

WELCOME GUESTS! We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. We look forward to meeting you after the service and hope to see you again soon. Please sign the red attendance pad located in your pew.

NURSERY CARE is provided for infants and children ages three and under during the 11:00 Worship Service. If you need assistance, please see an usher. Activity bags are available in the narthex for children who remain in worship.

Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God from Jack and Willi Dalaba to honor our children - Lisa, Todd, CJ and Michael. We love you each dearly and are proud of you.

Sign up to give flowers in Honor of or in Memory of someone by signing up on the flower chart, located on the wall near the elevator. The cost is \$60.

ASSISTING IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE 8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE:

LITURGIST: JOAN WALTON

USHERS: JIM & BARBARA MCGILVRAY

ADVENT READERS: LIZ VOGT, LAURINE HOUSTON

ASSISTING IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE:

LITURGIST: LINDA FERTAL

USHERS: JIM & DANNYE IVEY, SONYA HUGHES, SHARON LAROCHE

SOUND TECH: JOE ERSCHERNS

NURSERY: MARYANNE TURNER

ADVENT READERS: LISA HARALAMPUS AND THE CARR FAMILY

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dawn-Marie Singleton, Pastor

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The mission of OUMC is to:

* Know Jesus as Christ * Invite others to follow Him * Develop devoted disciples * Serve those in need

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017 • THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP (11:00)

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

No. 240

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Be patient! Wait and Watch for the Lord is drawing near to us.

We have gathered here this day to hear the good news and to gather strength for the times to come.

Be at peace with one another.

Let love and wisdom prevail.

Open your hearts and souls to God's healing word.

Lord, touch our hearts. Teach us to patiently listen for your words of love. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

8:30

Liz Vogt and Laurine Houston

11:00

Lisa Haralampus and the Carr family

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

ADVENT WREATH CAROL

(O Come, O Come Emmanuel, verse 5)

THE PRAYER FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

O King of Kings! Controlling at your will the gates of heaven, come break down the walls of separation and division; lead your people into freedom! O Come, O come Emmanuel!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 126

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 572

SONGS OF PRAISE (8:30)

Congregational Selections

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (11:00)

"Were You There"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

Rev. Dawn-Marie

(Please know that there are children's worship bags in the narthex for your use for the little ones. We also do **BUZZ words** during the sermon. Children are asked to write words that they hear during the message on the BUZZ word paper (also in the narthex). Each week, a "beekeeper" will be announced. Following the end of the service, the child is encouraged to go to the "Beekeeper" to get a prize.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph" No. 215

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 1:18-21 PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 1

SERMON "Raising a Child Not Your Own" REV SINGLETON

THE PRAYER RESPONSE

Lord, how grateful we are for Joseph's story. Please help us hear your call on our lives and become the instruments through which you bless others. Help us not to be afraid when you call us to do something that calls for risk or challenge. Give us the courage to step outside our comfort zone and take a leap of faith. Finally, Lord, help us to feel responsible for children who are not our own and to experience the joy that comes in helping them. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 196

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

