

Hilton United Methodist Church

2nd Sunday of Advent ~ December 4, 2016, 10:00 am
"The Remembrance of Christmas Past: Hope from Heartbreak"

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Threshold Moment

* Opening Hymn "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" W&S #3047

Passing the Peace

*Please turn to those around you and offer words of hope:
"May you be filled with hope."*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A Blessing of the Children

Children ages 6-12 may now be dismissed for Jr. Church in the Youth Room

Scripture Readings:

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9: 2, 6 p 489 lp 1072

* The Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 8-14 p 725 lp 1591

L: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us.
for the Word of God within us:

P: Thanks be to God

* Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs 1-3 UMH # 230

Dramatic Reading

Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs 4 UMH # 230

The Word in Music "In the Stillness" *Arlen Clarke*

The Message: "Jesus the Redeemer of Our Past" Rev. Jennifer Green

WE RESPOND

Offering

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

* Doxology #95

Praise God who blesses everyone!

Praise Jesus Christ, who is to come!

Praise Spirit, making Three-in-One!

All praise the miracle begun!

Prayer of Dedication:

Generous God

We give you thanks for all you have given us

and we offer our gifts

for the sake of being your hands and feet as the Body of Christ.

Open us to even more ways to give

So that we might make change and BE change for the sake of the world. Amen.

Confession and Assurance

This liturgy will be based upon the song "Ring Out your Truth" offered by the choir and bell choir.

A Celebration of Holy Communion

see screen

Communion Stations will be at the prayer rail today. During the distribution of elements, please partake in lighting a candle and singing the carols on the screen.

WE GO FORTH

* Closing Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH # 240

Benediction

Benediction Song

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

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:** Bob Hall; Gloria Hamm; Eleanor Harrington; Betty Schultz. **Ongoing Health Concerns:** Bob Comstock; Ann Cook; Ron Davies; Alea Floyd; Troy Green; Andrew Hardy; Michele List; Lauren Slagle; John Sweeney; Chris Wanjon. **Service people:** Sgt. Michael T. Bigley; Gen. James Blackburn; GYSgt. Jason Brackley; Sgt. FC David Colucci; Msgt. Matthew Emerson; Pvt Alex Joss-Forbes; Capt Scott Fuller; Pvt Annika Moody; Maj. Jathan Payne; 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.

This Week

Today: **Worship @ 10am**

Coffee hour and fellowship time

Adult Sunday School today

Monday: Prayer Group at 9:15am

Tuesday: Prayer Shawl Group 12pm

GS Service Unit - Fellowship Hall 6pm

Wednesday: Friendly Quilters - 9am Fellowship Hall

GriefShare Group – 1pm – Multipurpose Room

GS Troop #189 YR 4pm

Choir – 7p

Thursday: **Lighthouse Youth Group 6:30-8:00pm**

Church Council – 7pm

Friday: AA – FH 7pm

Saturday: **Christmas Caroling 3pm**

Sharing Supper 5:30-6:30pm

Sunday: **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Worship @ 10am

Coffee hour/fellowship time

Adult Sunday School

Disciples Active In Worship This Week

Head Usher: Pat Holenbeck

Greeters: Tim & Michelle List

Guides: Deb Ortiz-Pardi & Sue Sutherland

Nursery Ass't: Eva Pardi

Sound Booth: Patti Sullivan

Coffeehour: Liz Gliszczynski & Sharon Kron

Acolyte: Will Green

Worship Coord.: Scott Campbell

Financial Sec.: Sally Lee

Ministers: The Whole Congregation

Advent Candles: The Groth Family

Lay Liturgist: Ed Earnhart

Staff at HUMC

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Green

Office Mngr: Patricia Van Vleck

Music Coord.: Karen Bernhardt Kuntz

Organist: Christy Sadecki

Custodian: Bill Schubert

Youth Coord.: Joe Neri

Nursery: Amy Quartieri

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 loop device.
- 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 Fellowship Hall, which is located down the stairs near the entrances

Grief Share Group meets Wednesdays at 1:00pm – always open for people to join.

Our Advent Worship Focus

This Advent season (November 27th to December 25th) we will ring out the truth of God's economy ~ where "making change" has nothing to do with monetary success ... and everything to do with transformation.

Could you use transformation for your life?

Join us each week as we explore . . . The Redemption of Scrooge

Christmas Gift Idea - I have TOPS Gift cards in \$50 (1) \$25 (8) \$10 (18). A good gift for someone who has everything or you just don't know what to get them. Always good to have one in your pocket for the quick run to the store.

I also have \$100 Gift cards for your weekly shopping trips. Janet LaBorie

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Following Christ ☆ Connecting Generations ☆ Transforming Communities

What's happening around Hilton UMC?

We have several ways for you to participate in in missions and ministry, watch for further information about:

- **Angel Tree Ministries** – Adopt an 'angel' and provide a gift for a child of an incarcerated parent this Christmas. Stop by the table in the Narthex to learn more. Gifts are due by December 11th.
- **Reverse Advent Calendar and activities** – instead of receiving something to count down to Christmas, this year we are going to give something for the Christmas baskets and other ministries. Make sure you get your Reverse Advent Calendar print out today! Happy Giving for Advent!!!
- **Christmas Baskets and Food Shelf Assistance** – we will need help packing and delivering. See Manuela Groth for more information.
- **Poinsettias** – You have the opportunity to honor a loved one by purchasing a poinsettia for the church altar. Order forms will be on the table in the Narthex. Deadline to order is December 11th.
- **Christmas Caroling** - Join us for Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 10th. We will start at 3:00pm at HUMC, carol to some of our extended church family and end at 5:30pm at the Sharing Supper – where we will 'sing for our supper'! Please sign up so we know how many to expect. Thanks, Jim Lee
PS. If you don't sign up, you can come anyway.
- **Sharing Supper** – Saturday, December 10th 5:30-6:30pm – invite someone from the community to join us for dinner and fellowship.
- **Cookie Exchange** – Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00pm
- **Longest Night Service** – Sunday, December 18th at 5:00pm The Service of the Longest Night is scheduled around the winter solstice (the longest night of the calendar year). Not feeling very jolly this Christmas? Missing a loved one? Come be in the healing presence of God at this special worship service, designed for those whose heart are a little 'blue' this year.
- **Chums** – Senior gathering at luncheon – Monday, December 19th at 12:00pm
- **Christmas Eve Services** – 4:00pm – Children's Service – location TBA
- 8:00 pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- **Christmas Day Worship Service** at 10:00am
- **Pastor's Open House** – The Green Family are inviting everyone to stop by their home at 10 Rolling Meadow Drive for a Christmas Open House on Wednesday, December 28th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.
- And more