Veronica Spencer

STAR CHRISMONS: The five-pointed star usually accompanies the scenes of the Nativity, and is symbolic of the Epiphany. The six-pointed star is the Star of David, a reminder of Jesus’ Hebrew heritage and his direct ancestor, King David.

THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

Reader: Sarah Elfrink

THE PARAMENTS & ADVENT COLORS

Reader: Kaylyn Sneathen

CROWN CHRISMONS: Jesus is the ruler of Kings. His birth brought a new order to life.

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG Page #245, vs 1

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader: Verla Sailer

CANDLE CHRISMONS: “Candles are a source of light, which covers darkness. Candles also represent hope and the presence of God”

THE NATIVITY

Reader: Ashley Stahlman

ROSE CHRISMONS: A symbol of the Nativity. The flower grew abundantly in the first century. It was first called the white rose when people saw it withstood winter. Later it was called the Christmas rose when it bloomed just at Christmas time.

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG Page 250, vs 1

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

Reader: Ryan Siebert

OFFERING

MEN’S CHOIR SINGS

“We Three Kings” Page #288, vs 1

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Reader: Lex Spencer

THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS

Reader: Cayleigh Bolton

SPECIAL MUSIC WITH THE CHIMES

Beverly Reece

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Reader: Ashley Stahlman

SERPENT CHRISMONS: A symbol to remind us of Jesus temptation in the wilderness after his baptism.

SHELL CHRISMONS: Since many of the early Christians were fisherman, the shell became a Christian symbol for the baptism. Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of his ministry, as it does for us.

FISH CHRISMONS: Jesus fed fish to the multitudes. It became a symbol for the church because the Greek word of fish (ichthus) is formed by using the first letter of each word in Greek, which stands for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior. Early Christians, who had to worship in secret, used this symbol to point the way to their meeting place.

BUTTERFLY CHRISMONS: A caterpillar 'dies' in a cocoon and is 'reborn' as a butterfly, it has become a symbol of new life.

THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

Reader: Brittney Spencer

TRIQUETRA CHRISMONS: A popular symbol of the Holy Trinity. The design consist of three equal arcs.

WHEAT CHRISMONS: The primary ingredient of bread.

LOAVES CHRISMONS: Jesus is the Bread of Life. Bread is used in communion to represent His body.

CUP CHRISMONS: The vessel used in Holy Communion.

CROSS CHRISMONS: The Latin cross is the long upright. The most widely used form of the cross among Christians. The Greek cross, all extensions of equal length. Much uses by the early Greek artist. The Maltese cross, the points represent the Beatitudes, also an emblem of John the Baptist.

ANCHOR CROSS CHRISMONS: This cross is carried over from the days of Christian persecution. Christians saw hope in the symbol.

WORDS FOR THE SEASON

Pastor Daniel Johnson

THE BLESSING

Pastor Daniel Johnson



Welcome first time guests! **We're glad that you are here!** We invite everyone to complete a Communication card (located on the Information Table) and place it in the offering plate. You are important to us and we want to know that you are here.

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Mary Martha Luncheon

The ladies of the church are invited to the Mary Martha Christmas luncheon at 12:00 noon on, Thursday, December 4th. The program will be presented by Barbara Yallaly and Meta Siemers, and will follow the meal.



Christmas Party

Cookie Walk

The Friendship Circle's annual Cookie Walk will be next Sunday, December 7th right after church services. Please bring your cookies to the lower auditorium before the start of church.



Cookie Walk



On the Calendar

- Nov 30 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Hanging of the Greens
- Dec 3 Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:30 PM
- Dec 4 Mary Martha Luncheon, 12 Noon
Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
- Dec 7 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Cookie Walk, following service
- Dec 9 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
- Dec 12 *MO Mentoring, setting up in lower auditorium for Christmas program*
- Dec 13 *MO Mentoring, 10 AM—1 PM*
Lower Auditorium
- Dec 14 Christmas Caroling, 2:30 PM
- Dec 21 Sunday School Program, 6:30 PM
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 PM
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas, Office Closed

Prayer List

November 30, 2008

In case of hospitalization or surgery please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital be sure to tell them that you are affiliated with this congregation. * indicates a new request. *Please note: after six months names will be removed from the prayer list, unless an update is made to the church office.*

Joyce Abernathy; 10-08	Jane Juergens; 09-08	Ratliff Nursing Home
Leo Amelunke; 11-08	Anita MacDonald; 09-08	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Marilyn Amelunke; 11-08	Frank, Jr & Ame	Fountainbleau Lodge
Linda Anderson; 05-08	Maevers; 09-08	Alta Proffer
Loyd Bollinger	Dana McClard; 11-08	Lutheran Home
Ian Bolton; 10-08	Kenny Mehrle	Dorothy Cole
Heather Cato; 07-08	Bill McMillan; 06-08	Viola Geiser
Eldon Chasteen; 08-08	M.D. McMillan; 08-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Phyllis Chasteen; 08-08	Ester Nussbaum	Leonard Moore
"Red" Clifton; 08-08	Hannah Parks; 06-08	Andora Peetz
Bettye Crockett; 06-08	Travis Rister—Iraq; 09-08	Auburn Creek
Eldon Davis; 11-08	Bob & Nora Lee	Irene Orlando
Lexi Edwards; 11-08	Seabaugh; 09-08	House Bound
Aleene Ellinger; 10-08	Brett/Cherie Stembel; 06-08	S.G. Coy
Dean & Carolena	Karen Stephens; 06-08	Mary Huckstep
Galloway; 11-08	Marshall Whitworth; 08-08	Helen Owens
Joan Hope		
Ernie Jordan; 11-08	Please Remember	
Ida Mae Jordan; 11-08	Our Friends at Home	

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
11-02-08	\$1,815.00	---	---	\$43.00
11-09-08	\$1,674.00	---	---	\$238.00
11-16-08	\$1,627.00	\$20.00	---	\$109.00
11-23-08	\$250.00	---	\$1,751.00	\$17.75
11-30-08				
Worship	Attendance	Scholarship Fund	Total	Offering
11-02-08	46	---	11-02-08	\$1,858.00
11-09-08	68	---	11-09-08	\$1,912.00
11-16-08	63	\$60.00	11-16-08	\$1,816.00
11-23-08	54	---	11-23-08	\$2,018.75
11-30-08			11-30-08	