

East Shore Church United Methodist

Sharing the Love of Christ through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service

Pastors: Jan Yandell and Jacqueline Bennett

Music Director: Peggy Norman Organist: David Usis Bell Choir Director: Birdie Miller

November 30, 2008

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE "Allemande" G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "My Soul in Stillness Waits" The Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I shall light a candle for hope!

People: And the flicker of light shall bring a flicker of hope.

Leader: I shall proclaim Jesus as the light of the world and the source of our hope.

People: Give me hope, Jesus!

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES BY OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Lighting Hymn "One Candle Is Lit" Words on Screen

To the tune of "Away in a Manger"

THE TAKING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

**OPENING HYMN "Hope of the World" Words on Screen

To the tune of "Danny Boy"

**** UNISON PRAYER: On this first Sunday of Advent, memories of Christmases past flood our souls. We recall the first time we heard the stories- the journey of Mary and Joseph, the praise of the shepherds, the music of the angels and the lure of the star. These stories had an earthly ring, but they sounded a heavenly anthem. The words were spoken in human tongues, but they proclaimed a divine visitation. Surprise us again, O Lord, as you surprised us in those days. Proclaim your coming and give us once again your Son. Let no other gift be more important, let no other wish be as powerful. Our hope is in you and you alone. Give me Jesus. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE "Emmanuel" UMH # 204

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Greet one another with the blessings of Christ)

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S SONG

OFFERTORY

Music

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Offertory Prayer

PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS (A Microphone will be passed so your prayer request can be heard. Please wait to speak until you have the microphone.)

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.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40: 28-31 and Titus 2:11-14

ANTHEM	“Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God”	Chancel Choir
MESSAGE	“<u>H</u>eavenly <u>O</u>ption <u>P</u>erfect <u>E</u>ternity – Give Me Jesus”	Pastor Jan Yandell
**CLOSING HYMN	“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”	UMH # 196
POSTLUDE	“Allegro”	G. F. Handel

The Christ Candle burns today for Ethel Van Pelt who entered the Church Triumphant on November 23. Our prayers are with her family.

The Christ Candle burns today for Elizabeth (Betty) Borgos who entered the Church Triumphant on November 25. Our prayers are with her family.

Announcements

The Red Poinsettias today are in memory of Clarence and Irene Roehl. Their bequest to East Shore Church in 1958 has provided a continual investment for capital improvements, maintenance and benevolent giving, for which we are truly thankful.

The committee to present our hospitality table next **Sunday, December 7**, is First Place 4 Health. Visit with us over a cup of coffee before church begins.

The Children’s Choir will meet **TONIGHT** at 6:00 pm. Come join Pastor Jan for a fun night of singing as we prepare for a Christmas concert!

Hey! Did you forget to sign up for the POTLUCK DINNER AND TALENT SHOW? We didn't see your name there, please sign up now, so we know that you are joining us for a Terrific Evening.. Don't forget Friday the **5th of December** at 6:00 PM, and bring one unwrapped toy for any age, your place setting and a dish to share. See You There!

Youth Group – December 5 Talent Show at East Shore Church 6-9 pm. **December 7** Regular Meeting at Shoregate UMC 7-9 pm.

Wellness Ministry The Winter session for First Place 4 Health will begin in January. If you are interested in learning more about this wellness ministry, attend the Orientation Session on Monday, **December 8** at 7 pm in the Spirituality Room. Learn how you can achieve a balance in your life - mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

Do you have any old winter coats stashed in the back of your closet that you never wear? You can bring them to East Shore Church and we will distribute them to those in need. If you know of someone who needs a coat, please have them speak with Pastor Jan or Pastor Jackie.

Bulletin announcements due by Wednesday
JANUARY newsletter articles due by Wednesday, December 17