

# NELSON MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 13, 2009  
3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.  
Seasonal Color: Purple

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Informal Moments (Please sign Attendance Pads found in each row) Liturgist  
Prelude "O Come, Little Children" (arr. Broughton) Nancy Ward

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: We sing with joy as we approach the Advent of our Lord.

**People: We have reason to celebrate. The Lord is near!**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again, let us say, "Rejoice!"

**People: We will approach the Lord with thanksgiving.  
We will trust God for all our needs.**

Leader: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Unison: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again, let us say, "Rejoice!"**

\* Hymn of Praise "Angels We Have Heard on High" Hymnal #238

\* An Affirmation of Faith "A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada" Hymnal #883

\* Gloria Patri Hymnal #70



**Lighting of the Third Advent Candle** (see insert)

Children's Message (Children welcomed to the Chancel) Jennifer Jones

## A TIME FOR GIVING THANKS

### Offering of God's Tithes and Our Gifts

Offertory Sentence Liturgist

Offertory Music "Away In a Manger" (Kirkpatrick/arr. Carter) Nancy Ward

\* Doxology Hymnal #95

\* Offertory Prayer Pastor Elmer

Mt. Zion Angel Tree Report Tom Maxwell

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Pastor Elmer

Hymn of Preparation "There's a Song in the Air" Hymnal #249

Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

\* The Written Word Luke 3:7-18 Pew Bible pg. NT 60

The Message "Cautious Joy" Pastor Elmer

## SENT FORTH INTO THE WORLD

\* Hymn of Commitment "Joy to the World" Hymnal #246

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Nancy Ward

\* Indicates People Standing (please stand as you are able)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome you to this Celebration of Worship! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. A nursery is available for children who are Pre-K and under. An usher would be happy to assist you in finding the nursery and introducing you to our attendants.

*Please take a few moments to greet someone after the service.*

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor  
Organist  
Liturgist  
Ushers  
Chancel Choir Director  
Parish Nurses

Elmer D. McClaflin  
Nancy Ward  
Earl Haller  
Sharon Mellor / Greg Silvey  
Debby K. Davis  
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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20    ⌘ 4th Sunday of Advent ⌘

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# Rejoice

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(Acolytes Attend to the Altar Table During the Playing of the Prelude)

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\* Opening Prayer Pastor Elmer

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**Children's Christmas Pageant:  
The Symbols of Advent**  
(see insert)

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\* Benediction

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At the close of the service our "Chapel" will be available for prayer and counsel! (Ask an Usher)

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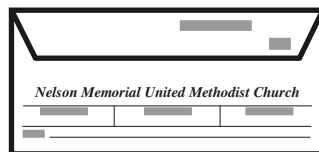
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## 2010 Offertory Envelopes

are now available, and  
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Mark & Gayle Livingston

Reader 1: We light the third candle of Advent.

Reader 2: We look to John, the one you sent, to point us to your light.  
The light will come into our world and enlighten everyone.

Reader 1: God sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus Christ, the true Light of the World. John called for people to repent of their sins and to live faithfully. He baptized with a cleansing water and proclaimed the new life that Christ, the one who would follow him, would bring. This Advent, we ask for God's mercy and a joyful new beginning.

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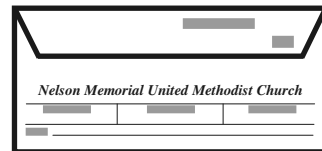
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## PRAYER LIST December 13, 2009

*Mindful of my need to pray and the great opportunity, which exists when people of faith pray together, I will lift up the following in prayer:*

### New Additions

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John Sweeney (*health*)  
(Pastor E's brother-in-law)

### Continued Prayer

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Family of Alma Boehm ( <i>grief</i> )	Mackenna Schnell ( <i>health</i> )
Family of Chuck Linville ( <i>grief</i> )	Gertrude Simmons ( <i>health</i> )
Judy Peters ( <i>health</i> )	

