

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 31, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas

Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

Prelude

Holly Slice, piano

As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and preparation for worship.

Welcome to Worship

Greeting

* Opening Hymn

UM Hymnal No. 219

What Child is This

Psalter ~ Psalm 8:1-5

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Your glory is chanted above the heavens
by the mouth of babes and infants:
**you have set up a defense against your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
and mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them little less than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

* Gloria Patri, No. 70

Meineke

Pastoral Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.*

* Presentation of Tithes, Gifts & Offerings

* Doxology

UM Hymnal Pg. 95

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:41-52

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Revealing Snapshot

Rev. Scott Adams

* Hymn of Dedication

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

UM Hymnal No. 251

* Benediction

* Postlude

*For those who are able, please stand.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family

Sympathies: We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Susan Dawson on the death of her husband, Fred Dawson.

Give Blood. Help Save Lives

The Red Cross will be in the Parking Lot today from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please prayerfully consider giving the gift of life.

Bethany NOW Begins Jan. 10

The winter session of Bethany NOW will begin on Jan. 10. The evening begins with dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5pm, where you can share a time of fellowship with family and friends. Dinner is followed by a selection of classes for adults as well as activities for youth and children of all ages. Come join us and make Wednesday night a time of fun for you all.

End of Year Offerings

The last day the church office will be open to receive your year-end offerings to be credited in 2017 is Friday, Dec. 29. The office will be open until 12 p.m. If you prefer to mail your year-end offering, please make certain that your letter is postmarked no later than Dec. 31. For further information about giving, offering envelopes or automatic drafts, contact Ann Gill at 843.873.1230

The New Hope Circle

The New Hope Circle of United Methodist Women will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, at the home of Pam Jeffries, 101 Barrington Ct., Summerville. In recognition of January being Human Trafficking Awareness Month, there will be a speaker from Doors to Freedom, a non-profit organization which has opened a home in North Charleston to provide free housing, counselling, and academic education for girls who are victims of sex trafficking. For more information, contact Donna Waite at 843.879.3395 or at donnabwaite@aol.com.

Church Office Closed January 1&2

The church office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1 and Tuesday, Jan. 2, in observance of the New Year holiday. The office will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 8:30 a.m.

2018 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the hallway near the Welcome Center. Please help us be a good steward of our finances by picking your envelopes up today.



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