

# Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church



**December 23, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**The Order of Worship of God**  
**December 23, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.**



Prelude "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Arr. Young  
\* Call to Praise "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH 238, Refrain

\* Call to Worship

In these darkening days,

**we come seeking peace.**

We seek serenity within ourselves.

**We seek harmony within our families.**

We seek goodwill among our neighbors.

**We seek a ceasefire among all nations.**

We seek not just the absence of conflict,

**But the presence of shalom—**

the abiding peace

**the healing life**

the unrelenting justice

**that God calls us to in Christ. Let us worship with Divine hope.**

\* 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.

\* Opening Prayer (unison)

Our saving God, long ago you sent your Son Jesus among us,  
but we have been little aware of his presence  
and we hide him even from others.

(continued)

Wake us up, make us recognize him,  
 that he may be the light of our lives  
 and that eagerly we may lead people to him.  
 May he build up among us and with us  
 a world and a kingdom of peace and love  
 where we serve you in one another,  
 as we move forward in hope  
 to your home of endless joy and rest.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hebrew Bible	Micah 5: 2-5	Becky Warren
Epistle Lesson	Hebrews 10: 5-10	
Lighting of the Advent Candles	"Peace"	Pam and Chuck Gruber
Advent Wreath Response	"One Candle Is Lit"	
	<p>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.</p>	
One Minute Message		Rev. Terry Deane
Anthem	"Every Valley"	Beck
Call to Prayer	"Away in a Manger"	UMH 217 v. 3
Prayers of the People		
Lord's Prayer		
Prayer Response	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	UMH 204
Hymn of Prepararion	"I've Got Peace Like A River"	
	<p>1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.          I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.          2. I've got joy like a fountain...          3. I've got love like an ocean...          4. I've got hope that's eternal...</p>	
* Gospel	Luke 1: 39-55	
Sermon	"Peace, Love, and the Baby Jesus"	Rev. Alan Williams

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

- \* Offertory "Joseph's Lullaby" Millard / Banister  
Rev. Benjamin Wells, Bass
- \* 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 of Dedication
- \* Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213
- \* 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 "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" Callahan

## Today's Service

**Lector:** Becky Warren

**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

**Call to Worship:** from Spacious Faith

## 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 December 16, 2018  
Attendance and Finances

Sunday School - 43	\$37.00
Worship Service - 114	14,485.01
Lessons and Carols - 281	1,162.00
In Memory of Janice Jones to Back Pack Ministry	525.00
Poinsettias	60.00
UMM	32.00
Misc. Income	10.00
Jim Ray Fund	50.00
"It's Time" Dinners	235.00
Back Pack Ministry	25.00
Christmas	200.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$16,821.01</b>

## Our Prayer

Jane Kincaid  
Lillian Byrd  
Sara Staats  
James Logsdon  
Jerry Groce  
Shirley Berger  
The Family of Janice Jones

Martha Shortridge  
Seth Adkins  
Gertrude Zima  
Doug Wallace  
Sherry Wallace

*(names will remain on prayer list for  
3 weeks, unless otherwise requested)*

## Weekly Activities for December 23, 2018

### **Sunday December 23**

9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship

### **Monday December 24**

4:30 to 4:50 Communion available  
Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Service  
Office closed

### **Tuesday December 25**

Christmas Day  
Office closed

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

### **Wednesday December 26**

Office closed

### **Thursday December 27**

6:00 PM Common Grounds

### **Monday December 31**

New Year's Eve  
Office closed

### **Tuesday January 1**

New Year's Day  
Office closed



### **Christmas Eve Service**

Communion available 4:30 - 4:50  
Worship Service at 5:00



## **IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES**

1. Mary Dial : 1 poinsettia in honor of her family, and 1 in loving memory of her son, Wayne Dial.
2. John & Cheryl Liller : 1 poinsettia in loving memory of William and Wanda Plum, 1 in memory of David and Betty Liller and 1 in memory of Caroline Yerkey.
3. Gil Ratcliff : 1 poinsettia in loving memory of Betsy Ratcliff by her family.
4. Bill and Marilyn Murdock : 1 poinsettia in loving memory of their parents Marion and Rupert McGinnis, and Kathleen and William Murdock, Sr.
5. Beth McVey : 1 poinsettia in honor of her father, Jim McVey, and a donation to the Jim Ray Fund in his name.
6. Matt Ohl and Jennifer Ohl Saunders & families : 1 poinsettia in loving memory of David Ohl.
7. Becky Warren and family: 1 poinsettia in honor of Jon Parlier and family, and 1 in loving memory of Don Warren, and Ruby and John Wright.
8. Anita Farrell : In honor of JM's dedicated Lay Persons, a gift was given to the Back Pack Ministries.
9. Ann and Bruce Ratcliff : 2 poinsettias in loving memory of their parents Gilbert and Jessie Ratcliff and Beamer and Mary Donahoe, also gifts have been made in their memory to the Back Pack Ministry and the Jim Ray Fund.



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