

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MAPLE LEAF PARISH
DECEMBER 25, 2011
9:00 A.M.**

The asterisk () indicates those times in the worship when those who are able are invited to stand, if you choose to do so.*

PRELUDE

OPENING MUSIC by Cindy Seabright

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please pass the attendance registration pads. We ask all members, as well as our guests, to fill out the information.)

***CALL to WORSHIP**

L: The world was once in darkness.

P: Now we have God's Light, Jesus to shine on us.

L: The words and promises of God are all true!

P: God has given us the best gift of all!

L: Rejoice! God is with us!

P: Praise be to God! Amen.

*HYMN "Joy to the World" UMH 246

***OPENING PRAYER**

How beautiful is your messenger, O God, sent this Christmas day!

For bringing good news and the promise of peace,

we thank you, Redeemer God.

As we worship the Christ Child this day, may our voices burst forth

into song full of joy and hope.

Turn the words of our mouths into actions of peace and comfort

for a world in need of your joy and hope.

May our deeds open doors of salvation and grace to those around us,

that your good news and promised peace might become the way of this world.

In Christ's precious name, we pray. Amen.

CAROL SING

THE SCRIPTURE Hebrews 1:1-4

SPECIAL MUSIC Cindy Seabright

THE SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46

THE MESSAGE "The Gift Jesus Really Wants!"

*HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH 229

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

THE RECEIVING of our TITHES and OFFERING

Offertory Music

Presentation of our Offering

**Doxology (No. 95 UMH)*

**Prayer (Unison)*

Holy One, as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, we seek to honor you with these monetary gifts. We know that everything in this world is a gift from you, O God, so we humbly return a generous portion of these gifts to you. We pray that these gifts may help this church to change people's lives and to spread your message of salvation. In the name of the Babe lying in the manger, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "That Boy-Child of Mary" UMH 241

*THE BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

NOON Christmas Day Dinner at Faith Church!

Saturday, December 31st, 5:00 PM New Years Eve worship service at Faith (with Communion).

Next Sunday

8:30 A.M. Worship at Fountain UMC

9:00 A.M. Worship at Faith Church

10:00 A.M. Worship at Cherry Grove

5:00 P.M. Cowboy Church Service in Cherry Grove (Note change of time)

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY

*Joe Kunert from
Kirk & Betty
Cecil & Lyli
Jake & Rachel*

*Loren & Bernice Terbeest
& Arne & Millie Thompson from
Larry & Arlys Terbeest*

*Loved Ones from
Iola Thompson & Family*

*In memory of son Dennis from
Darrell & Vivian Drinkall*

*In memory of son Wes and our parents, Rev. John and Alice (Meyer)
Payne, Walter & Elizabeth (Betty) Blakeslee from
Sam & Gloria Blakeslee*

*In memory of Roland from
Marilyn & Family*

*In memory of parents William & Alice Kappauf and sister Terri Finke
From Ron & Norma Merkel & Family*

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2012 offering envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not see a packet with your name on it, please notify the church office and one will be prepared for you. Please throw the old envelopes as the numbers change each year.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions must be postmarked or received in the church office by December 31st to be included as 2011 tax deductions. Thank you.



Hebrews 1:2

*... in these last days
he has spoken to us by his Son,
whom he appointed heir of all things...*

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