### Prayers for Government, Armed Forces, and Disaster Relief Personnel

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Sgt. Aaron Edman ( <i>Father of KHUSA child deployed to Afghanistan</i> )	LCPL Brad Simmons ( <i>deployed to Iraq</i> )
LT senior grade Jimmy Fuemmeler ( <i>VAQ-129, NAS Whidbey Island, WA</i> )	Aaron VonEngeln ( <i>deployed to Afghanistan</i> )
Major Jeremy Gettings ( <i>Joint Staff Tour Creech AFB, NV</i> )	Covenant Church of Gondola, ( <i>Mozambique</i> )
Robert Mike Grissum ( <i>Stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood</i> )	Pledges of Service to be honored
Midshipman Will Parker ( <i>United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD</i> )	
Sgt. Samuel Ross ( <i>Father of KHUSA child deployed to Iraq</i> )	President of the United States
LCPL Cory Schmidt ( <i>Cherry Point, NC</i> )	Men & Women of our Armed Forces Leaders of the World

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Please use the Prayer Request Card found in the pews or call the church office to add or remove a prayer concern from the prayer list. Names will remain on the Prayer List for one month. Requests may be made to continue special prayers for a longer period.

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Join Us For Contemporary Worship!

There is only one more Saturday Spark! service left this year. Don't miss our contemporary service at 5:00 p.m. on **December 19th**. In January we will be reevaluating our time and day, and will announce the details for 2010.

### Youth Group

We will go Christmas Caroling on Sunday, **December 20th** from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Please come and join us for this fun, exciting activity.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00 p.m.: Come and go Communion.

7:00 p.m.: Service of Scripture, Song, and Communion

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

The sanctuary will be open on **December 31** from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. for a personal time of prayer to commit the New Year to the Lord. There will be no structured service, so feel free to come and go.

### Thanks...

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Night In Bethlehem a huge success! I heard lots of positive feedback from the other churches and the community. We couldn't have accomplished what we did without your help!

*Heather*

# The Symbols of Advent



**OWL: Ethan Walker and Eli Walker**  
**BELL: Marnie Rogers and Issak Ruble**  
**FISH: Lauryn Jones and Brooks Jones**  
**CANDLE: Becky Fredrick and Brenner Parker**

**THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

**APPLE: Grady Kay and Lauryn Jones**  
**SNOWMAN: Hannah Litwiler and Rhodes Leonard**  
**HOLLY: Colton Glenn and Cash Leonard**  
**DIAMOND: Phoenix Price and Drew Phillips**

**JOY TO THE WORLD**

**CLOYER: Ben Glenn and Daylynn Baker**  
**DRUM: Garrett Bell and Jasmine Price**  
**HEART: Noah Rogers and Dawson Ruble**  
**FLOWER: Phoebe Rogers and Gabrielle Schler**

**LO, HOW A ROSE IS GROWING (Please join us in singing)**

**MUSHROOM: Christine Salyer and Jordan Schler**  
**BUTTERFLY: Daylynn Baker and Jonah Crowe**  
**PIGGY BANK: Dakota Meyer and Phoenix Price**  
**CANDY CANE: Bobby McClafin and Brooks Jones**

**ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

**GINGERBREAD BOY: Addison Reardon and Avery Reardon**  
**BIRD: Taylor Glenn and Clayton Gochenour**  
**BALL: Jasmine Price and Ethan Walker**  
**STAR: Avery Reardon and Eli Walker**

**WE THREE KINGS (Please join us in singing)**

**CROSS: Clayton Gochenour and Gabrielle Schler**  
**EASTER EGG: Zach Glenn and Jordan Schler**  
**BLUE STOCKING: Danny Roxrbough and Brenner Parker**  
**RED STOCKING: Anna Kay and Issak Ruble**

**AWAY IN A MANGER (Please join us in singing)**

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY:**

**FEATURING--Becky Fredrick, Grady Kay, Avery Reardon,  
Jasmine Price, Daylynn Baker, Natalie Glenn,  
Lauryn Jones, Ethan Walker, Clayton Gochenour,  
Phoenix Price, Garrett Bell, Noah Rogers, Dakota Meyer**

**SILENT NIGHT (Please join us in singing)**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:**

**Nancy Ward and ALL OF OUR HELPERS!**