

**Sunday, December 17, 2017**

***Third Sunday in Advent***

***Cantata Sunday***

**Love God · Love People · Grow**

Greetings/Announcements  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Hymn\*** **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** **UMH 250**  
Morning Prayer

***Little Lion, Little Lamb***

A Cantata for Christmas

Presented by the Music Department of Community United Methodist Church

By Heather Sorenson

Orchestration by Keith Christopher

Musical Direction by Dr. Martha Springstead and Mrs. Mary Letson

Narrated by Janis Hurd and Laura Shaw

Overture/Sing Christmas	Choir and Orchestra
And So We Wait	Jennifer Shaw, Soloist
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear	Choir
Who's the Little Baby?	Wyatt Letson, Soloist
Sleep Little Lion, Sleep Little Lamb	Liz Griffin, Jennifer Harrison
(During this song offering will be collected)	and Beth Lape
Where is the Peace Tonight?	Youth Choir
In This Moment	Emma Harrison, Soloist
Angels from the Realms of Glory	Choir
Carol of the King (please sing as directed lyrics are on the reverse side of this sheet)	Choir (congregation as directed)

**The choir respectfully requests no applause between movements.**

Benediction and Postlude\*

Hymnal Helps: UMH (red) United Methodist Hymnal - #s below 1000

TFWS (black) The Faith We Sing - #s above 2000

**Bold = Congregation** / \*Stand as you are able.

**Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room.  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven  
and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness.  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of  
His love,  
And wonders, and wonders of his love.

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing  
o'er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply echo back their  
joyous strains.  
Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.  
Come, ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.  
O come let us adore Him. (3 times)  
Christ the Lord.

We'll give Him all the glory (3 times)  
Christ the Lord.

We'll praise His name forever (3 times)  
Christ the Lord.

**THANK YOU** for the many messages and cards following my sister's death. Your expressions of love touch my heart. Julie Chapman

**The Witness Ministry Group** is encouraging our congregation to pray daily. During your devotional time, please pray for:

1. During this season of Advent, remember to give thanks for the Christ Child and Peace on Earth.
2. Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently that they still might find joy in the holidays.
3. Pray for the ministries of Community UMC - that new people will be reached for the Kingdom of God and that lives will be changed through the ministries of this church.

**Christmas Eve morning schedule will be 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. traditional, and 9:45 a.m. modern worship. The evening will be 7:00 p.m., a family service of lessons and carols; 9:00 p.m. modern service with the worship band; and 11:00 p.m. will be a traditional liturgy. Holy communion will be offered at all services, and nursery will be provided at 7 and 9 p.m.**

**PRAYER MAIL:** [prayermail@cumcvb.org](mailto:prayermail@cumcvb.org)

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE CONCERNS –**

Harbor Edge	Clarence and Dolores Fentress
Lake Taylor Rehab	Marilu Temple
Marian Manor	Wanda Ives
Princess Anne Rehab	Annie Laurie Broadwell

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** are due by noon, Tues., to [cumc@cumcvb.org](mailto:cumc@cumcvb.org). Please limit your announcement to 3 lines and 3 weeks, specifying dates for publication.

**POWER POINT REQUESTS** - All persons requiring power point presentations, especially for worship services, should submit information to the office by the previous Wed. morning. Questions? Drop us a line at [worshipleader@cumcvb.org](mailto:worshipleader@cumcvb.org).

**MINISTRY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY** – Christian care is never outdated. God’s command that we love one another is the same now as it was thousands of years ago. How are you extending God’s love to others? Stephen Ministers are trained and equipped to do just that. The next training for new Stephen Ministers begins January 9, 6:30-9:00 pm, and applications are available in the Crossroads area or by email. Contact Sue Elliker at 575-1749 or [selliker@cox.net](mailto:selliker@cox.net) and learn how you can become part of this important caring ministry.

