

Hilton United Methodist Church
3rd Sunday in Advent, December 13, 2015, 10:00 am

We Gather to Worship

- Prelude** Dr. Hye-Bin Song
- Introit** “Rejoice Greatly” arr. Carl F. Mueller
- Call to Worship** Rev. Jennifer Green
- * **Hymn:** “We Will Glorify the King of Kings” TFWS #2087
- * **Opening Prayer** Beth Mucci, Lay Liturgist
- Leader:** In this Advent season
People: **We await the coming of Christ.**
Light of the World, come,
- Leader:** Come to the oppressed and exploited,
Come to the despised and rejected,
Come to all in whom the divine image is distorted.
- People:** **We wait in joyful expectation.**
Leader: Come not as a man of power, but in love and compassion,
Come to the outcast – like the shepherds in the fields,
Come to foreigners – like Magi watching from afar,
Come to rich and poor, young and old, male and female,
- People:** **We wait in hopeful anticipation.**
Leader: Come to bless all creation with your love,
Come to bring salvation on the earth,
Come to rule with justice and in peace.
Come Light of the World, illuminate our path.
- All:** **We wait with all the peoples of the earth,**
Light of the World, we welcome your coming.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath “Advent Song” Verse 3 TFWS #2090

Experiencing God Through God’s Word

Message: **The Jesse Tree ~Meeting the Messiah in the Old Testament** Rev. Green

* **Hymn:** “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” UMH #216

We Respond to God’s Word

Prayers of the People
Silent Prayer and Personal Confession
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer

*God, I thank you for....
God, I need help with*

**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**

Giving to God
Offering our Tithes and Gifts
Music Offering “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” – James Denton Choir
* **The Doxology** to the tune of “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”
* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Celebration of Communion see screens

We Go Forth to Serve God

* **Hymn:** “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” UMH #196

Ministry Opportunities

The Benediction

Benediction Response: “Jesus, Name above All Names” TFWS #2071

Postlude

* Stand in body or spirit P = Bible page number, LP = Large Print Bible page
TFWS # = The Faith We Sing Hymnal; UMH # or # = The United Methodist Hymnal

Welcome to worship. We pray you feel God’s presence in this place. Please sign the attendance pad so we may get to know you and pray for you and your family.

Please consider joining us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following worship in the Multi-Purpose Room, or the couch area, just off the sanctuary.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Persecuted Christians around the world;

The Hand to Plow Process;

Our Mission Outreach Children: Marbelly and Ariel Velasquez Alvarado.

Residents of Care Facilities: John Bean; Bob Hall; Gloria Hamm; Eleanor Harrington; Marie Nundy, Betty Schultz.

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bob Comstock; Ron Davies; Ed Earnhart; Betty Everts; Alea Floyd; Andrew Hardy; Margaret Hendershot; Bill Hess; Michele List; Anna Ponton; Mike Postilli; Meg Shubert; Lucy Sneddon; John Sweeney; Nicole & Nicholas Sypel; Natalie Turner; Chris Wanjon; Sgt. Cody Wise.

Service people: Sgt. Michael T. Bigley; Gen. James Blackburn; St. Sgt. Jason Brackley; Sgt. Ryan P. Campbell; LCpl. Nathan Coffey; Sgt. FC David Colucci; Msgr. Matthew Emerson; Capt Scott Fuller; Pvt Annika Moody; Sgt. Nick Mucci; Maj. Jathan Payne; LCpl Scott Ponton; Maj Nathan Thompson; Sr Airman Steven Trembley; Sgt. Cody Wise.

* If you know of anyone that should be added to this list please let us know.

The Grand Sweep - Our Grand Sweep adventure of reading through the Bible continues.

