

SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Morning Worship: 10:00 am December 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY in ADVENT

Entering into Our Worship Together

PRELUDE
ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of Love, you created the universe and all that is in it.
You created all things and called them good.

**People: God of Love, You wove into life a beautiful diversity from
Your infinite palette of creativity. All the creatures that walk or
swim, crawl or fly sing praise to You!**

**All: We, God's people, affirm the creation of all things in love,
saying with the psalmist: " God's salvation is very close to those
who honor God so that God's glory can live in our land. Faithful
love and truth have met; righteousness and peace have kissed."**

(Psalm 85:9-10, CEB)

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Angels From the Realms of Glory" Hymnal #220

GREETINGS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Mathew Clarke Family

Congregational Response, singing:

**O, Come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh,
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Romans 8:35,37-39 Hymnal # 887

MORNING PRAYER

**Merciful God, You sent Your messengers the prophets to preach repentance
and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings
and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of
the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our
Redeemer; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, for
ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

ANTHEM "It's Christmas/Away In a Manger" Adult Choir

PSALTER READING Psalm 89:1-4, 19-37 Hymnal #807
(response 1)

Response and Offerings

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S TIME AT THE ALTAR

(Children's Church is offered for children ages 4-11 years old)
(Our nursery is available for children from birth to 3 years old)

Proclamation of God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1,3-5
Pew Bible, OT pg 779-780

*CENTERING HYMN "Love Came Down at Christmas" Hymnal # 242

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:1-7
Pew Bible, NT pg 79

SERMON "The Great Invasion !" Pastor Tom Murphy

*SENDING HYMN "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Hymnal # 218

*BENEDICTION

**People: Let us go forth from this place with eyes open to see, with ears
open to hear, with hearts open to embrace each one we meet.**

Leader: In the name of our God who is swift to mercy, relentless in
justice, and perfect in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE Our Acolytes lead us out as we go forth to serve.



Prayer Concerns

*(Prayer requests must be received in the office at 540-896-3970 or office@sunsetdriveumc.com by Thursday at 10am to be included. Names stay on for **two weeks.**)*

Our Church Family ...

Merteen Arbogast (Bev Thompson)
Jim Branner (Bev Thompson)
Brian Fidler (Bev Thompson)
Fred Olson (Bev Thompson)

Our Extended Family ...

Brad Arbogast (Bev Thompson)
Keith Mitchell (Crystal Mitchell)

Prayer for Our Military Family.....

Will Freds: U.S Army (son in law of CW and Peggy Grandle)
Mark Hadley: U.S Navy (son of George and Janet Hadley)
David Lee: U.S Army (grandson of Jane Garrett)
Mark Long: U.S Navy (son of Dawn Long)
Chris Mullenax: U.S Army Special Forces
Tim Slutman, U.S Army (close friend of the Almquist family)



Staff

Pastor: Tom Murphy
Secretary: Lisa Thacker
Custodian: Angie Coffman
Music Coordinator: Brenda Hoover
Youth Coordinator: Lacey Roberts



Greeters:

Sunday, December 10th : Ken and Phyllis Reeves
Sunday, December 17th : Steve and Judy Rhodes

December Usher

Zach Roberts

Pianist

Joan Shifflett

SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Over 129 years of serving God and the Community



"Seeking to live our faith, growing in our discipleship, and reaching out to others."

Transition Team will not meet on Sunday, December 10th, we will resume team meetings on the first Sunday of January.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, December 12th, from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.

Advent Study Series will continue on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. This will temporarily replace our regular Wednesday evening Bible Study. Our study, over four weeks, will be Max Lucado's **Because of Bethlehem**. We will consider a *remarkable Gift in an Unremarkable Package*. Do come and join with us for this exciting preparation study paving the way for our Christmas Celebration!

The **Adult Choir** will practice on Wednesday, December 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The **Adult Choir** will present the annual Cantata on Sunday, December 17th during the 10 am worship service. The Cantata is entitled "Come Let Us Adore" by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith. Please join us for this special, music filled service.

Administrative Council on Monday, December 18th has been **CANCELLED**. Our next meeting is Monday, January 15th at 7pm.

The information for the **January Newsletter** is due on Tuesday, December 19th.



Stewardship Report –December 3, 2017

Church School Last Sunday	20
Worship Last Sunday	140

Worship/Tithes	\$	3,508.85
Sunday School	\$	39.00
New Equipment	\$	50.00
Discretionary	\$	50.00
Repair Reserve	\$	10.00
Sound System	\$	15.00

Current financials are on the bulletin board for you to examine

Yearend Gifts to Sunset Drive United Methodist Church

Our 2017 Stewardship emphasis was the Joy of Generosity – experiencing the joy that comes from giving, serving, and growing in the Lord. If you wish to have an up-to-date Contribution Statement to compare to your Joy of Generosity goal, please contact Financial Secretary Beverly Thompson, 896-2643, and one will be provided quickly.

Your paper-based 2017 tax deductible financial gift to Sunset Drive must be received by Sunday, December 31 or postmarked no later than that date.

Your electronic 2017 tax deductible financial gift to Sunset Drive may be made on December 31, 2017 using the Donate button on SunsetDriveUMC.com.

If you have appreciated assets – stocks, bonds, mutual funds that have gained in value since purchase, you can make them a gift to Sunset Drive UMC and

- avoid all broker commissions / fees,
- avoid all capital gains taxes,
- take the full market value of the security as a 2017 tax donation (regardless of what you may have originally paid for it),
- possibly satisfy your 2017 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you are over age 70½, and
- benefit Sunset Drive UMC with the full market value of the security.

This is a win, win, win.

- Sunset Drive receives a donation larger than if you were to sell the assets and donate the proceeds after taxes.
- Your gift is larger than the cost you originally paid for the assets.
- You claim an itemized, charitable deduction on the full value of the asset which is a larger deduction than if you donated the proceeds after taxes from the sale.

The Virginia United Methodist Foundation can arrange the transfer from you to the Foundation where the assets will be sold immediately with the proceeds sent directly and confidentially to Sunset Drive UMC. If you have general questions, contact Dennis Turner, Finance Committee Chair at 540-896-0327. For detailed questions and further instructions, contact **Ted Soto**, Vice President – Investing and Stewardship Development, at the Virginia United Methodist Foundation at **804-521-1122** or tedsoto@vaumc.org.