

# **Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church**



**December 30, 2018  
1st Sunday After Christmas**

# The Order of Worship of God



Prelude	“Plainsong Prelude”	Callahan
* Call to Worship		
Christ is born!		
<b>Christ <i>is</i> born!</b>		
Because of this birth, life is full of promise for you and me. Life is full of promise for our community.		
<b>We celebrate today the presence of God’s promise in our midst.</b>		
The promise of a small child coming into a crowded, hurting world, and growing to be a liberator.		
<b>It’s the promise of you and me, struggling and stumbling together, growing and celebrating, reaching out to make a new presence in our world.</b>		
* Hymn of Praise	“Joy to the World”	UMH 246
* Prayer for the Day (Unison)		
Faithful God, we rejoice that you have sent your promised Christ. And yet, O God, we confess that we are still not ready for Christ’s coming; we are reluctant to live as if the whole earth were your domain. We know the story—the shepherds, the angels, the magi—but we don’t fully understand what it means. Awaken us to your Spirit, let Christ’s birth make a difference in our lives, and grant us your peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.		
Psalter (read responsively)	Psalm 148, UMH 861	Kim Matthews
Mission Moment		Rev. Alan Williams
Epistle Lesson	Colossians 3:12-17	Kim Matthews
One Minute Message		Rev. Alan Williams
Hymn of Preparation	“There’s a Song in the Air”	UMH 249
* Gospel	Luke 2: 41-52	
Sermon	“Years and Traditions, Made New”	Rev. Terry Deane

Call to Prayer	“Away in a Manger”	UMH 217 v. 3
Prayers of the People		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Prayer Response	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”	UMH 204
Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God		
Offertory	“On This Day, Earth Shall Ring”	Callahan
*Doxology	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH 95
*Prayer of Dedication		
* Hymn	“Another Year is Dawning”	(Tune: AURELIA)
	1. Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be, In working or in waiting, another year with Thee; Another year of progress, another year of praise, Another year of proving thy presence all the days.	
	2 Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace; Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face; Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast; Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.	
	3 Another year of service, of witness for Thy love; Another year of training for holier work above. Another year is dawning; Dear Father, let it be, On earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee.	
* Benediction		
* 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	“Postlude on ‘Adeste Fiedeles’”	Young

## *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 Helen Prichard, mother of Patricia Crews,  
by Patricia and Buck Crews

**Call to Worship & Unison Prayer:** from Bread for the Journey, by Ruth C. Duck

## Welcome

Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Ministries congregation that seeks to be welcoming and affirming to all people.

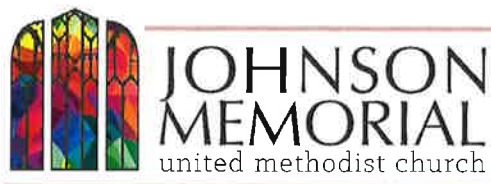
We are *excited* to have you worshiping with us today and love that you have chosen to be a part of the Johnson Memorial family, if only for today.

### 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.



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