

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERPastor and Congregation

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH..... Mark and Danita Cummins family

CHORAL RESPONSE... "Light the Light, the Fire of Life" ... vs. 3..... 82

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON...*from Esther 3 and 4*Molly Abbott and Reggie Jackson

HYMN ... "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ... vs. 1, 3 and 4..... 103

CHILDREN'S MESSAGEBrandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. Amen.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" ... vs. 1, 3 and 6.... 123

OFFERTORY PRAYERUsher

OFFERTORY ... "What Child Is This?"Sylvia McAlister

LITANY OF PEACE ... *Prayer of Saint Francis*

LEADER: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

PEOPLE: where there is hatred, let me sow love;

LEADER: where there is injury, pardon;

PEOPLE: where there is doubt, faith;

LEADER: where there is despair, hope;

PEOPLE: where there is darkness, light;

LEADER: where there is sadness, joy.

PEOPLE: O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

LEADER: to be understood as to understand,

PEOPLE: to be loved as to love.

LEADER: For it is in giving that we receive,

PEOPLE: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

LEADER: and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

ALL: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Amen.

ANTHEM ... "A Mid-winter Noel" Choir

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ... vs. 4 107

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

12:00 noon Youth will leave for lunch and shopping for foster children

5:00 p.m. CARE TEAMS ... RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Business Meeting and **CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

Covered Dish Meal ... no desserts needed!

6:45 p.m. **Celebration of Moravian Love Feast**

THURSDAY

11:00 a.m..... Community Meal

NEXT SUNDAY

11:00 a.m..... Cantata ... *Go Sing It on the Mountain*

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 p.m. Candlelight Service

USHERS

TODAY Barbara Smith's Team

NEXT SUNDAY..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Tammy Dunn and Robledos

NEXT SUNDAY..... Angel Robinson, Barbara Smith, Mary Williams

PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Florence Cagle, Thelma Hussey, Paul Hussey, Dwayne Blake, Ernest Dailey, Janet Maness			Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Mary James	Mildred Hunsucker	friend
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>				Benny McBride	friend
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend		Bob Moore	nephew
	Tony Lawson	friend		Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Toni Atchison	sister		Don Britt	nephew
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Vernon Capel, Jr.	brother		Melissa Green	daughter
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Lucille McLeod		brother
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			Don McCaskill	Angie McCaskill	wife
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		