

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PLEASANT VALLEY AND CAMDEN AVENUES

MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ
with a hurting world through words and actions

DECEMBER 25, 2016

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 A.M. Service

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The world was once in darkness.

People: Now we have God's Light, Jesus to shine on us.

Leader: The words and promises of God are all true!

People: God has given us the best gift of all!

Leader: Rejoice! God is with us!

People: Praise be to God! AMEN.

HYMN 224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

***OPENING PRAYER:** O God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. As we receive this most wonderful gift of love, let us live to bring the message of hope and love to all people. May the light of Christ shine in us this day and always. Amen.

*A LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Leader: On this day we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Your Self in human form.

People: We celebrate the son of God.

Leader: We are transfixed by the story of Jesus. We looked for a warrior;

People: You sent a baby.

Leader: We looked for royalty;

People: You were born to peasants.

Leader: We looked for power

People: You showed us meekness.

Leader: We looked among rulers and politicians;

People: You were found among cattle and shepherds.

Leader: We looked for military victory.

People: You gave us resurrection.

Leader: We looked for riches;

People: You gave us selflessness.

Leader: We looked for a king;

People: You gave us a servant.

Leader: We worship Jesus, the humble hero of God's Redemption Story.

May we recognize our part in the story,

our place as Christ-followers, our calling to gentleness and humility

our opportunities to give our most profound gifts.

People: May we grow ever more like Jesus, and live in the light of His presence and example.

Amen.

Pratt

CALL TO PRAYER O COME LET US ADORE HIM *(1988 Integrity's Hosanna Music)*

O Come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore Him;

O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST - We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning. Please fill out the Friendship Pad and pass it along to the person next to you and then pass back to the center aisle. Write any special prayer requests on the sheets provided in the pew racks and place in the offering plate.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth

Donna Banes and Joyce Scheyhing

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 219

What Child is This

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:5-13, 26-38

MESSAGE

Christmas Interruptions

Pastor Richard Nichols

*CLOSING HYMN 240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*GOING FORTH: The Benediction

A NOTE TO PARENTS: Child care is available in Room E101 for children up to age four. We love children and little ones are welcome in our worship service. On those days when your child is fussy, the parlor located behind the sanctuary provides an excellent place to care for your children and still participate in the worship service. There is a powder room right outside the parlor that can be used for changing diapers.

USHERS: Ed White, Becky White, Ralph Adamson, Robert Durand, Gene Kindig, John Renouf

GREETERS: Helen Holler **ACOLYTE:** Alex Bewley

SCRIPTURE READER: Stephanie Woodruff

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 473 Sunday School: 96

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, please let the church office know so that we can help in the healing process through our prayers, visits, food preparation, etc. Thank you!

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: Pat and Jim Graef on the death of their great-grandson.
PRAYER CONCERNS: Carolyn Emme, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Laura Gould (sister of Ed Youse), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), Karen Pearce (mother of William Pearce), Susan Moody (daughter-in-law of Joan Moody), Jane Mertz, Barbara Lobe, Tom Bintliff, Jr. (friend of Doug Hamilton), Norman Adams (husband of Betty Adams), Ron Griffith, Kaelyn Joyce (granddaughter of Jack & Dorothy Schweitzer), Lissa Herman (friend of Carol Talbot), Bruce Simmons & Charlotte Froman (friends of Ed & Mary Lou Nelson), Janet Brown (friend of Carol Taylor), Rev. Richard Thawley, Sam Wang (cousin of Elite Law), Lynda Rodriguez (daughter of Bob Rodriguez), Lee Talbot, Mary Schick (friend of Linda Wanagas), Doug Carty, Becky Wentworth (friend of Linda Wanagas), Tom Bahnck (son of Thomas & Gloria Bahnck), Robb Murray, Kathryn Machamer (mother of Kathy Clawges), Doris Irwin (friend of Alice Brenner), Joe DeCesare (friend of Joyce Scheyhing), Gloria Despres (mother of Kristine Daglian), Gary Graham (father of Brad Graham), Mike Pilenza (friend of Greg Bryan & Dick Loring), Denny Flamini (son of Dennis Flamini).
SERVING OVERSEAS IN IRAQ: Specialist L. Colby Cooper, boyfriend of Abigail Sell.

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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