This Week's Reading (Week #35) : Ezekiel 43 – Hosea 3 and Psalm 119

Staff at HUMC

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Green
Office Mngr: Patricia Van Vleck
Music Coord.: Karen Bernhardt Kuntz
Custodian: Bill Schubert
Organist: Dr. Hye-Bin Song
Youth Coord.: Angela Merrill
Nursery: Amy Quartieri

Disciples Active In Worship This Week

Head Usher: Jim Lee
Greeter: Mac & Ernie McKenzie
Guide: Sue Emerson
Nursery Ass't: Lucus Speer
Sound Booth: Pat Holenbeck
Coffeeshour: Nancy manning
Worship Coord.: Scott Campbell
Financial Sec.: Sally Lee
Ministers: The Whole Congregation

Poinsettias – order forms for poinsettias are on the table in the Lobby/Narthex, or you can call the office at 392-8761 or send an e-mail to the office at humc98@rochester.rr.com. Please have orders into the office by tomorrow 12/14.

Project “Angel Tree” –Gifts need to be returned TODAY. See Evelyn Seeger for if you have a problem with that. Help delivering the “Angel Tree” packages is also needed. See Evelyn if you can help out.

Christmas Baskets: Thank you for your great response to our call for food items and gifts for this year's Christmas Baskets. Non-perishable items need to be by Thursday morning and perishable by Saturday morning.

HELP NEEDED - We will be packing the baskets Thursday, December 19th at 9:30 a.m. and we will be delivering the baskets on Saturday, December 19th at approximately 10:00 am.

This Week:

Today: Worship at 10:00
Coffee & Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Multipurpose Room

Monday: Prayer Group @ 9:15am

Tuesday: **Small Group Leader** 7p at Lee's home

Wednesday: Choir Rehearsal 7p – Sanctuary
Caring Team Ministries 7p Library

Thursday: Bible Study – 1pm Library

Friday: AA – FH 7p

Saturday: **Christmas Caroling – 3p**
Sharing Suppers 5-6:30p
PCF Worship – Sanctuary 5:00pm

Sunday: **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
PCF Worship – Sanctuary 8:30am
Worship @ 10am
Fellowship & Coffee hour
Sunday School
Longest Night Service – 6p

Mark your Calendars:

- * Chums Christmas – Monday, December 21st 12:00pm
- * Christmas Eve Service – Thursday, December 24th 7:00pm

Join us for **Christmas Caroling** on Saturday, December 19th. We will start at 3:00pm and end at 5:30pm at the Sharing Supper. After singing for them we will join them for a meal. Please sign up so we know how many to expect.



Sharing Suppers

Have you been naughty or nice? Get your letters written cause Santa will be at the next Sharing Supper which is Dec. 19th. We will be serving a Chili and Cornbread dinner and for those not wanting chili a second option will be offered. The carolers will be singing, card signing for the VA in Batavia and of course Santa.

If you would like to volunteer please have your Santa hat ready and sign up in the Narthex. It's only an hour or two of your time. As much as I appreciate those volunteers that just show up it is important that you please sign up. If I don't see a name or know you are coming then I have to try and find help which is time consuming. I understand we are all busy this time of year but you are what help make this ministry a success. If you have any questions please call me 366-4091.

Blessings and Merry Christmas,
Linda Livermore

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Following Christ ☆ Connecting Generations ☆ Transforming Communities



Service of the "Longest Night"

Sunday December 20, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Refreshments to follow



For many the seasons of Advent and Christmas are often filled with expressions of joy, excitement, and happiness. It's a time for family to gather and for churches to worship pointing to the hope that is found in the coming of the Christ child. However, this time of joy and expectation can often overshadow the pain and hurt many experience during this season.

The Service of the Longest Night is scheduled around the winter solstice (the longest night of the calendar year). We will light candles and the Advent Wreath, sing Advent hymns, pray together, and celebrate Holy Communion.

We will take time from the hustle and bustle of other Christmas rituals, parties, and obligations to offer a witness to those who are struggling in our community. It's a witness to them that the Christ child comes as a sign of hope in the face of despair. And it's a witness that this church is intentional about upholding members of the community in whatever season of life they may find themselves in.

Whether you have said goodbye to a loved one this year or ten years ago, experienced divorce, miscarriage, empty nest, this service is appropriate for you! Perhaps you are not currently grieving, but you are willing to worship and pray in solidarity for those who do. This service is for you!