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
The Word of the Lord.

Page No. 473

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

ANTHEM

Luke 2:8-20 Page No. 833

Rejoice, I Say Rejoice!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Shepherds Quake Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH While Shepherds Watched Their Flock Hymnal, No. 118

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world. Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Emmanuel, come; O come and save us.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lux Aeterna Dan Forrest

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Christ be our Light! Hymnal, No. 314

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Hymnal, No. 378, verse 2

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start? We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.

Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home:

we pray that all creation will one day find shalom.

*POSTLUDE Carillon David Robinson

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by

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