

Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church



**December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

The Order of Worship of God

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December 24, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.



Prelude "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Held
* Call to Praise "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH 238, Refrain

* Call to Worship

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.**

* Processional Hymn "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" Tune: *HYFRYDOL*

God Almighty, we are waiting for a savior to appear.
Meet us in our desert journey; give a sign that you are near:
burning bushes, parted waters, food aplenty in the wild.
As we look for signs and wonders, help us see you in a child.

God Incarnate, we are waiting for the feast day of your birth.
Looking back and looking forward to the Christ's return to earth.
Help us to proclaim the gospel, 'til the world is reconciled.
Let us set your holy table for each woman, man, and child.

God, the Spirit, we are waiting for your presence here and now.
Humbled by our sinful weakness, at your mercy we will bow.
Search our hearts and make us ready, speak in language strong and mild,
help each one of us, your people, to receive you like a child.

Epistle Lesson Titus 2: 11-14 Josh Matthews

Lighting of the Advent Candles "Peace" Pam and Chuck Gruber

Advent Wreath Response "One Candle Is Lit"

Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease,
One candle is lit for the reign of GOD'S peace.

One Minute Message

Canticle of Mary

UMH 199

Mission Moment

Bishop Sandra Steiner-Ball

Anthem

“Every Valley”

Beck

* Gospel

Luke : 1 26-38

Rev Terry Deane

Prayer : Unison

Almighty God, you inspired the virgin Mary, mother of your Son, to visit Elizabeth and assist her in her need. Keep us open to the working of your Spirit, and with Mary may we praise you for ever. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Sermon

“Impossible!”

Rev Terry Deane

Call to Prayer

“Away in a Manger

UMH 217 v. 3

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Response

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

UMH 204

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

* Offertory

“Gloria”

Giamanco

* 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

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

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

“To Shepherds as They Watched by Night”

Lebeque

Today's Service

Lector: Josh 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 Charles and Frances Herr by
Melanie and Fred Herr

Advent Readers: Pam and Chuck Gruber

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 24, 3:30 PM Communion in the Chapel

December 24, 4PM - Christmas Eve Service

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

Our Gifts and Presence

Sunday December 17, 2017
Attendance and Finances

Sunday School - 41	58.00
Worship Service - 135	6,531.00
Lessons and Carols - 197	509.71
Furnishings	1,850.00
Prepaid Pledges	6,019.59
Chapel Piano	450.00
Alternative Gifts Fair	400.00
Memory of Betsy Ratcliff	25.00
Jim Ray Fund	30.00
Christmas alternative	30.00
"It's Time" Dinners	155.00
Back packs	350.00
Music Scholarship Fund	890.00
Music Scholarship Endowment	110.00
Love Offering	100.00
Christmas	100.00
Total:	\$17,608.30

Our Prayers

The family of Betsy White Ratcliff

Jane Kincaid

Gil Ratcliff

Dr. Bruce Ratcliff

Sara Staats

Weekly Activities for December 24, 2017

Sunday December 24

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Worship

3:30 PM Communion in Chapel

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

Monday December 25

Christmas day

Office closed

Merry Christmas

Tuesday December 26

Office closed

Wednesday December 27

7:00 AM Andrews Brothers

Thursday December 28

6:00 PM Common Grounds

UMM will serve

Friday December 29

6:00 PM "It's a Wonderful Life"

Saturday December 30

6:00 PM "It's A Wonderful Life"



**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, 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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Join us
this afternoon



Christmas
Eve
Celebration

3:30 communion in chapel
4:00 service in sanctuary