

Sermon: Unwrapping Christmas

1 Timothy 3:16

Pastor Weyland Leach

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

*He was **manifested** in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.*

The Heights Church

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The Heights Church

*"We exist to joyfully surrender our lives to Jesus Christ
through God's Word,
together proclaiming the gospel to all peoples,
for the glory of God."*

Worship

Advent - December 24, 2017

Prelude

Megan Hayton

Gathering

Prepare Him Room

Elliott/Fournier

Welcome

Call to Worship

Luke 2:1-7

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Praise & Adoration

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Wesley/Prichard, hymn #168

Angels We Have Heard on High

Chadwick/Barnes, hymn #192

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Brooks/Redner, hymn #178

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-14

What Child Is This?

Dix/Traditional English Carol

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Worship in Giving

Fullness of Grace

Getty/Townend

Response

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:15-20

Joy to the World

Watts/Handel, hymn #171

Word

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page 992 in the pew Bible

Closing Song

O Come All Ye Faithful

Oakeley/Wade, hymn #193

Silent Night

Mohr/Gruber, hymn #195

Benediction

Welcome!

Welcome to The Heights Church! We are grateful that you are with us today as we gather together to make much of Jesus Christ. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our church **please fill out our Connection Card** located in the pews. It is our joy to serve you.

We love having families worship together in our service. We also understand that a child may become restless during a service. If needed, you are welcome to use our restless child room directly behind the sanctuary where the worship service can still be heard. We also have a **Nursing Mom's Room** across the hall from the sanctuary where you can listen to the worship service.

This Week

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

9:00am No Sunday School

10:15am Worship Service

Monday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

(Church office closed)

Tuesday, December 26

(Church office closed)

Wednesday, December 27

7:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Sunday, December 31

9:00am No Sunday School

10:15am Worship Service

Attendance / Offering

Attendance last Sunday: 136

General Budget

Offering Given Last Sunday: \$9,512.84

Weekly Gen. Budget Need: \$5,682.12

First Quarter to Date Giving

(November 1, 2017–January 31, 2018)

Offering Given QTD: \$41,499.65

Offering Need QTD: \$39,774.84

Preaching Schedule

Dec 24 Pastor Weyland Leach

Dec 31 Pastor Weyland Leach

Jan 7 Pastor Weyland Leach

Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request?

It is our joy to pray for you. Please share your request via our prayer link at theheightschurchmn.org or by contacting the church office at 651.776.0519.

Baptism / Membership

Do you have questions about baptism or church membership? Please contact us at 651.776.0519 or theheightschurch1@gmail.com.

Sermon Audio

Audio of today's sermon will be available for streaming/download at theheightschurchmn.org by this Tuesday. You can also request an audio CD of any sermon by contacting our church office.

Mobile Giving

You can use your phone to give to The Heights Church. **Text "HEIGHTSMN" to 77977** to get a link to give a one-time or recurring offering.

When you send your text you will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to The Heights Church (1msg/request). Please be aware that Msg & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions, please visit <https://pushpay.com/terms>. For the Privacy Policy, please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help, reply HELP or STOP to cancel.

Announcements

visit us at theheightschurchmn.org

No Sunday School Classes on December 24 and 31

All classes resume on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

No Men's Bible Study this Wednesday, December 27

Worship Service Song Lyrics Available (Large Print)

To help serve those who have difficulty reading the song lyrics during our worship service, we also have large print song sheets available at the back usher table.

Year-End Giving Online

Online giving is available at theheightschurchmn.org. Simply click the "Give" link at the top of the homepage and follow the online instructions. All year-end contributions must be made by December 31.

Offering Envelope Boxes for 2018 Now Available

If you are currently using personal offering envelopes, your new offering envelopes for 2018 are available to pick up in the foyer. If you do not have personal offering envelopes but would like to start using them for 2018, please contact our church office and we will be glad to assist you.

Serving One Another

Today

Ushers: Dick Johnson, Cory Mastel, Brian Kendall

Greeters: Don Nelson, Russ Johnson

Coffee: Russ & Judy Johnson

Next Sunday

Joe Groppoli, Walt Acosta

Russ Johnson, Loren Johnson

Kathy Lundberg

Communion for January 7

Mike Facklam, Gary Horn, Matt Taylor, Dick Johnson

Set up: Alice Rogan