

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday in Advent

Silent Meditation: “At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God’s own love and concern.”

- Mother Teresa

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Hymn “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” No. 277

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: Let us gather together and give praise, for God’s Word has come.

People: The Word of the Lord was sent that we might all know of God’s love.

Leader: Yet the world would not hear and it turned away from the Word.

People: But we have heard the Word and its truth has touched our hearts.

Leader: Then let our hearts proclaim the Word for all the world to hear!

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (“Debts”)

*Gloria Patri No. 813

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. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading Luke 1:28-30; 38; 41 N. T. Pg. 49 Matthew 1:19-22; 24 N. T. Pg. 1

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Children’s Chat

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*The Doxology No. 815
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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Inspiration “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” No. 271

Congregational Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation and Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Choir “Holy Night of Miracles: A Cantata of Hope for Christmas”

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*Benediction

*Response “Threefold Amen”

*Postlude

*The congregation is invited to stand.

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WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

If you know of someone who is seriously ill or hospitalized,
please call the church office at 949-1134.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH
DECEMBER 17, 2017**

Sunday, December 17 9:00 a.m. Adult Class 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Bible R.E.A.D. 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 12:45 p.m. Village
Monday, December 18 7:00 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m. Quilting
Tuesday, December 19 10:30 a.m. Village 11:30 a.m. Lunch with Friends
Wednesday, December 20 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Lower Vestry 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
Thursday, December 21 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Free at Last
Friday, December 22 9:00-2:00 p.m. Thrift Shop 10:30 a.m. Brookdale
Saturday, December 23 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop

NEXT WEEK AT GBC: Fourth Sunday in Advent at 10:00 a.m. Service
Scriptures:
Christmas Candlelight Service at 5:00 p.m.

REMINDER – Please refrain from bringing anything liquid into the Sanctuary other than bottled water and baby formula. Please silence cell phones prior to the beginning of the worship service.

SHARE THE LOVE – Bears are joining us in the pews as we worship and are waiting to be carried to someone who needs a hug. Visiting children are welcome to take one, and anyone else can take one to bring to someone who needs a prayer and a hug.

SOUPS ON! Are you going to visit a shut-in? Do you know someone who is ill? Please take one of our soups from the freezer when you go on a visit. Some soups are available in the lower vestry freezer and more are upstairs in the big freezer. Help yourself.

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS – The Christmas celebration will be at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19th. We always have a good time as we feast on a delicious ham dinner, and don't forget the chocolate fountain!! Hope you can make it. We always enjoy celebrating the holidays with friends.

I wish to give a poinsettia(s) to decorate our church sanctuary for Christmas. Plants need to be delivered to the church office by Friday, December 23rd.

If you wish, the Flower Committee will order a plant for you at a special discount price:

_____ 6" \$13.00 _____ 7" \$20.00 _____ 8" \$25.00

_____ please order a plant for me.

_____ I will purchase a plant and deliver it on Friday, December 22nd. (By 10 a.m.)

PLEASE HAVE THE PLANTS WRAPPED IN GREEN.

Plant(s) presented in loving memory of:

Given by:

Please leave the poinsettia(s) in church until after the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

I would like:

_____ to pick up the poinsettia(s) after the service on Christmas Eve.

_____ to have the plant(s) given to a shut-in.

You may give this form to Paula Davis, (Flower Committee) or mail it to the office.

All orders must be in on or before December 17th.

Flower information must be received in the Office no later than December 17th if it is to be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

