

# **Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church**



**December 10, 2017  
Second Sunday of Advent**

# The Order of Worship of God

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



Prelude	“Fantasy on ‘O Come, O Come Emmanuel’”	Clarke
* Call to Praise	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	Refrain UMH 238
* Call to Worship		
	Days are getting darker	
	<b>Who will come to give us light?</b>	
	The voice of the prophet cries in the wilderness of our lives!	
	<b>Is this the prophet the one who brings the light?</b>	
	This prophet brings witness to the light which is come for all people.	
	<b>Praise be to God who has heard our cries. AMEN.</b>	
* Processional Hymn	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	UMH 196
*Opening Prayer: Unison		
	Lord of Darkness and of Light, come to us this day in the midst of our growing darkness bringing the light of hope to our lives. Keep our hearts and minds alert to your presence. Give peace to our stressed spirits. In this season of Advent prepare us to greet the One who will lift our burdens and change our lives forever. AMEN.	
One Minute Message		Rev Ella Dorsey
Lighting of the Advent Candles		
Advent Wreath Response	“One Candle Is Lit”	
	<i>Come, wander where the lion and lamb gently play, where evil is banished and faith takes the day, a babe in a manger to fool the world’s eyes. One candle is lit for God’s loving surprise</i>	
Anthem	“People Look East”	Traditional, arr. Courtney
Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 40: 1-8	Rev Jeff Taylor
Call to Prayer	“Away in a Manger”	UMH 217, v 3
Prayer of the People		Rev Ella Dorsey
Lords Prayer		
Prayer Response	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”	UMH 204

Our tithes and offering

\* Offertory "Savior of the Nations Come" Sobaje

\*Doxology Doxology for Advent *Tune: Antioch*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, the source of all our gifts, praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts.

Praise God, whose blessings flow, praise God, whose blessings flow.

Praise God, praise God, whose blessings flow. Amen.

\*Hymn "Love came down at Christmas" UMH 242

Scripture Lesson Mark 1: 1-8 Rev Alan Williams

Sermon "Prepare the Way" Rev Alan Williams

Sermon Response

It gets darker much earlier. I don't like this deep, foreboding darkness.

**The Light is coming.**

I keep looking down, trying not to stumble and fall

**The Light is coming**

I don't know what to expect. I am pressured on all sides to be here or there  
and to do this or that. I have no time, no peace, no hope.

**The Light is coming. Look up! Do not be afraid.**

But if I look up, I might stumble. I don't know what's ahead for me.

**The Light is coming. Do not be afraid.**

Lord, where is the light?

**It is here, on your path, so that you won't stumble. It is here**

**in your heart, so that you will not fear. It is here, in your soul, to give you Hope.**

Lord, help me to see and feel the presence of your light.

**Dear One, the Light is given to you and to all the World.**

**Trust in the Light. Wait, Watch, it is here.**

Hymn "Let all Mortal Flesh Keep silent" UMH 626, vv 1-3

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 "Trumpet Tune on 'Sleepers Wake'" Sobaje

## Today's Service

**Lector:** Rev Jeff Taylor

**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

**One Minute Message and morning prayer:** Rev Ella Dorsey

**Advent Readings:** Bruce and Gil Ratcliff

## 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.

## The Altar Flowers

The flowers on the Altar are given by the Sanctuary and Bell Choirs to honor Becky Sturm, as she leaves for a position as Choir Director and Organist at Beverly Hills UMC. We thank her for her many years of service to this congregation. We shall miss her, and we wish her well in her new position.

