

# Mentor United Methodist Church

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

The liturgical color is purple, signifying our penitence and the royalty of Christ.

## GATHERING

**Prelude** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bach  
Amy Bender, organist

### Lighting of the Candles

#### Presentation of God's Holy Word

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew.

If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Kurt Landerholm

### Lighting Of The Advent Candle

9:00 Rhoads Family

11:00 Sanvido Family

Third Sunday -

On this third Sunday of Advent, we consider the overwhelming love of God, who called out for Himself a people from this earth to know Him and live in relationship with Him. He was not willing to share us with other false gods, but He wanted our heart for His own, so He sent us His Son, Jesus, the Word of God Made Flesh, Jealous love for us Spoke through His every action.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." – Luke 10:27

Today, we re-light the candle of expectant hope and disruptive joy, and we light the candle of love, remembering that we are empowered to love God with our whole being because God has first loved us.

\* **Hymn 211** (VS. 3) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, O Come, Great Lord of might, who to they tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\* **Prayer** (unison)

**God, we have learned to love from being loved by you. And so today, let us enact that love. Let us live that love. We know that what the world needs now is more love. We need to remember how much you love each one of us and we must share that love with others. Amen.**

\* **Opening Hymn 204** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" McGee

### Sharing Joys and Concerns

### Morning Prayer

### Presentations of Our Tithes and Gifts

### Offertory

\* **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn 242** "Love Came Down at Christmas" GARTAN

### Choir Cantata

*The Glory of Christmas*  
Celebrating Christ's Birth

Music by Lloyd Larson with Orchestration by Ed Hogan

Mentor United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
Amy Bender, Director

Painesville United Methodist Church Choir  
Fritz Streiff, Director

Liese Vito and Ken Vito  
Narrators

*(We ask that you hold your applause for the very end of the Cantata.  
Thank you.)*

The Glory of Christmas  
Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning  
Prepare the Way of the Lord!  
Child of Promise, Child of Love  
Jesus Is Born Tonight!  
Christ Is Born This Holy Night  
Guide Us to the Perfect Light  
The Glory of Christmas! *Finale*

*The Orchestra*

Flute: Judy Elias, Heather Rice  
Oboe: Sydnee Webb  
Clarinet: Tracy Paroubek  
Debbie Deal

Bassoon: Carol Chenoweth  
French Horn: Wendy Rhoads  
David Fram

Trumpet: Amanda Alafi  
Olivia Shelton  
Ben McMurtrie

Trombone: Melissa Lichtler  
Patricia Humphrey

Tuba: Brad Leyrer  
Percussion: Laurie Kunes  
Jake Szabo  
Rachel Beller

Piano: Sharyl Verbsky  
Violin: Stephen Blauch  
Maria Vinas

Viola: Kira Kosatka  
Cello: Elizabeth Weaver  
Double Bass: Jacob Kaminski

**SENDING FORTH**

\* **Pastoral Benediction**

\* **Postlude** "Concerto in a minor" Vivaldi

\* *Members of the congregation stand if able.*

Altar flowers are presented by Diane and Andy Champa  
in appreciation of new grandchild, Parker Nicholas.

If you would like to order flowers in memory of loved ones, to celebrate  
an anniversary, or offer them to the Glory of God, please contact Kathy  
Fellows at 440-255-5899.

Flowers are needed for January 27.



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