

Our Vision

*We are an urban, intergenerational, inclusive,
and welcoming Christian fellowship woven
into the fabric of our community.*

Our Staff

Pastor	Rev. Linda McCollough
Ministers	All the Congregation
Office Manager	Martha Bentley
Choir Director	Elaine Hill
Organist	Sharon Ruhnke
Bell Choir Director	Karen Schneider

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This Week at a Glance

Notes

Sunday, December 23, 2018

10:00 a.m. Worship - Advent
11:00 a.m. Fellowship in Social Hall

Monday, December 24, 2018

10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Worship
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

Church Office Closed Dec. 25-Jan. 1

Sunday, December 30, 2018

10:00 a.m. Worship – Hymn Sing!
11:00 a.m. Fellowship in Social Hall

Thank you to our Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Linda McCollough
Greeters: Les & Jan Johnson
Liturgist: Naomi Jones
Music Leaders: Organist - Sharon Ruhnke
 Bell Choir - Karen Schneider
 Choir Director – Elaine Hill
Sound System: Andy Bixler/James Bordewick
Advent Family: Jones Family

Announcements

Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24, 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM.

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25 – Tuesday, January 1.

Sunday, December 30 will be a Hymn Sing. Think about your favorite hymns!

Sunday, December 30 get all remaining gifts you want counted as 2018 turned in! If you are mailing something in you want counted for 2018, it must be postmarked by December 31.

2019 Pledge Cards

Thanks to everyone who has all ready turned in your pledge cards! If you haven't and you need a new one, spare cards are out with the Prayer Sheets. Please get your pledge cards in!

Community United Methodist Church

December 23, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

A time of quiet reflection is appreciated as we gather for worship. During this time, you may wish to use one of the prayer slips at the end of each pew to request a prayer to be lifted up during the service.

Welcome and Announcements

Chimes

Prelude

"In Dulci Jubilo"

J.S. Bach/M. Ryan

Invitation to the Advent Family

We light a light in the names of the word of life; the everlasting God, who called worlds into being and stars beyond all number.

He it is who loves us, counts the hairs of our head and calls us each by name and will bring us home, gathering us in his arms as a mother gathers her children.

O Emmanuel, whose coming was announced in the message of the angel; make us alive to your presence and ready to receive you; that as we hear your voice we may, like Mary, say 'yes' to you and be bearers of the word to a world in waiting. O God, who in Christ will exult over us with singing in the joy of the Spirit, our hope is in you and for ever.

Amen.

Advent Song:

"Advent Song"

Black Hymnal #2090, v. 1-4

O Emmanuel, come to your world and come to your people who wait for you! Teach us to see and to believe the signs of your life already here. Teach us to work, teach us to hope, teach us to love, teach us to have joy, living in the light of the kingdom today.

Amen.

People of God, prepare! God, above all, maker of all, is the one with us in Christ. God bends down in love to earth. God with us, God beside us, comes soon to the world God has made. We are God's children, we seek the coming Christ! Come, Lord Jesus!

Amen.

Anthem

"Carol of the Bells" arr. Peter Wilhousky
Choir, Bells: Dana Wigert & Jim Reinholdson

Children's Time:

Children are invited to use the activity tables during the worship service

Scripture

Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

These words inspired by God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

*** Hymn**

"A Candle is Burning"

1. A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of **Hope** in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.
2. A candle is burning, a candle of **Peace**;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.

For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.

3. A candle is burning, a candle of **Joy**;
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.
4. A candle is burning, a candle of **Love**;
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth;
For Jesus is bringing God's Love to our earth.

Offertory

"Ave Maria"

J. S. Bach/C. Gounod

Doxology (a Christmas carol)

"In The Bleak Midwinter" Red Hymnal #221, v. 4

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal #895

"Our (Father, Mother, God, Creator) ..."
please use whichever name you find meaningful.

*** Sending Hymn**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Red Hymnal #220

Benediction

Postlude

"All Glory Be To God On High"

J. S. Bach