

Order of Worship

Prelude “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” by Ludwig Von Beethoven Bell Choir
Arr. by Patricia A. Sanders
Bell Choir: Beth Brock, Cliff Jeffries, Dee Nicholas,
Pastor Mike Pike, Vonnie Nordby and Jan Rego, Director

Welcome Carol Hutchinson

Our Presence ... to celebrate and worship God

[We reverently enter into worship when the music begins]

Bringing in the Light of Christ

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

Responsive Litany – Martley Family

Leader: Advent is a time to praise.

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

L: During Advent we remember God’s past faithfulness.

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

L: During Advent we remember God’s present goodness.

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

L: During Advent we remember God’s future promises.

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Advent Candle Lighting Martley Family

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

Closing Prayer Pastor Mike

SPECIAL MUSIC: “African Noel” Arr. by Benjamin Harlan Adult Choir
Percussion: Jim Wilson
Given in Loving Memory of Fran McNitt

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

Children’s Message “Know Jesus, Know Peace” Pastor Mike

***Scripture** Luke 2:13-14; John 14:27; 2 Thessalonians 3:16 Carol Hutchinson

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.

Sermon “The Gift Of Peace” Pastor Mike

***Hymn #234** “O Come All Ye Faithful” (v. 1 & 3)
(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 “Noel Nouvelet” Traditional French Carol (Late 1400’s – Early 1500’s) S. Schattle

***Doxology [#95]** Tune: “What Child Is This”
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard
and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe,
the Son of Mary.

***Prayer of Dedication**

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

Announcements Carol Hutchinson

***Hymn #230** “O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

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

***Benediction** Pastor Mike

***Closing Music** “We Wish You A Merry Christmas” Bell Choir
Trad. English Carol Arr. by Patricia A. Sanders

***Postlude** Sheila Schattle

**Stand if you are able*

SERVING US THIS MORNING

PASTOR	Pastor Michael Pike
LITURGIST	Carol Hutchinson
ADVENT CANDLE	Martley Family
ORGANIST	Sheila Schattle
CHURCH SECRETARY	Maryteresa Hicks
SEXTON	David Venancio
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Joan Faria
NURSERY/SUNDAY SCHOOL	Mida Clarke
GREETERS	Joan Faria
USHERS	John Barker & Frank Faria
SLIDE PROJECTIONIST	

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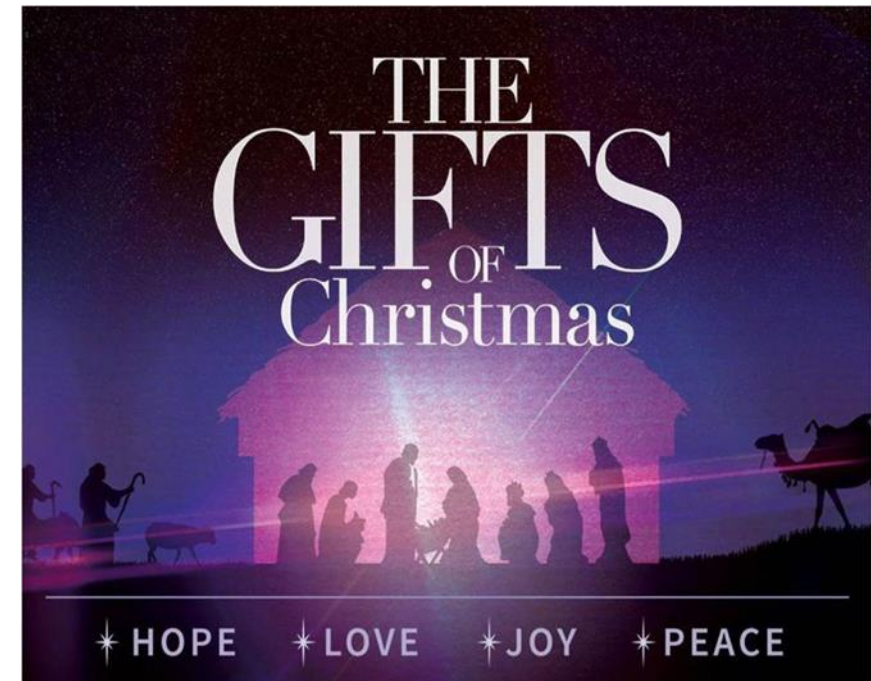
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Christmas Eve Services:

5:30 p.m. Children's Service

7:30 p.m. Family Candlelight & Choir Service

10:30p.m. Communion Service

December 23rd, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship