

EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST"

Rev. Jeff Glandon - Pastor



Third Sunday of Advent

"Christ's Coming Was a Joy for God"

December 11, 2016

LARGE PRINT

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion: First Sunday of Every Month

SERVING THIS MORNING

Head Usher(s): Jim Snoddy/Russ Bradshaw

Liturgist: Travis Overstreet

Organist: Eula Gowan Choir Director: Marilyn Williams



† Please Stand As You Are Able

P=People

L= Liturgist

GATHERING TOGETHER AND SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE

Bringing in the light, Prelude, Welcome, Passing of the Peace

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Sourcebook*

L: A hunger of the heart,
P: **A sound in the night;**
L: A baby's low cry,
P: **A new star so bright.**
L: The smell of pine,
P: **And Christmas Carols sung;**
L: Then and now,
P: **Something in the air!**
L: We hasten to be ready,
P: **For love and joy are there.**
L: A child in a manger,
ALL: **A gift from God who cares.**

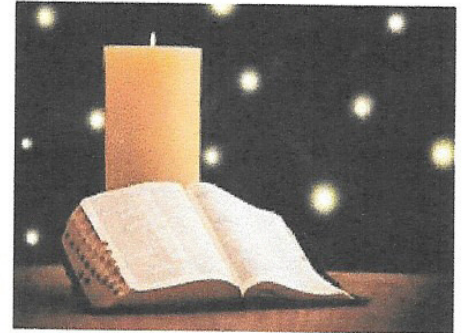
† **PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *Sourcebook*

ALL: Eternal God of heaven and earth, rivers and seas, forests and glen, mountains and valleys, but also God of city and village, freeways and highways, shopping malls and retail strips, time clocks and board meetings, classrooms and hospital rooms, tinsel and manger scenes. There is no place where You are not. You are here. Today. With us. Immanuel. Amen.

Lighting of the First, Second & Third Advent Candles (2 purple & 1 pink) Jim Snoddy

ALL: God, as we light these candles, we thank you for all the blessings in our lives. You have done great things for us. In You we find faith, hope and great *Joy*. We thank you especially for the gift of our family and the *Joy* we share. Amen.

† **Opening Hymn:** “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” #99 (R)



HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURES

OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament

Hebrew Scripture: *1 Chronicles 16: 28-33* pg. 376 OT
Epistle Reading: *Philippians 2: 1-8* pg 197 NT
Special Music: “*Let There Be Peace on Earth*” Carol Cox
Accompanied by: *Lois Johnson*

Special Reading: *Luke 2: 8-11* Pastor Glandon
Sermon: “*Christ's Coming Was A Joy For God*”

Hymn of Response: “*Joy to the World*” #313 (R)

PRESENTATION OF OUR PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Joys and Concerns of our Worshiping Family

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *debts and debtors*

Sung Prayer Response:

ALL: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, and Grant Us Thy Peace.
Amen.

† **UCC Affirmation of Faith:** “*A New Creed*” Back of Red Hymnal

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music

† DOXOLOGY

**ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all Creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: Giver of all life, thank you for the gift of life and for all gifts. Please take our offerings and our lives and use them in Your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Installation of Lay Leaders

Please See Insert

RESPONDING IN SERVICE

† Closing Hymn of Response: "Go Tell It On The Mountain" # 105 (R)

† BENEDICTION

**† Dismissal: Go now in peace, Never be afraid,
Go now in peace, In faith and in love.**

Postlude

Our Worship is Over, Now Our Service Begins....

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF LAY LEADERS

From UCC Book of Worship

P = Pres. of Council/ Russ Bradshaw

C = Congregation

LL = Lay Leader(s)

P: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted the call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve. Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with the responsibility for a particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God, in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

LL: **We are.**

P: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

LL: **We do, relying on God's grace.**

P: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able, please rise and witness to the commitment we now make.

C: **We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

The Congregation may be seated.

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, You have called these people to serve You in this household of faith and in the world, which You have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send Your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that Your church may prosper in the mission You place before it. May their examples prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of Your name.

ALL: **Amen.**

Please continue with the "Responding In Service" on page 3 in your Worship Bulletin.



Third Sunday
of Advent

WELCOME TO ALL THIS MORNING! Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the Joy of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, this Third Sunday of Advent! We're so glad you're here today.

The Peace of the Lord Be With You

Special Thanks to Carol Cox and her mother Lois Johnson for provided our special Christmas music this morning.

TODAY included in your bulletin is the special mission offering envelope, for the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund. **Please bring your envelope back next Sunday, Dec. 18,** when we will receive this very special mission offering. Please see bulletin insert for more information.

TODAY INSTALLATION OF LAY LEADERS God's Holy Hands have touched the hearts of these members to serve on our 2017 Council: Jim Snoddy, Ken Hirlinger, Barbara Holtzclaw, Gale Boller, Kurt Grathwohl and Paul Henry. We are so grateful that they have accepted the call to service.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is today! Please place your food items or monetary donations in the basket/box provided in back of the Sanctuary.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY The Last of 4 Bible Studies will be held this evening, **Dec. 11 at 6:00pm.** at the St. Matthews AME Church, 309 Spruce St. Pastor Nick Campbell from the Methodist Church will lead the Study, "Go, Tell It On The Mountain."

