

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

Color: Violet

We celebrate the season of preparation for His coming.

We celebrate the season with our Cantata,
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Created by Russell Mauldin and Sue Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Processional and Illumination

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Leader: Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

All: Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.

Leader: With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

All: We open our hearts to all God's children, the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.

Leader: The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.

All: Praise be to God who loves us so much and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world.

AMEN.

 **OPENING HYMN:** The First Noel

Hymn #245

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH


Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: Soloist: Brandy Wood

"The Savior Has Become My Son Tonight"

 Doxology # 95

 Prayer of Dedication

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH SEE INSERT

Today we welcome the Baxter family to light the third candle, the candle of Joy.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

Congregation: And also with you

Pastor: Lord have mercy.

Congregation: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: Let us pray.

THE CANTATA PRESENTATION

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Jayne Thompson, Director of Music

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The Recessional

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

 **All who are able, please stand**

Thank you for not bringing food or beverage, except water, into the Sanctuary as well as turning off your cell phones during service ☺

Please join us downstairs after service for a time of fellowship and a light luncheon and the Children's Christmas Party with a visit from Santa.

This afternoon no later than 3:30pm we will gather at the church to go Christmas caroling. Please join us.

Our Schedule of Christmas Eve Services Dec. 24th:

Children's Service in our Sanctuary 10:00 AM

Living Nativity at the YMCA Clark Memorial 6:30 PM

Candle and Carol Service in our Sanctuary 10:00 PM

A special thank you to our Music Director, Jayne Thompson, and Choir for the many extra hours of preparation for today's service.

Join us for Wednesday night Hour Of Prayer with Pastor Cal, 6-7pm!

THIS WEEKS STEEPLE LIGHTING IS A SENTAMENT TO SAY MERRY CHERISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR, GIVEN BY THE MILLER FAMILY.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR THIS MONTHS ARE IN REMEMBRANCE OF ROY A. THAYER GIVEN BY THE THAYER FAMILY.

Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!

December 17, 2017

Greeters: CINDY CARVILL & VALORIE MILLER

Ushers: DOUG & MERRILY STONE

Co-leader: MERRILY STONE

December 24, 2017

Greeters: DENISE PRICE

Ushers: ??????????

Co-leader: CINDY CARVILL

Pastor: F. Calvin Miller

Senior Deacon: Marvin Bernstein

Fellow Deacons: Merrily

Stone, Cindy Carvill, Jerry McKean, Katrina Fleming, Robert Duval, Martha Dienst, Ian Bussiere & Dakota Wood

Director of Music: Jayne Thompson

Children's Ministry: Brandy Wood

Youth Director: Jennie LeBlanc

Office Administrator: Cheri Comer

Church Sexton: James Lemmer

Nursery Attendant: Kayte Richtarcsik

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Offering for the week of December 3, 2017

General \$2,484.00 Missions \$62.00 Loose Offering \$372.00
Church Rental \$50.00 Communion \$35.00 Steeple Lighting \$5.00
Morin Real Estate Plowing \$200.00
Remembrance of David Cochran \$30.00

Total \$3,238.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

Offering for the week of December 10, 2017

General \$2,734.50 Missions \$310.50 Loose Offering \$179.03
Holly Bazaar \$2,998.56 Steeple Lighting \$10.00

Total \$6,232.59 Thank you for giving & God Bless!