

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
IN THE WELCOME CENTER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRAYER

SONG: "Love the Lord"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSIVE LITANY

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

PEOPLE: **God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.**

LEADER: When we longed for the silence to be broken.

PEOPLE: **God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.**

LEADER: When we longed for the light that shines in the darkness.

PEOPLE: **God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.**

LEADER: When we longed for the peace that surpasses understanding.

PEOPLE: **God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son.**

Today we light four candles. The first candle is the light of hope granting strength to the weary. The second candle is the light of peace that surpasses our understanding. The third candle is the light of joy that touches the depths of our soul. The fourth candle reminds us of the light of God's love poured out in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

SONGS: "Love the Lord"
"Blessed Messiah"

SCRIPTURE LUKE 1:39-55

SERMON "Welcome"

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

SONG: "YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE)"

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING



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Connecting People to Jesus.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
DECEMBER 23, 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: "Christmas Melodies" Jubilee Band

*OPENING HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH 234
vs. 1, 3, 6

*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 Grutzik Family
(see cards in bulletins)
"Where the Promise Shines"
by Joel Raney

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The Promise of Light

A Christmas Musical

By

Joel Raney

Narrators: Diane and Jim Turner

Prologue

The Promise of Light

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Lift Up Your Eyes

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

O Little Town of Bethlehem

While Shepherds Watched

Angels We Have Heard on High

Away In a Manger

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*SENDING HYMN:

"While Shepherd Watched Their Flocks" UMH 236
vs. 1 & 6

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING



LITURGIST: Bob VanAllen
CHOIR DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST: Vera Kleinhenz
ACCOMPANIST: Elena Maietta

SUNDAY MORNING GROWTH GROUPS 10:15 AM:

Grace Fellowship	Round Room
Life	Fellowship Hall
Neu Group	Pastor's Office
	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 23, 2018

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

Monday, December 24, 2018

10:45 AM Yoga
12:00 PM AA
4:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service
6:00 PM Women's AA
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Church Office Closed
Newsletter Submission Deadline
9:00 AM EM Food Pantry
10:45 AM Whole Life 3D
12:00 PM AA
7:00 PM AA

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Church Office Closed
10:45 AM Yoga
12:00 PM AA
4:00 PM Upward Practice
5:50 Pm Jubilee Players
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 27, 2018

Church Office Closed
9:00 AM Upward Training Camp
9:30 AM Bible Study & Potluck
12:00 PM AA
4:00 PM Upward practice

Friday, December 28, 2018

Church Office Closed
9:00 AM Upward Training Camp
10:00 AM AI-Anon
12:00 PM AA
4:00 PM Upward practice

Saturday, December 29, 2018

Church Office Closed
Upward Make Up Day
CWS rehearsal

Sunday, December 30, 2018

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Combined Worship: JUG Band

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve Services:

4:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Plan to join us for one of these services. Both include communion and candles.

Combined Services on December 30 at 10:15 am. Sunday school will be at 9:00 am. The service will be led by the JugBand and will include a message in the form of a readers theater.

We will have a **New Year's Eve Watch Night Service at 8:00 pm December 31st.** You are invited to this prayer service and then to stay afterwards to play board (and other) games. The youth will have a lock-in that night. You are welcome to join the fun and stay as long as you like.



Unhanging of the Greens: January 6th after the Contemporary Service. Please join us as we "unhang" the greens after Epiphany services on January 6, 2019. We'll share a light lunch of soup, bread, and dessert. Contact Janet Vertrees at 505 235-9087 with questions.



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.



The church office will be closed December 25th through January 1. If you have an emergency, please call the pastor on his cell phone at 505.359.0052.



If you would like to join our email lists, you can go to the church website, www.mountainsidemethodist.org and click on the link. It will allow you to choose which list you would like to join.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Children's bulletins and bags 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.