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"SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST"

Rev. Jeff Glandon - Pastor



Third Sunday of Advent

Be Joyful, Always"

December 13, 2015

LARGE PRINT



WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion: First Sunday of Every Month

SERVING THIS MORNING

Head Usher(s):

Liturgist: Kurt Grathwohl

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



Gospel Reading: *John 1: 1-13*

NT pgs. 91 & 92

Hebrew Scripture: *Psalms 126*

OT pgs 572 - 573

Special Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5: 16-28*

Pastor Glandon

Sermon: “Be Joyful, Always”

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

VP = VPres. of Council/ Jim Snoddy

C = Congregation

LL = Lay Leader

VP: 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.**

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

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

VP: 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.

VP: 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! If you are visiting us this morning, please fill out one of our pew cards, and place it in the collection plate as it passes by. We're so glad you're here today.

The Peace of the Lord Be With You

WE NEED YOUR HELP! **WE NEED A HEAD USHER** for NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 20. Can you help? Please let the Church office know ASAP, if you can serve. Church 882-5501. Thank You!

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. 20**, when we will receive this very special mission offering. Please see bulletin insert for more information.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is today! Please place your food items in the basket/box provided in back of the Sanctuary. Please be reminded that if you are giving money, it should also be placed in the special box provided. **DO NOT** put it in the collection plate. They are currently serving approx. 240 households, or 580 individuals! What a great way to reach out and help those in our community!

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 office by next **Friday, Dec. 18 at 5:00pm.** Please make sure your florist knows to ring the bell at the Ed. Bldg., so they can be let in.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE This **Wed. Dec. 16.** Reminder to Council to have their minutes turned in, and any one else who would like to have an article posted in the Newsletter.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet this Tues evening, **Dec. 15 at 6:30pm** in the Lay Center. All newly Installed members should plan to attend.

CHOIR PRACTICE This Wed. Evening **Dec. 16 at 5:15pm** in the church.

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS DINNER Next **Sunday, Dec. 20.** We will have a carry in dinner after Church Services. We hope you'll plan to come, bring a dish to share and enjoy this special Fellowship time with your Church Family!

God Be With You Till We Meet Again!

IN HIS SERVICE

Head Usher(s) for December

Dec. 20

No One Scheduled

Dec. 24 - Brueckner Family

Dec. 27 - Jim & Sherry Snoddy

December Council Rep

Russ Brueckner

Dec. 20

Liturgist - Betty Sieckmann

Advent Reader - Ken Hirlinger

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 20-26

Sunday, Dec. 20

9am - Adult SSchool

10:30am WORSHIP

Choir Sings

Christmas Fellowship Carry-In

Dinner after Service

Mon. Dec. 21 - Office Closed

Tues. Dec. 22 - Office Open

8:45am - Yoga

11am - CCMH Devotional

Wed. Dec. 23 - Office Open

Thurs. Dec. 24

7pm Candlelight Communion

Christmas Eve Service

Friday. Dec. 25 - Office Closed

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

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

Merle Smith (Shirley Schneider's mother) Cacky Neckermann, Harper Coleman, Stacey Wooldridge, Diane Dilse, Monte Booker, Ruth Henry, Ruth Zeller and Anna Mae Sieckman. *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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries Dec. 13-19

Birthdays - Dec. 13 - Kim Brady, Adam Schnetzler & Anna Kudlacz; **Dec. 17** - Wanda Williamson & Nichole Brady; **Dec. 19** - Elizabeth Rodman

Anniversaries: Dec. 14 - Jane & Roy Stevens; **Dec. 16** - Don & Betty Farris; **Dec. 17** - Danny & Bernita Bright; **Dec. 19** - Larry & Betty Sieckmann

FOR THE RECORD

Dec. 6 \$ 1983.15 Attn: 44
Includes \$ 200. Gerding memorial \$161.15 Enervest

THE 2015 CHRISTMAS FUND

In this holy and joyous time of year, our thoughts turn to the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

The theme for the 2015 Christmas Fund Offering is **Love Shines Through**.

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.

For 113 years the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund - one of four Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ - has been a way in which we, as members of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor denominations, reflect the light of Jesus Christ in the lives of the many woman and men who have so faithfully and selflessly served, and who now find themselves facing unforeseen financial crises.

We are grateful for the generosity of UCC Churches and individuals who contributed a total of \$1,538,531 to the 2014 Offering. This enabled the Pension Boards' Ministerial Assistance program to provide, on behalf of the whole church, Pension Supplementation, Health Premium Supplementation, Emergency Grants and Christmas 'Thank You' Gift Checks to individuals and families in need. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this year's appeal to the best of your ability.

On behalf of the hundreds of clergy and lay employees and families whose lives were touched by your giving to the last Christmas Fund Offering, permit me to express profound gratitude for your generosity and compassion.

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.

*O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6.

Phillips Brooks, 1868

Lewis H. Redner, 1868

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, And gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is given!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
 Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
 Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

*Joy to the World

ANTIOCH C.M.

Ps. 98:5-9

Isaac Watts, 1719

Attr. to Georg F. Handel, 1742

Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns: Let men their
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her king; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

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 And won - ders of his love, And

sing, And heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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 won - ders of his love,

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Negro Spiritual

Adapted by John W. Work, 1901-1967

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN Irregular

Negro Melody

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

Fine

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night, Be -
 2. The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo! a - bove the earth Rang
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born, And

D.C.

held through-out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
 out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.