

Hilton United Methodist Church

3rd Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017 at 10:00 am

We Gather to Worship

- Prelude Mrs. Christy Sadecki
- * Call to Worship Rev. Jennifer Green
- * Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs 1, 3, 6 UMH # 234
- * Opening Prayer Linda Blossom, Lay Liturgist
God, who are the Most High Lord of all, you have a surprising preference for people who are small and humble and who expect everything from you. You chose Mary, the unassuming virgin from Nazareth, to become the mother of your Son Jesus.
Through your Holy Spirit make us aware of the poverty of our hearts, that we may be open to you and welcome you, be ready, like Mary, to serve you and your plans, and expect everything from you. Come to us and give yourself to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. from Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration.

Experiencing God Through God's Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10 p 508 lp 1111
Leader: May the Peace of Christ dwell where the Word of God is spoken.
People: Thanks be to God

The Word for Little Disciples

Lighting the Advent Candle

Children ages 6-12 may now be dismissed for Youth Worship in the Youth Room

Choir Anthem: "A Tribute of Carols"

Gospel Reading Canticle of Mary with sung response UMH # 199
Luke 1: 47-55

Message: "It's A Wonderful Life – Believe It" Rev. Jennifer Green

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn: "All Earth Is Waiting" UMH # 210

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

Offertory

* The Doxology "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" vs. 6 UMH # 236

* Offertory Prayer

We Go Forth to Serve God

* Hymn: "There's a Song in the Air" vs 1-3 UMH # 249

Ministry Opportunities

Benediction

Postlude

* Stand in body or spirit; P = Bible page number, LP = Large Print Bible page;
TFWS # = The Faith We Sing Hymnal (black); W&S # = Worship & Song Hymnal (green);
UMH # = The United Methodist Hymnal (purple). **Bold** type = everyone responds

Welcome to worship. We pray you feel God's presence in this place.

- If you need hearing assistance, please see an usher for a hearing device.
- Please sign the attendance pad so we may get to know you and pray for you and your family.
- Following worship, please consider joining us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall, which is located down the stairs near the entrances

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Our Mission Outreach Children: Marbelly and Ariel Velasquez Alvarado (Chacocente Christian School in Managua, Nicaragua) **Residents of Care Facilities:** Gloria Hamm (Hilton East); Eleanor Harrington (Unity Villages); Betty Schultz (Unity Cottages). **Ongoing Health Concerns:** Allan Blossom; Betty Bridenbaugh; Ann Cook; Ron Davies; Alea Floyd; Pat Green; Andrew Hardy; Nancy Murphy; Michele List; Wayne Miller; Dan Rickman; Lauren Slagle; Linda Smith; Dave Walton; Chris Wanjon. **Service people:** Sgt. Michael T. Bigley; GYSgt. Jason Brackley; Sgt. FC David Colucci; Airman Scott Eveleigh; Spc Alex Joss-Forbes; Capt Scott Fuller; Cpl. Adam Gaines; Sgt. Matthew Gaines; Sgt. Annika Moody; LtC. Jathan Payne; Spc Ron Rafferty; Maj Nathan Thompson; Sr Airman Steven Trembley; Sgt. Cody Wise.

* People are added and removed from our ongoing prayer list upon request. Please contact the church office to Add, Reinstate or Remove names.

Visitations:

- Call the church when someone enters the hospital or is discharged or if you, or someone you know, desire a pastoral call. This will help provide better pastoral care and avoid unnecessary trips.
- Arrangements for the Sacrament of Holy Communion are encouraged. Both Pastor and the Lay Visitation Ministry Team visit regularly and would be happy to include others in the visitation schedule.
- If you are in need of urgent or emergency pastoral care, and no one is in the church office, 392-8761, you may call Pastor's cell #716-560-5204. Always make sure to leave a clear message with your name & phone number. If it is after 9:00pm and before 6:00 am please call her home phone 392-8094.

Pastor Jennifer is always available for counsel on many life issues. If you have this need, but would rather not meet in the office, please feel free to text or call her cell phone: 716-560-5204. She is always willing to arrange to meet at another location within or even outside the church building.

Staff at HUMC

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Green
Office Mngr: Patricia Van Vleck
Organist: Christy Sadecki
Youth Coord.: Joe Neri
Nursery: Amy Quartieri
Custodian: Bill Schubert

Disciples Active in Worship This Week

Head Usher: Pat Holenbeck
Greeters: Will & Carolyn Rickman
Guides: Sue Sutherland & Deb Ortiz Pardi
Nursery Ass't: Eithen Pardi
Coffeeshour: Nancy Manning
Soundbooth: Dan Van Vleck
Acolytes: Brianna Sadecki & Kate Green
Worship Coord.: Scott Campbell
Financial Sec.: Sally Lee



It's A Wonderful Life 'Believe It'

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Our Mission: "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"

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Following Christ ☆ Connecting Generations ☆ Transforming Communities

This Week:

- Today: **Worship @ 10am**
Coffee hour and fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall downstairs
Potluck Supper 5:00pm Fellowship Hall
Children's Christmas Play 6:30pm Sanctuary – followed by dessert
- Monday: Prayer Group at 9:15am
Chums 12pm
Men's Group 7pm
- Tuesday: **Finance Team 7pm**
- Wednesday: Friendly Quilters - 9am Fellowship Hall
Caring Team Mtg 7pm
Choir Rehearsal 7pm
- Thursday: Bible Study 1pm
Lighthouse Youth Group 6:30pm
- Friday: **Longest Night Service 6:00pm**
AA – FH 7pm
- Sunday: **Worship @ 10am**
Coffee hour and fellowship time
Christmas Eve Worship Service 7:00pm



Longest Night Service

Service of the "Longest Night"

Friday, December 22, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

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, when the world's merriment puts their grief and sorrow in stark relief.

The Service of the Longest Night is scheduled around the winter solstice (the longest night of the calendar year). We will light candles on 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, addiction, 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!

Christmas Play - Today

You are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship and fun as the youth present this year's Christmas Play:

Operation Baby King

Sunday, December 17th

Potluck Supper beginning at 5:00pm
Play at 6:30pm
Followed by a dessert reception



Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday 12/24 at 10:00am 4th Sunday of Advent Service

Sunday 12/24 at 7:00pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service!
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion
"It's a Wonderful Life – Treasure It"