

## WORSHIP NOTES • December 11, 2011

*A Man Named Joseph*  
Matthew 1:18-25

**Children's Ministries.** Grace Place (a rotation model Sunday School) is offered for children in Sr. K through 5th grades at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. and is located in the education building (south of sanctuary). We offer a safe, positive, nurturing learning environment for children that seeks to establish a firm foundation for their spiritual growth. In addition, we offer seasonal events for families and friends, and short-term small group courses on Wednesday evenings. Contact Janelle Crist at 758-6525 or [jcrist@germantownumc.org](mailto:jcrist@germantownumc.org); or Shelley Haines at 758-6512 or [shaines@germantownumc.org](mailto:shaines@germantownumc.org)

**Nursery and Preschool.** We provide well-supervised, fun-filled classes for infants through Jr. K during all worship services. The preschool suite is located on the Sanctuary level off the north side of the narthex. We utilize a paging system to maintain contact with parents, if needed. Contact Angie Hopper at 356-9600 ([hoppers@earthlink.net](mailto:hoppers@earthlink.net)).

**Youth Ministry.** The Youth Ministry of Germantown UMC provides a complete program for Junior and Senior High students, grades 7-12. This includes a weekly entry level program on Sunday nights, small groups during the school year, mission opportunities throughout the year, and various other trips, retreats, and fellowship activities. Trek Sunday School for students in grades 7-12 meets at 9:40 and 11:00 a.m. downstairs in the lower level across from the old chapel. Questions? Contact Jason Baker, Director of Student Ministries, at 758-6515 or [jbaker@germantownumc.org](mailto:jbaker@germantownumc.org).

**Older Adult Ministries.** There are many opportunities for adults age 55 and older to be active and involved at GUMC. The Older Adult Council sponsors a monthly Brown Bag Lunch series about relevant topics of interest to seniors. The XYZs take monthly nominally priced day trips to places of interest in the greater Memphis area. For more information call Luci Cromer at 755-0803 or [luci2@comcast.net](mailto:luci2@comcast.net). There are also many opportunities for service to the older adults of our church family. For more information contact Beverly Rhoads at 754-7216, or [brhoads@germantownumc.org](mailto:brhoads@germantownumc.org).

**Adult Ministries.** Through Christian education we are inspired and challenged to know and experience God, claim and live the promises of God, and grow and serve as Christian disciples. We offer a variety of adult Sunday School classes. Adult Sunday School classes meet at 8:30 a.m., 9:40 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A complete list of classes is available at the Welcome Center. If you would like help in finding a Sunday School that best suits your needs, contact Rev. Rebecca Luter at 754-7216 or [rluter@germantownumc.org](mailto:rluter@germantownumc.org). In addition, we encourage you to participate in studies offered throughout the week. For information on class offerings, check the Ministry Events, website, or contact Marian Carruth at 754-7216 or [mcarruth@germantownumc.org](mailto:mcarruth@germantownumc.org).

**The Health and Recreation Ministry** of GUMC offers an exciting array of activities through the year for children and adults, both members and non-members. These include exercise classes, personal training, massage therapy, pickleball, karate, and team sports. For more information call the Owings Life Enrichment Center at 753-3100 or check the website for a complete list of class offerings.

**Women's Ministries.** The women of GUMC invite you to join them in their journey of spiritual growth and encouraging, loving friendships. Through Circle meetings, Bible studies, and luncheons, we encourage women to find their place of service. For more information call Pat Gill at 756-8151 or [jamesbo429@bellsouth.net](mailto:jamesbo429@bellsouth.net).

**Men's Ministries.** The United Methodist Men meet for breakfast on the second Saturday of each month (September through May). There are also several men's prayer groups that meet on a regular basis. Contact Rev. Jack Henton at 754-7216 or [jhenton@germantownumc.org](mailto:jhenton@germantownumc.org).

**Missions.** We believe missions include spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and serving others in His name. If you would like some help finding your special place of service, contact John Phillips at [john.phillips@fedex.com](mailto:john.phillips@fedex.com).

**Congregational Care.** The mission of Congregational Care is to provide timely and effective pastoral care to our sick, bereaved, and all in need through professional staff and lay volunteers. Contact Rev. Gail Bruno at 758-6510 or [gbruno@germantownumc.org](mailto:gbruno@germantownumc.org).

**Weekday Preschool.** Our preschool provides a loving, nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment for children (ages 9 months-5 years) to grow to their fullest potential emotionally, socially, spiritually, physically, and cognitively. For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Susan Bryant at 753-3109 or email [preschool@germantownumc.org](mailto:preschool@germantownumc.org).

**Music Ministries.** From Children's Choirs beginning at age 3, the youth choir and handbells, to our Adult Chancel Choir and handbells, we are committed to excellence in music and worship. Contact Jim Thrash at 758-6526 or email [jthrash@germantownumc.org](mailto:jthrash@germantownumc.org).

