

Hilton United Methodist Church

4th Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017 at 10:00 am

We Gather to Worship

Prelude Mrs. Christy Sadecki

Call to Worship Rev. Jennifer Green
"Emmanuel" Michael W Smith & Amy Grant

Opening Prayer Dan Van Vleck, Lay Liturgist
Glorious God, in Jesus your grace appears, bringing salvation to all. Help us to ponder your words of love by the light of your Spirit, that we may proclaim glad tidings of peace and welcome Christ in our world. Amen.

* Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH # 220

Experiencing God Through God's Word

* Gospel Reading: Matthew 1: 18-25 p 681 lp 1497
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: "Mary Did You Know?"

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

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH # 230

Prayers of the People
Silent Prayer and Personal Confession
Pastoral Prayer

The 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

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

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: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH # 240

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

Candlelit Christmas Eve Service tonight at 7:00pm.

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 & Family; Nancy Murphy; Michele List; Wayne Miller; Anna Ponton & Family 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.

The Church Office will be closed from 12/23/17 until 1/2/18 – please see above for ways to contact Pastor Jennifer during this time.

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: Dennis Sneddon
 Greeters: Barb Hare & Agnes Smalley
 Guides: Sam & Sue Emerson
 Nursery Ass't: Sophia Striemer
 Coffeeshour: Jamie Coonan
 Soundbooth: Pat Holenbeck
 Worship Coord.: Scott Campbell



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"Trust It"**

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