

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
IN THE SANCTUARY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the registration notebook when it is passed along your row.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

People: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: In the darkness, we long to see the light.

People: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: In the silence, we long for a comforting word.

People: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: In hardship, we long for an act of love.

People: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: In Christ, we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of joy.

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Today we light three candles. The first candle radiates the hope given through Jesus Christ. The second candle calls us to embrace and extend Christ's peace to an unsettled world. The third candle extends the promise of joy to restless souls. Though darkness is present and earthly trials weigh heavy, the promise of Advent offers true joy that sustains a weary people.

MUSIC BY EXPRESSIONS OF JOY

SCRIPTURE Luke 3:7-18

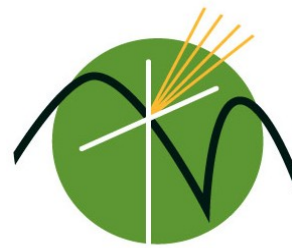
SERMON "Do" Pastor Mills

OFFERING

Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God! Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God who gives to us that we may live generously.

OFFERTORY "White Christmas"

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
DECEMBER 16, 2018

CLASSIC WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that God blesses you with His presence as you have blessed us with yours. You may light a candle with a prayer for yourself, your loved ones, or for a concern you have in your community or the world. You may do so before the service or during the worship songs.

**Indicates congregation standing as able*

PRELUDE Vera Kleinhenz, organ
"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"

*OPENING SONG "Joy to the World" UMH 246

*PRAYER FOR WORSHIP

L: In the times of darkness and fear, God is ever near to love and guide us.

P: Come, Loving God, fill our hearts.

L: O God of the Coming One, we have come to draw water from your well.

P: From your well we will receive our baptism; from its waters we will accept our healing.

L: At all times and in all places, you are always with us, sustaining, healing, loving.

P: Come, Loving God, fill our hearts with Joy. Amen.

*GREETING

We seek the inner joy that only God's presence can bring to our lives. We open our hearts and our spirits to God's love. Share the peace and love of Christ Jesus with one another.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are invited to come to the front to spend some time with the pastor. Afterwards, the children (ages 3-10) may go to children's church, although children are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Zac and Jen Jankovsky
(see cards in bulletins)
"Where the Promise Shines"
by Joel Raney

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ANTHEM MUMC Sanctuary Choir
"Soon and Very Soon"
Accompanist: Elena Maietta

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SERMON "Do"

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Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God! Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God who gives to us that we may live generously.

OFFERTORY "What Child is This" UMH 219

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God" UMH 95

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The congregation is invited to briefly voice joys and concerns. A tan card is available for prayer concerns that you would like to have added to our weekly prayer list or email distribution.

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "The Joy of the Lord"

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

LITURGIST: Dan Salzwedel
CHOIR DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST: Vera Kleinhenz
ACCOMPANIST: Elena Maietta

SUNDAY MORNING GROWTH GROUPS 10:15 AM:

Grace	Round Room
Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
Life	Pastor's Office
Neu Group	MAC

Newborns - 4 years old	Nursery
4 to 8 years old	Room 201
9 to 13 years old	Room 202
14 to 18 years old	Room 205

The Grace Class is doing a study of the book of James.
The Fellowship Class is doing a study about Jesus.
The Life Class is doing a study of the book of Revelation.
The Neu Class is doing an Advent study.

FIRST TIME GUESTS

Mountainside United Methodist Church would like to **welcome our first time guests** to our "Beacon on the Mountainside". In honor of your visit, MUMC would like to make a donation in your name to a charity. In order for us to make these donations in your name please be sure to fill out the "First Time Guest Card" found in the registration booklet.

GIVING ALTERNATIVES

Thank you for your generous giving. We always welcome cash and checks. But if you are interested in alternative ways to donate to Mountainside UMC, there are a couple of methods.

Electronic Giving: You can set up electronic giving with Vanco by going to

www.mountainsidemethodist.org and look for online giving. There is a form to fill out to set up your giving on a regular basis from your bank or by using a credit card.

Bill Pay: You can go to your bank and have them send a check to the church on a regular basis. We have several members who are using this method and it works very well.

