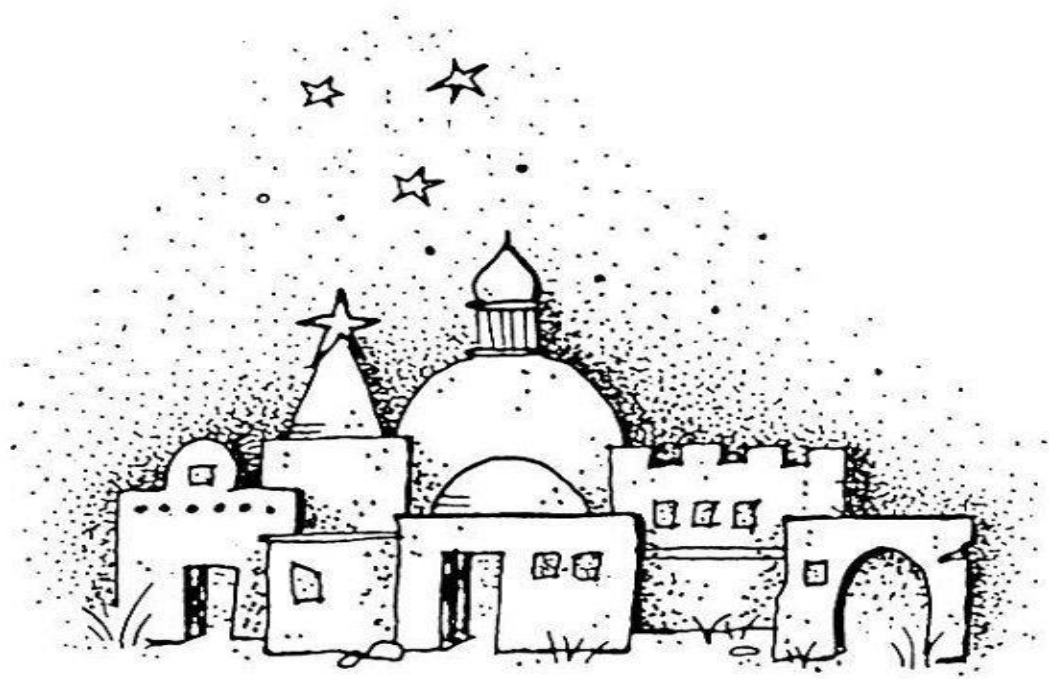


TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE WORDS OF CHRISTMAS



Bethlehem

But you O Bethlehem, Ephrathah...from you will come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel, from ancient days.

Micah 5:2

❖ December 3, 2017 ❖

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

for the glory of God * for the proclamation of the gospel * for the service of humanity

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

GATHERING AND GREETING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this time of worship! We invite you to record your presence on the pew pad found at the end of each pew. When all have registered, please return it so we may greet each other by name at the opening and close of the service.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

(Use this quiet time to prepare your heart for the worship of Almighty God.)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH —

9:00 – Bryan and Tami Fields, Katie & Kristen Fields

11:00 – Mike and Lisa Lee

Wreath Lighter: We light this candle as a symbol of expectant hope; Israel's hope for the Messiah and our Christian hope for his coming again in final victory. May the Light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the hope of our salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

*CONGREGATION SINGS TOGETHER:

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*OPENING PRAYER *(Please join us as we pray in unison)*

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the dangers that beset us through our sins; be our Redeemer and deliver us; you who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymnal #196

A TIME OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

SHARING THE CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

A TIME OF JOYFUL CELEBRATION AND GIVING

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH GOD'S YOUNGEST CHILDREN — DEDICATION OF CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

ANTHEM	<i>O Come Emmanuel</i>	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 2:1-12	pew Bible, pp. 835
PROCLAMATION	<i>THE WORDS OF CHRISTMAS: Bethlehem— House of Bread</i>	

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal p. 13

After the elements have been consecrated, you are invited to come to the altar and receive this sacrament of Jesus' grace, presence, and love. In this communion, we are reminded of Christ's sacrifice and the salvation He offers to all.

You don't have to be a member of this church or denomination to receive communion, as God welcomes to His table all who seek and desire to come and be fed by Him.

SENT FORTH, READY TO SERVE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem (omit v. 2)</i>	Hymnal #230
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		

**Please stand as you are able.*

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Worship & Sound Leader: Richard Dunn II

Financial Secretary: Joyce Sosnowski

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WELCOME TO TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! *Newborn to 5 yr olds* have class time in the Children's Education Wing, located down the left hallway behind the sanctuary. This ministry is available during Sunday School and both Worship Services, and provides lessons, Bible time & prayer.

SERVANT-MINISTERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

ACOLYTES: Abbey Stewart, Brandi Shaffer

SOUND: Pete Cox

OFFERING COUNTERS: Gaynell Faulk, Pete Stephens

CD DELIVERY: Carolyn Hall

HOSPITALITY/GREETERS: **9:00** Chris & Amy Ehrhardt, Steve Redmon, Gil Strader, Steve Swain

11:00 Janie Cockman, Jay Gordon, Chelsea Kiger, Betty Marley

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Carolyn Allred, Ed Barber, Katie Berrier, Edd Bigham, Diane Boit, Sarah Jane Bowers, Rosie Brien, Averi Burke, Gail Causey, Mary Claiborne, Sam Clapp, Carolyn Cox, Amy Cruthis, Red Dunlap, Carol Dyson, Brookie Eddinger, Lisa Faulkner, Milton Ferguson, Pat Ferrell, Lacy Fogleman, Sandra Greeson, Paige Hedrick, Don Helms, Susan & Matt Henney, Herb Jones, Anna Karavally, Susan King, Carrol Knight, Nathan Koonts, Linda Lambe, Carol McGuire, Edwin Mirise, Tressie Nelson, Rasheda Noel, Cookie Sheffield, Jewel Shephard, Richie Winquist, Ralph Worley, Buffy Youngs, Kelly Younts

ADDED TO PRAYER LIST THIS WEEK: Caitlin Little- health

There are also numerous unspoken and unnamed prayers we hold before the Lord as well.

MISSIONARIES: Gary Locklear (*Lumberton, NC*), Sandra Raasch (*Honduras*), Kenya Partners, Alger & Joyce Morris (*Cambodia*)

MILITARY: Luke Rebertus, Jason "Caesar" Wolff, Joel Woods, Conner Worthington

SHUT-INS: Irene Blake, Bob & Mary Claiborne (*Friend's Home West, #5102*), Bill Early (*Abbotswood, #B-315*), Nancy Fisher (*Abbotswood, #C-306*), Martha Love (*Brooksdale Northwest, #9*), Meralyn Meadows (*The Laurels, #E-201*), Vernon & Jean Penry (*Abbotswood, #A-216*), Julia Sosnowski (*Morningview*), Sandra Greeson (*Clapp's, #303-B*), Betty Varner (*Abbotswood, # C-124*), Frances Whitt

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS GIVEN THIS WEEK

In Loving Memory of **S.F. and Mary Lou Kiger**

By Charlie & Jenny Johnson for the Christian Life Center

Thank you to everyone at Tabernacle for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and food during and after my recent surgery. We are so blessed to have this church family in our lives and ask that you continue to pray for us during my healing.

~Kelly Younts & Family