## Our Gifts and Presence

Sunday December 3, 2017  
Attendance and Finances

Sunday School - 43	\$39.00
Worship Service - 95	7,981.00
Prepaid Pledge	1,000.00
Backpacks	300.00
Common Grounds	250.00
Music Scholarship	75.00
Bible Study Books	18.00
Memory of Betsy Ratcliff	25.00
"It's Time" Dinners	83.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,771.00</b>

## 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 10, 2017

### **Sunday December 10**

9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship  
11:30 Alternate Gift Fair

### **Monday December 11**

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

### **Tuesday December 12**

12:15 PM Chair Yoga

### **Wednesday December 13**

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

### **Thursday December 14**

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

## Holiday Special Events

December 13, "It's Time" Dinner and activities  
December 15 & 16 "It's a Wonderful Life" Dinner Theatre  
December 17 Lessons and Carols  
December 20 "It's Time" Dinner and Activities  
December 21 Young at Heart Luncheon with "Beth & Bruce"  
December 24 Christmas Eve Service at 4 pm  
December 29 & 30 "It's a Wonderful Life Dinner Theatre



### 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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup>.

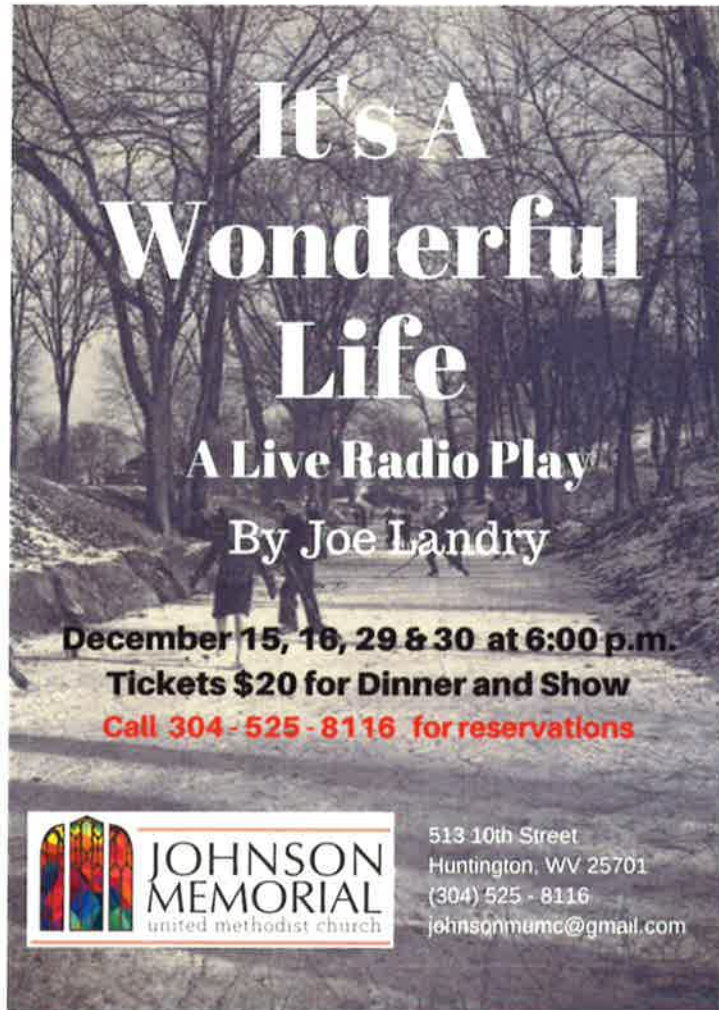
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In Honor or in Memory (circle one) of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_


Number of Poinsettias (\$10.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

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



**It's A  
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A Live Radio Play  
By Joe Landry

**December 15, 18, 29 & 30 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Tickets \$20 for Dinner and Show**  
**Call 304-525-8116 for reservations**

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Please make reservations by calling the office @ 304-525-8116 or emailing at [johnsonmumc@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonmumc@gmail.com), or fill this out, tear it off, and put it in the collection plate. We hope you will join us and bring your friend to one of the shows! Proceeds go to help fund our Music Scholarship Programs.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Music at Johnson Memorial presents  
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**Festival of  
Nine Lessons and  
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Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church,  
Marshall University Brass Quintet,  
Marshall University String Quartet,  
*and the*  
St. Joseph's School Children's Choir  
*Bruce Rous, conducting*

Join us  
**Sunday, December 17, 4:00 p.m.**  
*A free-will offering will be received*

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Call 304-525-8116 for more information



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