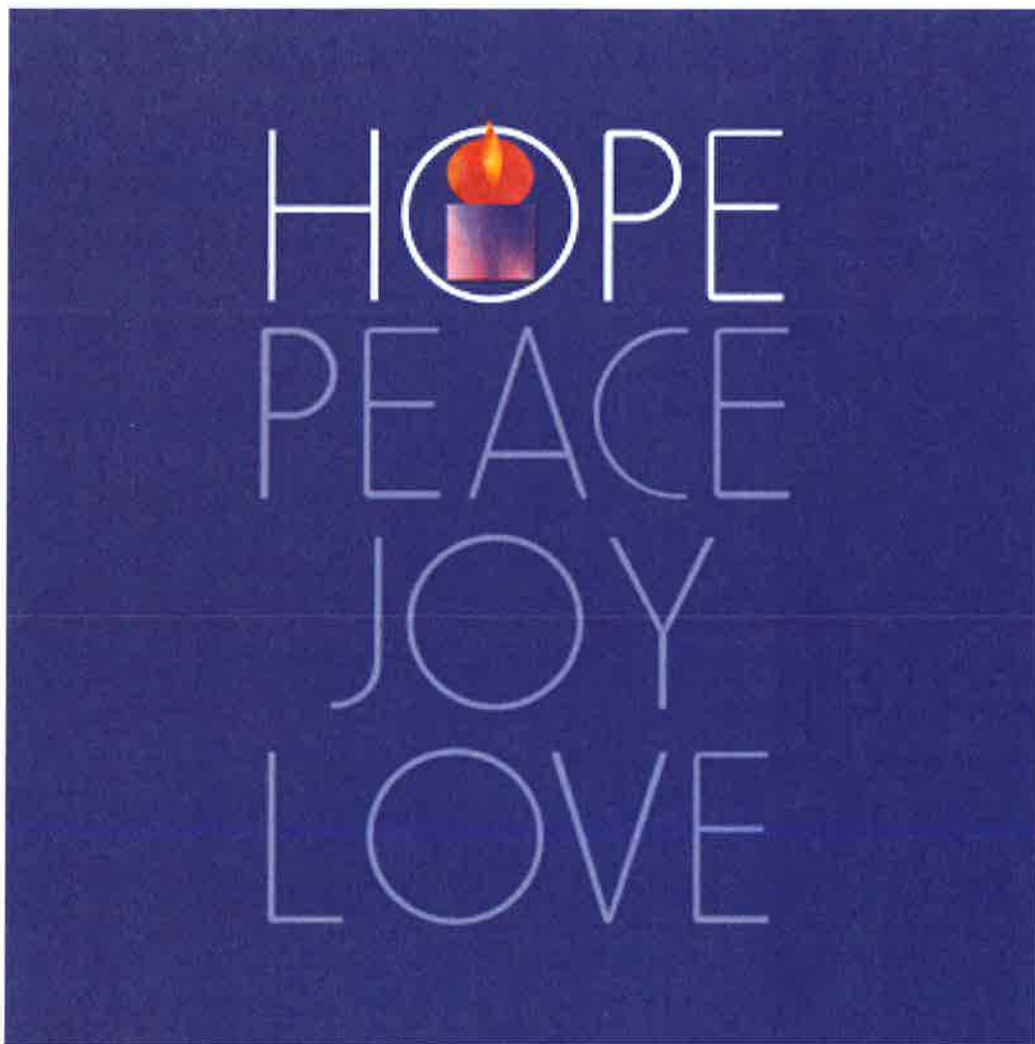


Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church



December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

The Order of Worship of God

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December 3, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.



Prelude "Advent Prelude" Chauvet

* Call to Praise "Angels We Have Heard on High" Refrain UMH 238

* Call to Worship

Let the Heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice before the God of all peoples,

For God comes in power to judge the earth.

Let us open our hearts in worship and trust, and offer our lives in willing service,

For God shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with truth.

* Processional Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH 211, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6

Blessing of the Chrismon Tree

One Minute Message

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again.

Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Unison Prayer

Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.

Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrew Bible Reading Isaiah 64: 1-9 Kim Matthews

Lighting of the Advent Candle Hope

Congregational Response:

“One Candle is Lit”

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.

Hymn of Preparation

All Earth is Waiting

UMH 210

Sermon

"Tear Open the Heavens and Come Down!"

