

EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST”

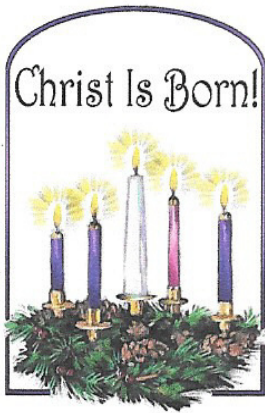
Rev. Jeff Glandon - Pastor



Christmas Eve Communion Service

December 24, 2017

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CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

10:30am

~SERVING~

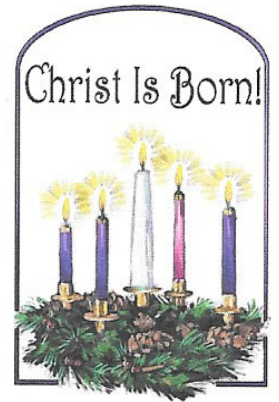
Head Ushers - The Bob Brueckner Family

Liturgist - Nancy Casanova

Organist - Eula Gowan ~

Choir Director - Marilyn Williams

Pastor - Rev. Jeff Glandon



† Please stand as you are able

P=People

L= Liturgist

Prelude: *Medley of Carols*

Bringing in the Light and Lighting of Altar Candles

ALL Advent candles and the Christ candle are lit

The Brueckner Family

Choir Song: *"Away in a Manger"*

Kirkpatrick and Murray

† CALL TO WORSHIP OUR PRAYER OF INVOCATION

L: Jesus, be born in our hearts. As we light these candles, we celebrate Your birth.

ALL: You are the light of the world, our HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE. You came into a world of darkness and sin to share your light with us.

L: We come to this nativity with HOPE in the same holy radiance that encompassed the Shepherds in their darkness.. The Messiah, the Lord, has been born in Bethlehem!

ALL: The lowly shepherds found the beloved child just as was told to them by the heavenly angel's, wrapped in pieces of fabric and lying in a manger. We Share in the PEACEful presence of Christ our Savior!

L: The shepherds were witnesses to the Lord. We too, rejoice in the JOY of God's love manifested in the Christ child. The humble Christ child was revealed to the least likely of the world, resting his head in the lowliest of places; a feeding trough.

ALL: Christ's birth was a sign of extravagant LOVE from the God who is greater than all creation. It is a declaration of divine grace to be shared with all people. Glory and honor be to the newborn Christ!

L: Christ is born! The messiah has come into the world! May we proclaim to the world and share the light that we have received in Christ.

ALL: Today, we glorify the gift of true light and abundant life that Christ brings to the world. Come to us this moment and open our hearts so we may hear the familiar story new and fresh. Surprise us and remind us that the child in the manger is Immanuel....

Thanks Be To God!

Opening Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

OT - Old Testament

NT - New Testament

Reading of the Holy Gospel: *Luke 2: 1-20*

pg. 59 NT

Special Scripture Reading: *Matthew 1: 18-25*

Pastor Jeff

Christmas Message: "Our Love on Christmas Morning"

Pastor Jeff

Choir Song: "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

Pace and Boyce

RESPONDING WITH OUR PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns of our Worshiping Family

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Debts & 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.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Offering 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: Loving Father, you gave us the Christmas gift, the gift of Jesus, the gift who keeps giving. Please accept our gifts this Christmas; the gifts of our time, talents, money, resources and most of all, Your Love. Use these gifts and use us in furthering Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, with peace on earth and good will to all.....

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Call to confession

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of blessings and Love, when the time was right You sent Your Son to the world. Teach us the art of patience and give us an understanding of Your wisdom. Help us to be more attentive, O God, to Your presence: in a guiding star, in the angels' song, in the small body of your newborn Son, but also in the face of a lonely old women or the sprawling shape of a homeless man., for they may be bearing a Christmas message to us -- from You. We pray in the name of the Holy Child who grew up to care and would have us care. Amen.

Time of Silent reflection before God.

Assurance of God's Grace

Glory Be To the Father "*Gloria Patri*"

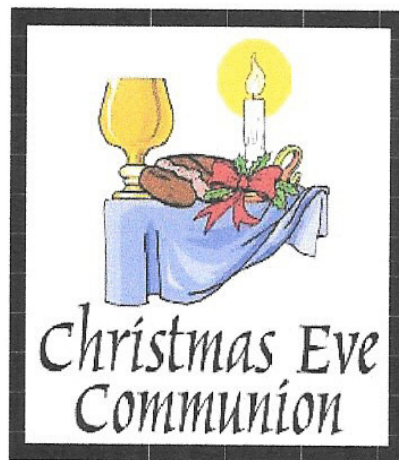
ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Sharing Christ through Bread and Wine/Grape Juice:
The Inner Circle is Grape Juice, the Outer Circle is Wine.

