

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*December 23, 2007*  
*9:00 a.m. worship*

### PRELUDE

### GREETING

**OPENING HYMN** "What Child Is This?" No. 219

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 889

**LEADER:** THERE IS ONE GOD AND THERE IS ONE MEDIATOR, CHRIST JESUS, WHO CAME AS A RANSOM FOR ALL, TO WHOM WE TESTIFY.

**People:** This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAYER** "Away in a Manger" No. 217

### PASTORAL PRAYER...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.

### LIGHTING OF THE 4TH ADVENT CANDLE

\*Rod Parsons (see below)

**OFFERTORY** "How Should a King Come" Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 91

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "O Holy Night" Josh Holte

**MESSAGE** Rev. Kaye

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "The First Noel" No. 245

### POSTLUDE

\*Rod is EUM's Worship Cell Leader

## CHURCH INFORMATION

*Join us next Sunday for one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m.* Devin Tharp will be giving the message. Invite a friend.

*The Women's Study & Prayer Group* meets 9-11 a.m. every Monday morning, from 9-9:30 a.m. casually, followed at 9:30-11:00 a.m. with the weekly study. Questions? Call Jan, 639-8804. Note: We will not be meeting on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31, but will resume on Jan. 7, 2008.

*The Men's Group, "Fusion",* meets at 6 a.m. on Friday mornings. Questions? Call Devin, 632-8381, ext. 13.

*Wednesday CrossTraining Activities* will be on Christmas Break 12/26/07 and 1/2/08. Activities will resume on January 9, 2008.

*Shopping for the holidays?* Pick up an extra pair of gloves or mittens. Knitting a sweater? Knit a scarf and a pair of mittens. Cleaning out the closet and run into hats and mittens you haven't worn or don't fit the kids anymore? Donate these items to the Hat & Mitten Collection. New, gently used, or homemade items of all sizes and styles are welcome. All donations will be distributed at the Saturday Sack Lunch, with the remaining items being distributed at CareNet and HALO. Donations accepted until December 29, and may be dropped off in the collection box in the kitchen off of the first floor lounge. Questions? Call Kimberly (Strike) at 634-8616.

*Downtown "Christmas Walk" Returns.* The Racine Downtown Cooperative Parish will again sponsor a "Christmas Walk" to the downtown churches on December 30, 2007. This event was last held in 1997. You are invited to visit seven of the Downtown Cooperative Parish churches to view their architecture, Christmas decorations and learn a little about each church. A bus will be available for those who choose not to walk. The walk is about 2 miles. We will begin the walk at First Presbyterian Church at 7<sup>th</sup> and College at 1:00. Participants are asked to donate a non-perishable food item for our food pantry. There is no admission charge. Participants can leave their cars in the parking lot while walking to Cristo Rey Parish, Plymouth Congregational Church, Evangelical UMC, First UMC, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, & Olympia Brown Unitarian Church. A "warm up" reception will take place after the walk at Olympia Brown for all those participating. Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon as the culmination of your Christmas week.

*2007 Offering Dates:* All 2007 donations, whether budget or designated, must be received and/or placed in the offering plate by Sunday, Dec. 30, in order to be applied to 2007 giving statements. If mailing your year end contribution, please make sure they are received by Friday, Dec. 28. Any donations not included in the offering deposit on Sunday, December 30, will be applied to 2008 giving statements. The office will be closed on December 31. Thanks for your understanding.



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**PRELUDE** "Let The River Flow" Praise Team

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**WORSHIP THROUGH SONG** Praise Team

"Blessed Be Your Name"  
"Enough"

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 91

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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\*\*Lew Evans (see below)

**OFFERTORY** "O Holy Night" Josh Holte

**MESSAGE** Rev. Kaye

**CLOSING SONG** "The First Noel"

\*\*Lew is an EUM Member at Large

## INFORMATION

**Welcome Guests!** Welcome to our worship service!! We are glad that you are here with us! May you feel God's presence & the warmth of Christian fellowship as you worship with us.

**Parking is available in the upper & lower Gateway Parking lots on Sunday morning.** Please feel free to park there & walk to EUM.

**IMPORTANT:** Parking is prohibited within 15' of all corners. Police may ticket your car. Neighbors have asked us to remind you. Thank you!

**In order that our senior citizens and handicapped members can secure parking close to the church entrance,** we are asking that our healthy members park in the Gateway parking lots or down the block from the church. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**E-mail:** [office@eumchurch.com](mailto:office@eumchurch.com)

**Nursery Care** is available during both the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. service. The Infant Nursery is for ages 0-18 months and is located on the *main* level, north hallway. The Toddler Nursery is for 19-36 months and is located on the *lower* level, north hallway. Pagers are provided.

**M&M's Children's Ministry (Music & More)** takes place at 9:00 a.m. for ages K-5th grade. **S.H.O.U.T. Children's Ministry** takes place during the 10:30 service. Ages 1st-5th grade begin the hour in the sanctuary with their family and are dismissed to SHOUT after Praise and Prayer. **Critter Land** takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service. The 3 yr. olds meet in the north east classroom on the lower level. The 4 yrs.-K meet in the north east room next to the sanctuary. **"QUIET BAGS"** are located by the sanctuary doors. They contain activities for any young child to do during church. Please point them out to visiting families and return them at the end of the service.

**Flowers on the altar** this morning are given by Betty White in memory of John & Verna Hird and Charles Hird.

**Our prayers and sympathy** are extended to the family & friends of Paul Juras. Paul passed away on Monday, Dec. 17. His funeral was held at EUM on Friday.

### Worship Schedule!

#### Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

*Nursery care is available at BOTH services*

#### Adult Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Explorers; Parents of Teens

10:30 a.m. Crossbearers; Seekers; 3-D's

#### Youth Small Groups (6th-12th grade)

9:00-10:00 a.m.

#### M&M's (K thru 5th grade)

9:00-10:00 a.m.

#### S.H.O.U.T. Children's Ministry (1st-5th grade)

10:30 a.m.

#### Critter Land (Ages 3-K)

10:30 a.m.

## INFORMATION

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/23</b>
9:00 a.m.	Worship w/hymns
10:30 a.m.	Worship w/praise songs
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>12/24-Christmas Eve</b>
4-7-10 p.m.	Candlelight Worship Services
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>12/25-Christmas Day</b>
	CHURCH CLOSED
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>12/26-NO CrossTraining</b>
	CHURCH CLOSED
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>12/27</b>
	OFFICE SECRETARY OFF
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>12/28</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>12/29-Sack Lunch Distribution</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/30</b>
10:00 a.m.	One Combined Worship Service

### MDO Christmas Break, 12/20/07-1/2/2008

Any PRAYER concerns? Call Jan (498-8178) or Betty (553-1811)

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To bring people into a personal and dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ and to equip and mobilize them for ministry.

M&M's conclude December with finishing up mission projects. **SHOUT Kids** will celebrate Jesus' birthday with small group parties. **Critterland Classes** will focus on thanking God for the baby Jesus. **Babies Bible** hears how wise men came to visit baby Jesus.



*"So when you talk to God and vow to him that you will do something, don't delay in doing it..."*  
Ecclesiastes 5:4

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

Budget 12/16: \$10,901.61    Balance left on '07 Budget: \$99,959.98  
Attendance from 12/16: 364