POINSETTIA TIME! You may begin bringing in your Poinsettia's this week. They can be brought to the Ed. Bldg. during business hours, Wed & Fri 10-noon and 1-5, or to the church. If you plan to have a florist deliver them, make sure they have them to the Ed. Bldg. 416 7th St, by **Friday, Dec. 23 at 5:00pm.** Please make sure your florist knows to ring the bell at the Ed. Bldg., so they can be let in.

YOGA - Tues & Thurs at 8:45am in the Lay Center.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE MTG Tues. Dec. 13 at 6pm at the home of Donovan Davis.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet this Wed. morning, Dec. 14 at 8am at the Main St. Diner.

CHOIR PRACTICE This Wed. Evening Dec. 14 at 5:15pm in the church.

BENEFIT CHILI SUPPER for Riley Equine Center. **Friday, Dec. 16, 5-8pm.** in the EUCC Ed. Bldg. Adults \$9.00, 12 & under \$5.00. Please see Roy Stevens for more information

God Be With You Till We Meet Again!

IN HIS SERVICE

Head Usher(s) for December

Russ Bradshaw/Jim Snoddy

December Council Rep

Jim Snoddy

Dec. 18

Liturgist - Betty Sieckmann

Advent Candle Lighter - Barbara Holtzclaw

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 18-24

Sunday, Dec. 18

9am - Adult Sunday School

Choir Singing

10:30am WORSHIP

3pm - Caroling Meet @

Presbyterian church, dinner @
Palace (dutch treat) afterwards

Monday, Dec. 19 - Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 20 - Office Closed

8:45am - Yoga

6:30pm - CHURCH COUNCIL
MTG.

Wed. Dec. 21 - Office Open

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

5:15pm - Choir Prac. ??

Thurs. Dec. 22 - Office Closed

8:45am - Yoga

Friday, Dec. 23 - Office Open

Saturday, Dec. 24

6pm - CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Please call Carolyn Koerner to start the Prayer Circle at 882-7967. Prayers to the prayer list may also be added by calling the Church Office at 882-5501.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jane Stevens, Neva Davis, Bud Overstreet, Robin Gerke, Mike Overstreet, George Chamberlain, Mindy Nave, Payten Houston, (Roy and Janice Cary's granddaughter) Kathi Reed, Cacky Neckermann and Ruth Zeller

Please let the church office know if these names are correct, and/or if any need to be updated or removed. Thanks

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

- * All those who may be struggling with illnesses, losses, financial difficulties, etc.
- * All those who are home or nursing home bound.
- * Those serving in the armed forces and their families.
- * For Raj, his family and their continued ministry.
- * The Earth, our leaders and everyone in our Country and throughout the world.

† LOVE AND PRAYERS to the family and friends of Nellie Schrader (95) called home to our Lord on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016, and also to Richard Nelson (Teresa) for the loss of his brother, Steven Mark Nelson (60) on Nov. 26, 2016. †
May the Lord Comfort all those who mourn in these days....

Birthdays & Anniversaries Dec. 11-17

Birthdays - Dec. 11 - Maxine Sieckman; Dec. 12 - Roy Stevens; Dec. 13 - Kim Brady, Adam Schnetzler & Anna Kudlacz; Dec. 16 - Pastor Jeff Glandon; Dec. 17 - Wanda Williamson & Nichole Brady;

Anniversaries: Dec. 14 - Jane & Roy Stevens; Dec. 16 - Don & Betty Farris; Dec. 17 - Danny & Bernita Bright

FOR THE RECORD

Dec. 4

\$ 1229.00

Attn: 33

THE 2016 CHRISTMAS FUND

During the season of Advent, the Pension Boards-United Church of Christ's Christmas Fund is inviting the wider church to envision the colors of this season as beyond red and green

The theme for the 2016 Christmas Fund Offering is **God's Love Colors Everything**. In the Spirit of love, I invite and encourage you to prayerfully consider and support this year's appeal, and to spread the word so that others will join in this essential ministry.

The Christmas Fund, one of the UCC's four special mission offerings, enables the Pension Boards to provide pension supplements, health premium subsidies, emergency assistance to active or retired clergy families, and Christmas gift checks to hundreds of retirees and to those who are disabled. Behind a 2016 theme of "God's Love Colors Everything," the ministry has a goal to raise \$1.7 million to help support these ministries of love and care, seeking to surpass the 2015 total of \$1.52 million in contributions to the offering.

"In the spirit of love, we invite and encourage everyone to prayerfully consider and support this year's appeal, and to spread the word so that others will also join in this vital ministry," said Brian R. Bodager, president and CEO of The Pension Boards—United Church of Christ. "On behalf of the hundreds of clergy and lay employees, and their families whose lives were touched by the support of last year's Christmas Fund Offering, we offer our sincere thanks for the generosity and for the love that colors everything in God's name!"

May you experience the life-giving light of Christ drawing ever nearer in your life.

Faithfully,
Brian R. Bodager
President/Chief Executive Officer
The Pension Boards - United Church of Christ, Inc.