Rev. Terry Deane

Invitation

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, Light of the world, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the Advent of Jesus our Christ; you continually open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Anthem

“I Hear the Prophet Callin”
Hulse Budd Soloist

Chopin

Reaffirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

Our tithes and offerings

Offertory

“Variations on ‘Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus’”

Cassler

*Doxology

Doxology for Advent

Tune: Antioch

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above, ye heav'nly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

*Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

*Benediction

*Response

"Spirit-Child Jesus"

Spirit-child Jesus, in joyful refrain,
Echoing songs over Bethlehem's plain,
What will we do when the carols all fade?
"Take up my song: Glory! Be not afraid!"

* Postlude

Wake, Awake, for the Night is Flying"

Today's Service

Lector: Kim Matthews

Usher Coordinator: Jim Daniel, Jr.

Head Ushers: Lee Oxley, Frank Hanshaw

Ushers: Marv Jones, Bill Kosto, Selby Litton, Scott & Jean Ramsey,
Alan Simmons, Tom Thompson, Charles & Gale Williams

Media: Andy Turnbull, Betsy Horton, Jennifer Gerst, Fred Herr

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Nat Turner-Lacy, Nathaniel and Lilly Lacy
by Dorothy Turner-Lacy

Call to Worship and Morning Prayer: "Bread for the Journey", edited by Ruth C. Duck

White Carnation: In memory of Chin Choi and **Red Rose:** In Honor of Oliver Finn Nixon
born November 16, David and Peggy Deskins are the proud grandparents

Welcome!

Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Ministries Congregation that seeks to be welcoming and affirming to all people. We are **excited** to have you worshiping with us today and love that you have chosen to be a part of the Johnson Memorial family, if only for today.

Our Vision

The vision of Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church is to be a covenant community, transformed by God's grace to share the love of Christ with the world.

Our Mission

The Mission of Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church is to bring others to Christ, embrace them with love, nurture everyone in faith, worship God joyfully, and reach out in service to the world.

Our Gifts and Presence

Sunday November 27, 2017
Attendance and Finances

Sunday School - 35	26.25
Worship Service - 105	10,740.00
Bible Study Books	24.00
"It's Time" Dinners	26.00
Total:	\$ 10,816.25

Our Prayers

The family of Betsy White Ratcliff
The family of Al Zabel
Jane Kincaid
Gil Ratcliff
The family of Butch Clark

The Family of Chin Choi
Sara Staats

Weekly Activities for December 3, 2017

Sunday December 3

9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship
2 to 5 pm - Family Christmas

Monday December 4

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday December 5

12:15 pm Chair Yoga

Wednesday December 6

7:00 AM Andrews Brothers
5:00 pm "It's Time"
"It's Time" activities
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

Thursday December 7

12:15 pm Chair Yoga
6:00 pm Common Grounds



Family Christmas Extravaganza

Sunday December 3 2 - 5 pm

FREE activities for all ages, including cookie baking and decorating, ornament making, painting, carol singing, telling of the Christmas story, a photo booth, and of course, Christmas snacks and treats for everyone! Be sure to invite friends & family to join us for this kickoff to Christmas!

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Holiday schedule of events to enjoy

December 3rd from 2 - 5 pm Family Christmas Extravaganza

December 6, 13, 20 "It's Time" Dinner and Activities

**December 15, 16, 29 & 30 at 6 pm "It's A Wonderful Life" Radio Show
 Dinner and Show (\$20, reservations required)**

December 17th at 4 pm Lessons & Carols Concert

December 18th at 7:30 pm Renaissance Choir Concert

December 24th at 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Celebration

See Christmas in Huntington on Facebook or call 304-525-8116



Christmas Poinsettias

We want to honor/remember your loved ones during this Christmas season with poinsettias around the altar as we have always done. The cost of each pot of red poinsettias will be \$10.00. Or as an alternative, please consider donating a monetary gift in honor or in remembrance of your loved one. The money will be used to support the Backpack Ministry and the Jim Ray Fund. There will be a listing of ALL remembrances in booklet form as we have done in the past. Please call Beth McVey at 304-525-8116/ ext. 2 or email her at johnsonmumc@gmail.com to place your order or inform us of your monetary gift and the person/persons you would like to honor or remember. If you do not wish to call/email, please complete the following information and place it in the offering plate. All orders must be received before December 17th.

In Honor or in Memory (circle one) of: _____

Given by: _____

Number of Poinsettias (\$10.00 each) _____

Monetary Gift of _____ (circle one) Backpack Ministry or Jim Ray Fund



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