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An Order of Service for Word and Worship

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022 - 9:30 AM

Entrance

Prelude

“Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head” an Appalachian Carol arr. Albin C. Whitworth

Welcome Even in our weakness, Christ arrives with strength and courage. Even in our sorrow, Christmas comes to bring hope and joy. May this promise take root in our souls, as we wait with patience for Christ and Christmas to arrive.

Lighting the Third Advent Candle

“Joy”

Mary and Jerry Keith

Reader One: “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing . . . A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray . . . And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Isaiah 35:1-2, 8, 10 NRSV).

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah tells us about the joy of ascending to God’s house. The prophet tells us to imagine being set free, being unburdened, being released to live, to fully live in the grace and wonder of life itself, surrounded by those who love us like no one else. And then he tells us that the journey to get there is just as much a joy.

Reader One: The Psalmist says “Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord . . . who made heaven and earth . . . who keeps faith . . . who executes justice . . . gives food . . . sets prisoners free . . . opens eyes . . . lifts up . . . watches over . . . upholds . . . The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!” (Psalm 146 NRSV)

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, and of deep and everlasting joy, as a sign that we are those who walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. We are ascending to God’s promise.

Call to Worship

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" v. 3

Choir

† Opening Hymn

“Angels From the Realm of Glory”

#220

† Opening Prayer

(Unison)

Promised One, enter our hearts anew. Enter our worship with Your promised presence, that we may know You better. Enter our lives and our world, that we may proclaim Your presence and sing Your praises. With joyous gratitude, we pray in your blessed name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 146:5-10

Minister

† Gloria Patri

#70

Children’s Message

Minister

Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Minister

Musical Interlude

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation

Christmas Cantata

“Mary, Did You Know”

See Insert

Choir

† Sending Forth

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

#218

† Postlude

† *Please stand as you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are excited that you joined us in Worship today via FaceBook Live and in person. All are welcomed as we come together to praise God and make disciples for Jesus!

2022 Advent Devotional Books - Please pick up your 2022 Advent Devotional Book at the entrance of the church. Pastor will once again have devotion time, 7:00 am each morning via Facebook Live. Sunday's devotion time is 8:45 am.

The Christmas Cantata!, "Mary, Did You Know?" is **TODAY!!** After the Service, plan to stay for the full breakfast planned by the Fellowship Committee and the Men's Club! It will be a joyous way to continue God's blessing during this special season!

Toys For Tots - Today, please bring unwrapped toys as we collect them for our annual Christmas Toy Drive. Please drop them off in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Post Office - Our Christmas Post Office will be open through December 25th! Bring your cards to the Fellowship Hall, place them in the basket, and we will sort and deliver them for you. Please see Pastor Mike, Laurel or Gillian if you have any questions.

Tithes and Offerings: The church thanks you for your faithfulness in tithing and offering. Please continue to mail your gifts and tithes to the church or bring them when you attend. You may also follow the directions on the website at www.morrischapelumc.org for on-line giving through Vanco. Be in God's Grace, Peace and Love.

*Announcements may be given by noon on Wednesdays
to Laurel Parker at laurelparker@charter.net or (919) 271-0963 **AND**
Mavis Harper at mavisharper1944@gmail.com or (919) 770-0489.*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Richard & Pat Angel
Family of Erma Autrey
Carla Bailey
Joshua Black
Della Brooks
Sherran Cameron
Berle Campbell
Alan Cox
Jeanette Amos-Cox
Keith Cox
Caleb Craig
Colleen Custer
Melissa Edwards
Family of Ms. Euby
John Fancher
Dennis Fore
Bob Gillis
Pam Gillis
Bill Godfrey
Ann Godwin

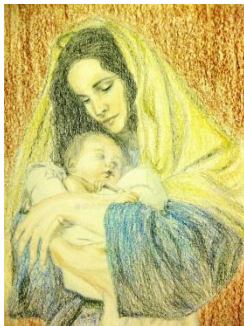
Buddy Godwin
Kristen Halstead Family
Dennis & Lewis Hartman
Bobby & Laura Holder
Holly Holt
Mary Hudson
Wayne Hudson
Chad Huffman
Rhonda Hughes
Evan Johnson
Ronnie Johnson
Laverne Joiner
Bobby Jones
Phil Kelly
Peggy Kennedy
Don Key
Warren Keyser
Beverly Leslie
Jeff Ludewig
Bette Lyons
Shirley Maddox

Maude Maloney
Melissa Martin
Allie Martinez family
Martha Meeks
Military troops & families
Linda McNeill
Mary McNeill
Rhonda McNeill
Tim & Donna McNeill
June Mullins
Gary Nowell
Molly Margaret O'Quinn
Nancy Page
Greg Patterson
Susie Pierce
Phyllis Poe
Renee Ratcho
Jason Ray
Peggy Kennedy
Johnny Ray
Hank Richards

Dot Roberts
Betty Jean Rosser
Sandra Shope
Patsy Sloan
Caden Smith
Ron Smith
Jim Stuart
Family of Joe Thomas
Joyce Key Thomas
Calvin Tucker
United Methodist Church
United States of America
Unspoken Prayers
Pam Vaughan
Lance Weekly
Carol Wilcom
Flossie Wilkes
Lilla Williams
Bill Wilson
Sammy Womack

After Worship Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall today is provided by the Fellowship Committee. Thank you!

Mary Did You Know?



Tidings of Great Joy Overture

Glory to the Newborn King Medley

(Hark! The Herald Angels Sing / A Song to Sing / Angels from the Realms of Glory)

Born to Save Us

Manger Throne Medley

(Away in a Manger / The First Noel / Angels from the Realms of Glory)

One King

Who Would Imagine a King

Soloists: Leslie Orlovsky, Steve Huepper

Mary, Did You Know?

Jesus, Messiah *with* O Come Let Us Adore Him

Great Joy Medley

(How Great Our Joy / For Unto Us a Child is Born / Hallelujah Chorus)