Communion will be served to each row. If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are invited to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

PLEASE HOLD YOUR BREAD AND WINE, so that after it is distributed, we may all partake of the Sacraments together. You may place your communion cup in the container in the front of your pew, after we have received communion.



† Closing Hymn: "*The First Nowell*"

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† Benediction

Pastor Jeff

† Dismissal: *Go Now in Peace, Never Be Afraid, Go Now in Peace, in Faith and in Love.*

Postlude: *Medley of Carols*

Have a Very Happy and Blessed Christmas!



WELCOME TO ALL THIS MORNING! Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the Peace of the coming of our one true savior, Jesus Christ, this Christmas Eve. We're so glad you're here today.

The Peace of the Lord Be With You All.

POINSETTIA TIME! Special thanks to those who brought Poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. **Betty Clark & family in memory of loved ones. Bud & Wanda Williamson and Neva Davis in memory of loved ones, and Marilyn & Don Williams and Nancy & Dick Casanova in memory of Raymond and Edith Knabe,** and to everyone else who brought flowers, who's names were not provided to the office. Special thanks to Jane Rodman for the Poinsettias that decorate our Educational Bldg. We are grateful to you all for making our Sanctuary and Ed. Bldg beautiful for the Holiday Season.

YOGA - Tues & Thurs at 8:30am in the Lay Center.

CCMH DEVOTIONAL Dec. 26 at 11am. with Eula Gowan and Carolyn Koerner

UPPER ROOMS for Jan & Feb are now available on the table in back of the Sanctuary. Please help yourself. Large Prints are available.

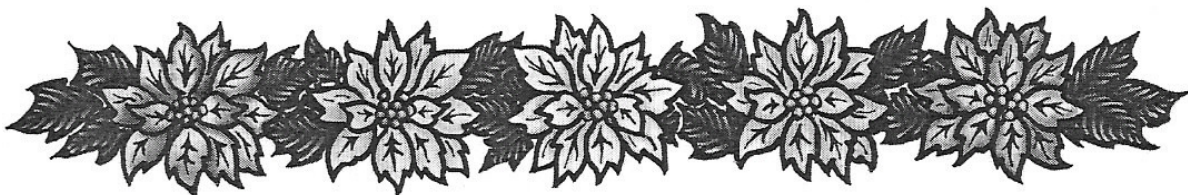
CHURCH BUDGET ENVELOPES are also now available for the 2018 year. Please help yourself.

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY This Friday, Dec. 29 at 10:00am.

OPEN HOUSE Donavan Davis who purchased our Parsonage several years ago, would like to invite everyone to come and see all the improvements she has made.

Next Sunday Dec. 31 after our 10:30am service. Brunch will be served.

DIRECTORY UPDATES: Please be reminded to let the office know of any changes in your address, phone numbers, divorces, marriages, etc. as we begin to update our Directory for 2018.



**IN HIS SERVICE FOR
DECEMBER**

Head Ushers for December

Donavan Davis &

Bonnie Baugh

December Council Rep

Barb Holtzclaw

Liturgists for December

Dec. 31 - Russ Bradshaw



LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 31 - Jan. 6

Sunday, Dec. 31

10:30am - WORSHIP

**approx 11:30 Donavan's Open House
w/ Brunch**

Monday, January 1 - Office Closed

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Tuesday, Jan. 2 - Office Closed

8:30am - Yoga

Wed. Jan. 3 - Office OPEN

Thurs. Jan. 4 - Office Closed

8:30am - Yoga

Friday, Jan. 5 - Office OPEN

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

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

Thanks

Linda Leach, Jim Friedrich, Karen Reagan, Warren "Bud" Smith (Jennifer's Uncle) Patty Oerly, Sue Roweton, Vince Moehle, Mike Overstreet, George Chamberlain and Kathi Reed. and Warren Morse.

Mrs. Marilyn Morse was called home to our Lord on Dec. 22, 2017. The family will have a private burial on Tues. Dec. 26 at Walnut Grove Cemetery. A memorial service for friends to celebrate Marilyn's life will be held at Howard's Funeral Home, on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017. Visitation will be from 10:30am - 11:00am, with the memorial service to follow.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES Dec. 24-31

Birthdays:

Dec. 25 - Theo Snoddy & Justin Breshears

Dec. 27 - Logan Ashpaugh

Dec. 31 - Frank Griesbach, Kathryn Rodman,
Betty Shemwell & Ella Hagen

Anniversaries: None

FOR THE RECORD

Dec. 17 **\$933.00** **Attn: 33**
\$75. Christmas Fund **\$325. Church & Ed. Bldg. Rental**