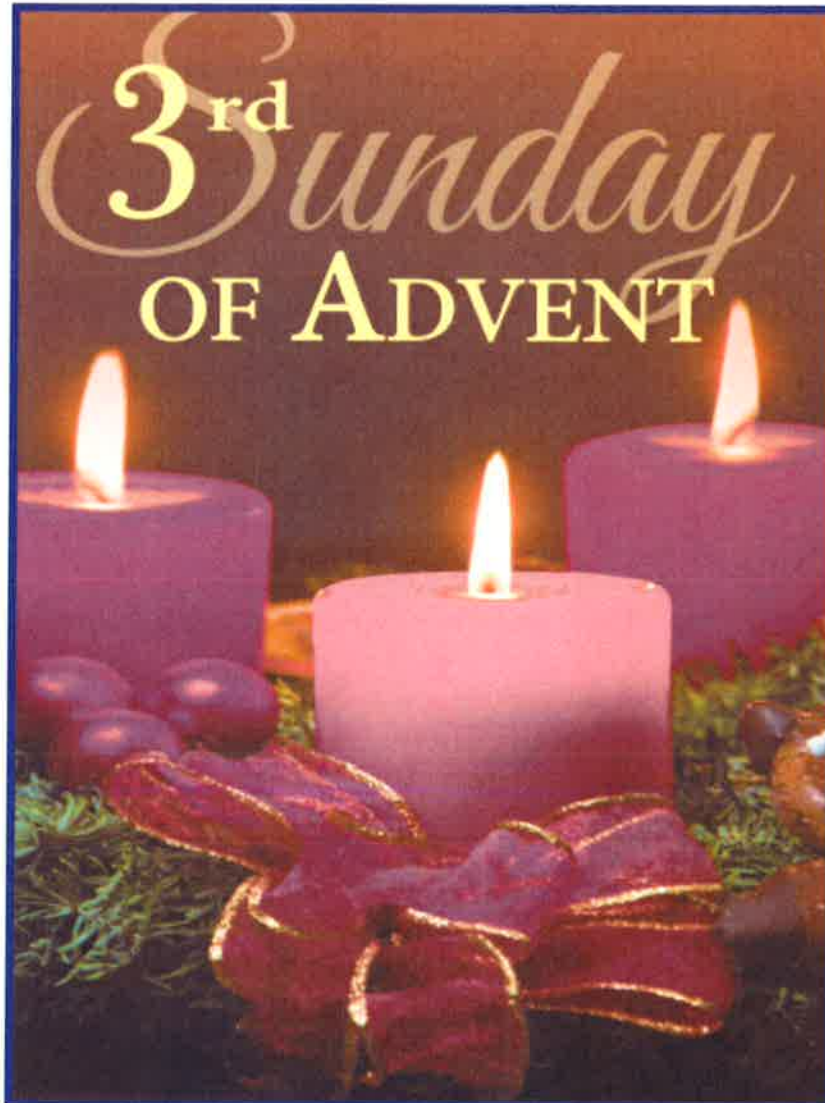


# **Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church**



**December 17, 2017  
Third Sunday of Advent**

# The Order of Worship of God

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.



Prelude	"The Holly and the Ivy" <i>Sanctuary Ringers</i>	Traditional, arr. Page
* Call to Praise	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	UMH 238, Refrain
* Call to Worship	Praise be to God! <b>Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.</b> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. <b>Blessed be the name of the Lord.</b>	
* Processional Hymn	"People Look East"	UMH 202
*Opening Prayer: Unison	Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen	
Gospel Lesson	John 1: 6-8	Jean Simmons
Lighting of the Advent Candles	"Joy"	
Advent Wreath Response	"One Candle Is Lit" Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth, Join angels in dancing from heaven to earth. Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise. One candle is lit for the joy of these days.	
One Minute Message		
Anthem	"His Light In Us"	Arnesen
Hebrew Bible	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11	Jean Simmons
* Hymn of Preparation	"Blessed Be the God of Israel"	UMH 209
* Gospel	John 1: 19-28	Rev. Terry Deane
Sermon	"Testify to the Light"	Rev Terry Deane

## Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

UMH 204

## Special Recognitions

## Our Tithes and Offering

\* Offertory

“Zither Carol”

Czech Folk Tune

\* 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.

\*Prayer

\* Hymn

“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”

UMH 203, 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

“God Rest You Merry”

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## Today's Service

**Lector:** Jean Simmons

**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 William Iris and Geneva Carroll by daughter and  
her husband, Ruth and Gary Gilbert

**Advent Readers:** Anne and Tom Dobbins

## *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.

## Holiday Special Events

December 17, 4 PM - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 20 - "It's Time" Dinner and Activities

December 21, Noon - Young at Heart Luncheon with Beth & Bruce

December 24, 4PM - Christmas Eve Service

December 29 & 30, 6 PM - "It's a Wonderful Life" Dinner Theatre

## Our Gifts and Presence

Sunday December 10, 2017  
Attendance and Finances

Sunday School - 50	28.75
Worship Service - 118	12,619.00
Holleron Scholarship	2,000.00
Alternative Gifts	1,505.00
Memory of Betsy Ratcliff	450.00
"It's Time" Dinners	50.00
Back packs	35.00
Music Scholarship	20.00
Poinsettias	40.00
Food Bank	20.00
Christmas	100.00
Total:	\$16,867.75

## 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 17**

9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship  
4:00 PM Lessons and Carols Service

### **Monday December 18**

7:00 PM Boy Scouts  
7:30 PM Renaissance Chorus  
Concert, Reception to follow in  
Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday December 19**

12:15 Chair Yoga

### **Wednesday December 20**

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

### **Thursday December 21**

12:00 PM Young at Heart Lunch  
6:00 PM Common Grounds  
Cross Roads to cook and serve

**Music at Johnson Memorial presents  
the Ninth Annual**

# **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

*featuring the*  
**Sanctuary and Bell Choirs of  
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*

**Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church**

*Corner of Fifth Avenue and Tenth Street*

*Downtown Huntington*

*Call 304-525-8116 for more information*



# It's A Wonderful Life

**A Live Radio Play**  
By Joe Landry

**December 15, 16, 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 friends to one of the shows! Proceeds go to help fund our Music Scholarship Program.



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

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

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



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