**The McVay Counseling Center** at Germantown UMC provides high quality, affordable counseling from a Christian perspective for our church family and the community. For information or to schedule an appointment, contact Dr. Dewaine Rice at 758-6523, [drice@germantownumc.org](mailto:drice@germantownumc.org); Christina Burns at 758-6524, [ctburns@bellsouth.net](mailto:ctburns@bellsouth.net); or Dr. Bill Walker at 756-7666.

The sermon text and video are available at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org).

# Germantown United Methodist Church

December 11, 2011



**She will bear a son,  
and you are to name him Jesus,  
for he will save his  
people from their sins.**

**Matthew 1:21**

# Entrance

8:30, 9:40 and 11:00 a.m.

INTROIT *Peace/Silent Night* AFRICAN NOEL  
*Combined Children's Choir*

## WELCOME AND GREETING

\*HYMN 198 *My Soul Give Glory to My God*  
Stanza 1 - Choir only  
Stanzas 2, 3, 4, and 5 – All singing together

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*(Latecomers may be seated during the opening hymn)*

## THE ADVENT WREATH

8:30 a.m. Bill Norman Family  
9:40 a.m. Jason Callaway Family  
11:00 a.m. Gary Harlan Family

RITUAL OF PRESENCE *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella* SALLIE LLOYD  
*Sanctus Ringers*

# Proclamation and Prayer

\*SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18-25

ANTHEM *The Hands That First Held Mary's Child* DAN FORREST  
*Chancel Choir*

*The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood;  
from boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood.  
That night they gripped no tool of steel they drove no iron nail; but cradled from the  
head to heel our Lord, so small and frail.*

*When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame;  
and gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name;  
The angel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven's height,  
And like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light.*

*This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne,  
But God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone.  
The tiny form in Joseph's palm confirmed what he had heard,  
And from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word.*

*The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift  
And use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift.  
Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's born today.  
But charged with faith may we be bold to follow in His way.*

*(Thomas Troeger)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### OUR 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*

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel

OFFERTORY *Sussex Carol* KEVIN MCCHESENEY

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 204 *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

SERMON *A Man Named Joseph* Rev. Richard Smith

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in Jesus Christ, born to us all so long ago in Bethlehem of Judea.**

**We believe in Him whose birth glorified Bethlehem, but for whom there was no room in the inn. We believe in Him whose guiding star can bring together the humble and wise everywhere.**

**We believe in Him who walked among the common people, and was welcomed by those with open minds and yearning hearts.**

**We believe in Him whose life changed the course of history, over whom kings had no power, whose life humbled the proud, toppled the mighty, and elevated those of low degree.**

**We believe in Him whose love changed human hearts, and whose life and death on the cross proved that it is more important to serve than to be served.**

**We believe in Him who is the Prince of Peace, whose spirit makes for justice and peace among all peoples.**

**We believe that the Christmas spirit can change the world through the power of love, faith and hope.**

# Going Forth

### \*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN 219 *What Child is This*

### \*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

### POSTLUDE

**Liturgists:** 8:30 a.m. — Rev. Julie McKenna; 9:40 a.m. — Rev. Jack Henton;  
11:00 a.m. — Rev. Rebecca Luter

**Acolytes:** 8:30 a.m. — Caroline Zummach; 9:40 a.m. — Rachel and Elizabeth Crane

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers that grace the altar today are lovingly placed by several families:

- Given by Trey and Dr. Dee Dockery to the glory of God and in memory of their father, Rex, who celebrates his 28th year of new life.
- To the glory of God and in loving memory of Reverend J. Donald Moorehead; given by his wife, Barbara, who is visiting "back home" in Memphis for a few days from Florida.
- In celebration of Dianne and Jim Johnson's 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, December 16. Given by their children; Melissa and Ed Cychowski; and Mike Johnson (Minneapolis, MN); and their grandchildren Nolan, Louis and Lucy Cychowski.

**Poinsettias for the Sanctuary.** Honor or remember a loved one and help beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas season. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center and at the information kiosks. The deadline to order is Monday, December 12. Names will be listed in the bulletin on December 18.

*2012 Stewardship Update as of December 9:* 533 pledges totaling \$2,508,118.

## Community Carol Festival

Sunday, December 11 • 5 p.m.

The Chancel Choir and orchestra present your Christmas favorites.

## Blue Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 13 • 6:30 p.m.

Anyone seeking comfort and peace is welcome to join us for a worship experience celebrating the hope we have in Christ even in the midst of life's wintry seasons. A time of light refreshments and fellowship will follow.

## Christmas Eve Services

Families With Young Children • 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Holy Communion • 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Music for the Holy Night • 10:30 p.m. Holy Communion • 11:00 p.m.

## Christmas Day Service

Lessons and Carols • 10 a.m.

## New Year's Day Services

9:40 and 11 a.m.