

Order of Worship

Prelude “Slane” Arranged by Purifoy
“Veni Emmanuel” Arranged by Purifoy
Flute: Rachel Ouellette (9th grader at Mt. Hope High School)
Piano: Lorna Tiernan, Rachel’s Grandmother

Welcome

Our Presence ... to celebrate and worship God

[We reverently enter into worship when the music begins]

Introit “We Wait In Hope” (On Slides) words & music by Joel Raney Adult Choir
Given in Loving Memory of Lee and Joan Francis, Parents of Karen Meyer

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Responsive Litany – Swinehart Family

Leader: Advent is a time to prepare.

People: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the way for our God.

L: During Advent we prepare our eyes to see the light of Christ.

P: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the way for our God.

L: During Advent we prepare our hearts to hear the Word of Christ.

P: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the way for our God.

L: During Advent we prepare to share the joy of Christ.

P: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the way for our God.

L: During Advent we prepare to embrace the promise of Christ.

P: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the way for our God.

Advent Candle Lighting Swinehart Family

***Hymn** “We Wait In Hope” (On Slides) words & music by Joel Raney
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Closing Prayer Pastor Mike

SPECIAL MUSIC: Adult Choir Christmas Cantata Adult Choir
“Sing With Joy, Sing Noel!”
The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song

~Please see insert for Scriptures, Readings and Songs

God’s Message ... for the living of these days

Children’s Message “Jingle Bell Joy” Pastor Mike

***Scripture** Luke 2:10-11; 1 Peter 1:8

Reader: This is the Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks Be To God!

***Glory Be [#71]** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Brief Meditation “The Gift Of Joy” Pastor Mike

***Hymn** “God Rest You Merry Gentlemen” (On slides)(v. 1,3,5)
(Please pass in your Joys & Concerns Forms now)

Our Prayers and Gifts ... in response to God

Pastoral Prayer ~ Silent Prayer~ The Lord’s Prayer [UMH 895]

Sharing Our Gifts Giving God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory “Jesu, Joy Of Man’s Desiring” by Johann Sebastian Bach Sheila Schattle

***Doxology [#95]** Tune: “The First Noel”
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Our Service and Witness ... **bringing the love of Christ into this world**

Announcements

***Hymn #246** “Joy To The World” (v. 1 & 4 only)

***Choral Benediction** “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” by Stephen Schwartz

***Benediction** Pastor Mike

Postlude Sheila Schattle

**Stand if you are able*

SERVING US THIS MORNING

PASTOR	Pastor Michael Pike
LITURGIST	
ADVENT CANDLE	Swinehart Family
ORGANIST	Sheila Schattle
CHURCH SECRETARY	Maryteresa Hicks
SEXTON	David Venancio
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Diane Peckham & Choir
NURSERY/SUNDAY SCHOOL	Mida Clarke
GREETERS	David Brock
USHER	Duncan Ingraham
SLIDE PROJECTIONIST	Ruth Faria

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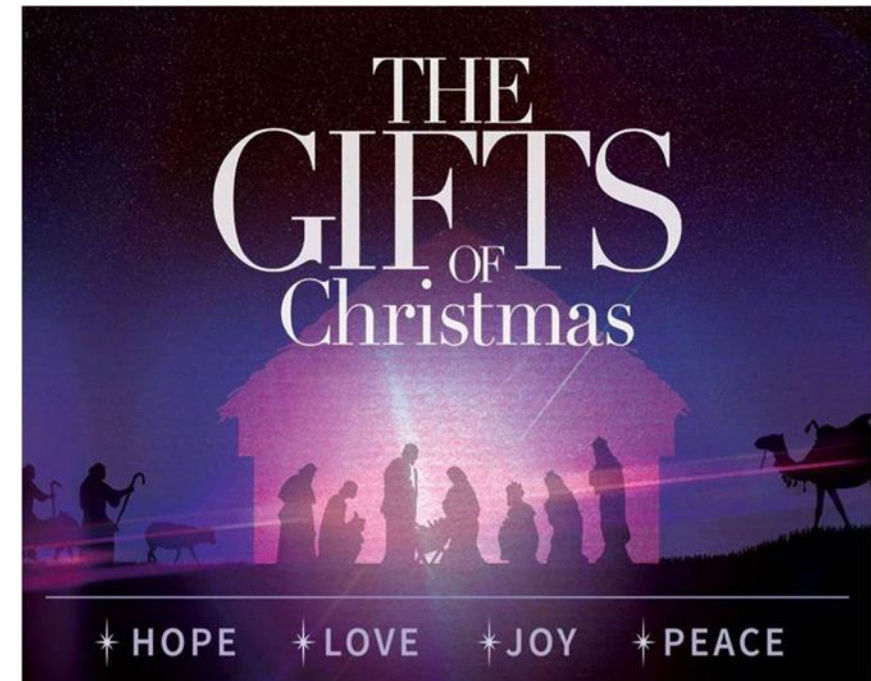


Christmas Eve Services:

5:30 p.m. Children's Service
7:30 p.m. Family Candlelight Service
10:30p.m. Communion Service



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December 16th, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Christmas Cantata