

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:30 am Worship Service



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018 8:30 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*)

***Opening Praise:** UMH 220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"
UMH 238 "Angels We have Heard on High"

*Morning Prayer

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.**

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

*Response: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong;' Let the poor say, 'I am rich,

Because of what the Lord has done for us.' Give thanks!

**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*

Sone of Preparation: UMH 228 “He is Born”

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.

***Closing Song:** UMH 240 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

***Sending Forth with God’s Blessing**

***Response:** UMH 207 “Prepare the Way of the Lord”

***Postlude**

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*The flowers on the altar tables are given in celebration of Scott Dean’s
 December 21st 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, Eileen Klase whose mother passed away recently, 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.

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Our Service:

Ministers
 Secretary
 Music Team
 Children & Youth Ministry Coord.
 Custodian
 Counters
 8:30 Ushers
 Friendship Time
 Altar Guild for December
 Stephen Ministry Coordinator
 Pastor

All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
 Bonnie Dean, bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
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 Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.
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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