

# FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 16, 2018

11:00 am Worship Service



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018 11:00 a.m.

*The prophet proclaims a festival when all God's people will celebrate that God dwells in their midst. It will be a day for rejoicing, for singing songs of salvation, for exclaiming about all the deeds God has done among the nations. People in all lands will be united. Peace will be the priority, with judgments erased, enemies cast out, and evil feared no longer, since God will gather all people together.*

### Words of Greeting, Announcements, Joys, Concerns, and Prayer

**Prelude** "The Promise of Ages" (arr. S. Eithun) Handbell Choir  
*You are asked to fill in the requested information and then pass to the next person the attendance registration pad found in each pew for that person to fill out.*

**Opening Scripture Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a (*Old Test. Page 826 in your pew Bible*)

**\*Hymn of Praise:** UMH 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Lighting of The Third Candle:** Isaiah 35:10 (*Old Test. Page 623-624 in your pew Bible*)  
L: We light this candle as a symbol of Jesus Christ our joy.

P: **May the joyful promise of Your Presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of Salvation.**

**\*Congregational Hymn:** UMH 237 "Sing We Now of Christmas"

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 3:7-18 (*New Testament page 56 in your pew Bible*)

**Selection by the Handbell Choir** "People Look East" (arr. M. Helman)

### The Gathering of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

The Offertory "In Stable Rude" (arr. L. Lamb) Handbell Choir

**\*The Doxology:** UMH 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*\*Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication & Lord’s Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** UMH 240 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

**Third Scripture Lesson:** Philippians 4:4-7 (*New Testament Page 187 in your pew Bible*)

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God

P: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Message:** “What Then Shall We Do?” – Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

**Prayer**

- \*Closing Hymn: UMH 220 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”
- \*Sending Forth with God’s Blessing
- \*Congregational Response: UMH 229 (v.1) “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
- \*Postlude “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (arr. Brighton)

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*The flowers on the altar tables are given in celebration of Scott Dean’s  
 December 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by Bonnie, Tabitha, Leanna & Jenna Dean*

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**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**Our Prayers:** Rob Sybert, Greg Kernan, The family of Tim Perry (father of VIP Megan Perry), who passed away last week, Elizabeth Hopper recovering from pneumonia, Pastor Wayne Chung, Kathy Thorne, Kathy Wallace, Buddy Frost – diagnosed with dementia, Debbie Shefka & family, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation.

**Our Service:**

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| Ministers                        | All Members and Volunteers at Friendship  |
| Secretary                        | Bonnie Dean, <a href="mailto:bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org">bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org</a>                   |
| Music Team                       | Sandy Melson Griese, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley   |
| Children & Youth Ministry Coord. | Courtney Eversfield, <a href="mailto:cymc@friendshipmethodist.org">cymc@friendshipmethodist.org</a>                   |
| Custodian                        | Jim Fowler  |
| Counters                         | Joyce Terry & Judy McGowan  |
| Usher                            | Jay Lounsbury   |
| Acolytes                         | Trent & Abby Doyle  |
| Friendship Time                  | Delilah Zone (Debbie Chaney)  |
| Altar Guild for December         | Marge Lewis (301) 855-6497  |
| Stephen Ministry Coordinator     | Paula Madden 443-262-2635 (C)   |
| Pastor                           | Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.<br><a href="mailto:revtyoung@friendshipmethodist.org">revtyoung@friendshipmethodist.org</a> |

**Our Presence:** Worship Attendance Last Sunday 239 \* Average Weekly Worship 200  
 Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday 55

**Our Gifts:** Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. ***Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!***

**Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)**

	January-October 2018					
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %		
General Fund	\$273,871	\$294,694	(\$20,823)	-7%		
Missions Fund	\$19,544	\$20,124	(\$580)	-3%		
P&I Fund	\$21,388	\$13,802	\$7,586	55%		
Building Fund	\$53,333	\$48,296	\$5,037	10%		
Kitchen Fund	\$24,474	\$8,325	\$16,149	194%		
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	26	Other	25	YTD Cereal	1,293

\*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$140,695/ Mortgage Loan Balance = \$284,593 as of October 31, 2018