

# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Advent - JOY

December 9, 2018



### GATHER

*Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming.  
We wait filled with hope,  
Knowing your light will shine in the darkness.  
We wait anticipating your peace,  
Believing that one day it will fill our world.  
We wait embracing your love,  
May we reach out to share it with our neighbors.  
We wait with joy,  
Bubbling up in expectation of your birth.  
Lord we wait,  
Come soon and fill us with your life.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Silent Night

John Leavitt

BRINGING THE LIGHT

OPENING

...and in this moment, all is calm, all is bright.

**(sung together)**  
**Silent night, holy night!**  
**Shepherds quake at the sight;**  
**glories stream from heaven afar,**  
**heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:**  
**Christ the Savior is born;**  
**Christ the Savior is born."**

It was the night when joy was born  
And just as now the world was torn  
But all was calm and all was bright  
The star above gave out its light

**Silent night, holy night**

Dear people around the world  
Let us unite and we will show  
How Peace can change us,  
How Peace can help us grow.

**Silent night, holy night**

...How would our lives be renewed if we saw the world and our lives through the lens of wonder?

**So let your Joy shine in the night**  
**And let your life burn warm and bright**  
**This Joy we give the world is balm**  
**And in this truth we find our calm**

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Chelsea Thiessen, Jessica Farris

We continue this season of waiting by lighting the second candle,  
anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Wondrous God,  
we open ourselves to hear your call today  
to become those who not only see the joy all around us,  
but can also *be* joy, and *bring* joy, to all around us—  
in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

**Fill us with your peace and light,**  
**make the world so calm and bright.**

\*OPENING HYMN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hymnal, No. 119

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**O God,**

**the journey through this season can be exhausting,  
stressful, and confusing.**

**At times hope eludes us,  
peace is out of the question,  
and joy seems impossible.**

**We confess our need for your coming, once again.**

**Open our eyes and ears**

**so that we might see the glory of the Lord  
and hear the voices of angels.**

**Strengthen our hands and hearts  
so that we might share your love,**

**for the sake of the world you seek to save,  
through Jesus Christ.**

(Time of silent reflection)

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The *JOY* of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

Gloria

Hymnal, No. 113

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Jo Beth Bailey

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 86:9-11

Page No. 473

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Rejoice, I Say Rejoice!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20

Page No. 833

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Scripture Readings** for Sunday, December 16 are Psalm 98 and John 1:1-18.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for December is **scarves and gloves**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

**Ushers** for today's service are Trudy Beard and Ann Fayles.

**Mark your calendars for next Sunday, December 16.** Following worship we will be having a potluck and pageant. The children and youth will be presenting **Don't Freak Out: A Christmas Pageant**.

**Please return your pledge cards** as soon as possible so that the session may plan the budget for next year. Questions? See Mike Cole or John Beck.

**SUNDAY**

**December 9**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

**TUESDAY**

**December 11**

6:00 P.M. – Mission and Evangelism Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**December 12**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club  
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir  
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**SUNDAY**

**December 16**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments  
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service  
12:00 P.M. – Christmas Potluck and Pageant  
5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting