

SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Morning Worship: 10:00 am December 16, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY in ADVENT
Entering into Our Worship Together

PRELUDE
ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT
GREETING

Let Us Be In An Attitude of Prayer

*HYMNS WE SING "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Hymnal #203

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Do you know what time it is?

People: Yes, it's now the moment for us to wake from sleep.

Leader: Absolutely, for salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers.

People: Indeed, the night is far gone, the day is near.

Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness.

People: Yes, let us put on the armor of light.

All: May it be so! Amen. (adapted: Romans 13:11-12)

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Amy, Beth, and Ashley Hoover

Congregational Response, singing:

**O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud
and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

MORNING PRAYER (Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

**In the advent seasons, when the past has fled, unasked, away and there is
nothing left to do but wait, God, shelter us. Be our surrounding darkness;
be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time. In uncertain times,
help us to greet the dawn and labor on, love on, in faith awaiting your
purpose hid in you waiting to be born in due time. 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Praise Band

LITANY OF GOD'S ADVENT

see bulletin insert

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

Erica Kann

(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

MORNING SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 21:5-38
pew Bible, pg 114-115

*CENTERING HYMN

"While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks"

Hymnal #236
(stanzas 1,2,6)

SERMON

"On the Road Again?"

Pastor Tom Murphy

Sending Forth

*SENDING HYMN

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

Hymnal #251

BENEDICTION

Leader: Tell the timid of heart.

People: The Lord our God will come!

Leader: Praise be to God!

All: Blessed be the Lord our God! Now and always!

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 ...

Penny Lohr (Lisa Thacker)

Merteen Arbogast (Bev Thompson)

Our Extended Family ...

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

Youth Coordinator: Lacey Roberts

Organist: Jaclyn Knight



Nursery Volunteers:

Sunday, December 16th : Joanna Thompson and Volunteer

Sunday, December 23rd: Sandy Cupp and Volunteer

Children's Church Leaders:

Sunday, December 16th : Erica Kann and Jenn Phillips

Sunday, December 23rd : Meghan Flora and Ashleigh Fulk

December Usher

Ronnie Dove

December Sound System

Dwayne Runion

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Over 130 years of serving God and the Community



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

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of cedars and pines,
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of mountains and rivers,
of winds and rains,
of moons and stars,
came to live among human beings.

All:

Stay awake, so you don't miss this marvelous entry.

Leader:

This is the One who comes
To dwell in glory in every land,
Whose mercy shines into the corners of life
To embrace with righteousness and love
Those who have been left out,
Those whose hearts have been broken,
Those who have been oppressed,
That their tears may blossom into joy
As they experience community, wholeness, and freedom.

All:

Stay awake, so you don't miss this marvelous indwelling of God.

Leader:

Now is the time when the Spirit enlivens
All who are seeking for God.
Deeds of justice, mercy, and love, small and large,
Will be called for and empowered,
Will be done and noticed,
And all creation, bit by bit and leap by leap,
Will know the embrace of One who is all Justice,
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