MEET OUR STAFF

For staff email addresses please check our website:

www.mountainsidemethodist.org

Rev. W. Douglas Mills, PhD, Pastor
Vera Kleinhenz, Choir Director/Organist
Christy Mills, Facility Manager
Jan Morris, Bookkeeper
Joyce Furry, Office Administrator

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OR CONNECT

Sunday, December 16, 2018

9:00 AM **Classic Worship**
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:10 AM **Contemporary Worship Service**
With Expressions Of Joy

Monday, December 17, 2018

9:00 AM Dance Cardio by Leticia
10:45 AM Yoga
12:00 PM AA
4:00 PM Upward Practice
6:00 PM Missions Meeting
6:00 PM Women's AA

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

9:00 AM **EM Food Pantry**
9:30 AM Holy Yoga Chair Class
10:45 AM Whole Life 3D
12:00 PM AA
4:00 PM Upward Practice
6:00 PM **Administrative Council Meeting**
6:00 PM Holy Yoga Mat Class
7:00 PM AA

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

10:45 AM Yoga
12:00 PM AA
4:00 PM Upward Practice
5:45 PM **Advent Prayer Service**
5:50 PM Jubilee Players
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 20, 2018

9:30 AM Bible Study & Potluck
12:00 PM AA
4:00 PM Upward Practice

Friday, December 21, 2018

10:00 AM AI-Anon
12:00 PM AA
4:00 PM Upward Practice

Saturday, December 22, 2018

9:00 AM CWS Rehearsal
9:30 AM **Christmas Food Boxes**

Sunday, December 23, 2018

9:00 AM **Classic Worship: Choir Cantata**
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:10 AM **Contemporary Worship Service**



Children (through 6th grade) are welcome to participate in singing two songs for the Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 4:00 PM. We will be learning the songs during Children's Church (9:00 and 11:10) starting on December. 2. Contact Karen Watson with any questions.

Christmas Food Boxes: It's time for volunteers to assist in assembling the food boxes this Saturday, December 22, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Julia Beach is the contact at 505-281-7061 or jbeach50@comcast.net

Each year we recognize the church staff for their great work and dedication. The Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) will be accepting donations for staff Christmas gifts on Sunday December 9th and 16th. Please give your contribution to one of the PPRC members or put it in an envelope marked "Staff Christmas Gift" and place it in the collection plate. If you would like your contribution to go to a specific staff member let one of the PPRC members know or write their name on the envelope. PPRC members are:

Bob Mason
John Beach
Bob Van Allen
Mary Jackson
Earl Robinson
Anne Merkley



Prayer Warriors: If you are interested in helping to keep our Sunday services covered in prayer and re-vitalizing our prayer room please think about volunteering an hour of your time. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex or please speak with Don Ferris. Let us come together in prayer.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Children's bulletins are available from an usher or on the table in the narthex.

YOUTH NEWS

COME TO IGNITE! –our youth program at Mountainside. All youth, grades 6th- 12th, are invited to come. Bring a friend and join us for food, fun, and fellowship Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm twice a month at Mountainside UMC.

We are looking for adults who interested in becoming part of a host team for IGNITE! This includes contributing to a meal, activity, or leading a study for our youth. Contact Jack Brisbin at (505) 206-0026 or Lu Brisbin at (804) 832-0606.

INTERESTED IN USING OUR FACILITY?

If you need to request a meeting or activity time in the building, please email Christy Mills at facility@mountainsidemethodist.org.

Tis the season for all critters to try to stay warm and they would love to stay warm in our church. Please remember to keep the doors to the church closed when you are using the facilities for your events (no propping the doors open). Please remember that we are all responsible for our own clean



up...trash needs to be taken out, lights turned off, crumbs vacuumed, thermostats reset, doors locked..all of these actions make us good stewards of our church. When you take the trash to the dumpster please make sure that the dumpster lid is completely closed and no trash is sticking out; otherwise, our bears get the blame for our human error. Mountainside is a very busy facility so let's all do our part to keep it a clean, critter free one.