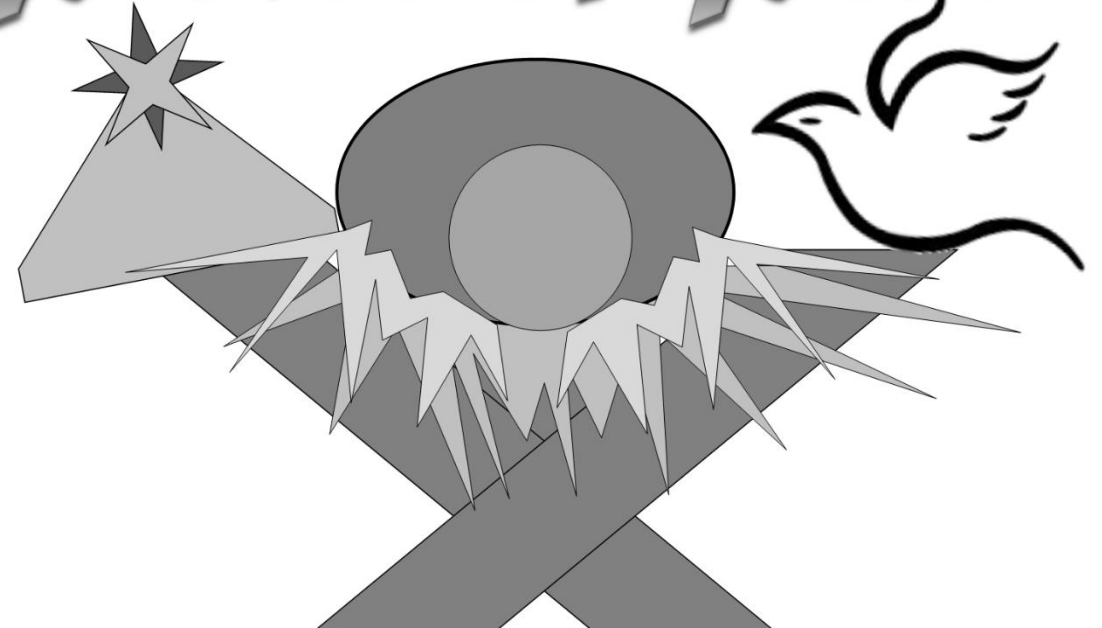
***Pastor Matt's cell phone number is (703) 819-0687 and Pastor Brian's cell phone number is (757) 615-6192.***

**CHURCH STAFF**

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Worship Leader  
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# Advent 2017: Prince of Peace



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**Welcome to Community United Methodist Church! If you are worshipping with us today as our guest, please stop by the Connection Table located to the left of the double exterior sanctuary doors. There you will find a small gift and a welcome packet. You will also be able to sign up for a name tag. We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us this morning!**

**THIS WEEK**

**12/17 NIGHT CARE OPEN HOUSE TODAY**, immediately following the 11:00 service. Come and see the services offered, and learn how your group can schedule nursery for 2018!

**12/17 BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** will be at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel. For anyone who has experienced a loss of joy and meaning in life, the loss of a family member, the loss of a relationship, the loss of a job, the Christmas season can be a difficult time. Come and join us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle - and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. The service will be followed by a brief time for fellowship and light refreshments.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**12/24 ANNUAL COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA** will be in the hospitality area. Please bring a batch of your homemade Christmas cookies to share along with the recipe if you wish. This is a Community tradition that you don't want to miss!

**LAST CALL FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING!** Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? Applications are due now for the Stephen Ministry training class that will meet Tuesday evenings, Jan. 9 through May, 6:30-9:00 p.m. If you have not yet completed an application, contact Sue Elliker at 575-1749 or [selliker@cox.net](mailto:selliker@cox.net) ASAP.

**OTHER NOTES**

**THANK YOU** to all members who have selected angels from our trees. Gift angels are due back **TODAY** so that we can get them to the recipients. Cash angels are due 12/31.

**TO SHOW OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION** for the pastors and staff at CUMC and all they do to make our church the great family of faith we are, a love offering is being collected through the end of the year. Please indicate your contribution to this offering by writing "love offering" on the memo line of your check, designating your offering envelope, or use the envelopes in the pew racks, writing "love offering" on the line. Thank you.

**JINGLE THOSE BELLS** Everyone who rings the bells for the Salvation Army's Christmas Depot ends up with a story to tell. Maybe you'll see the face of Jesus in someone or help bring joy to a child. Just a few kind words and a seasonal greeting is all you need. "Merry Christmas" and "thank you" are the best. Spirit fill-up guaranteed! Kettle fill-up is a nice bonus. Only one slot left at the Providence Square Kroger the last Saturday **before** Jesus' birthday. Contact Andrew Kissell, 839-0790, to sign up.

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:40 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages*
	11:00 a.m.	Acts Sunday School (Room 207)
	11:00 a.m.	Agape Class (Room 120)
	12:00 p.m.	Night Care Open House (Upstairs Youth Wing)
	3:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service (Chapel)
	4:00 p.m.	Asbury Chorale (Choir Room)
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Disciple 1 (Room 210)*
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Roller skating)
	7:00 p.m.	Community Knitting Hearts (Room 123)
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (Room 210)
	7:00 p.m.	SPRC (Room 122)*
	10:00 a.m.	Wenger Bible Study (Room 210)
	12:00 p.m.	Children's Clothes Closet
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Creation Care (Room 209)
	6:30 p.m.	Priscilla Circle (Room 123)
	9:00 a.m.	Witness fitness (meet in hospitality area)
	3:00 p.m.	WIFI schoolwork outreach (Social Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	945 Worship Team Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	7:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Clothes Closet
	6:00 p.m.	Joyful Noise Ringers (Choir Room)
	7:30 p.m.	Women in Song (Choir Room)

\* The nursery will be open during these events. Children are welcomed in the nursery from ages 0 through kindergarten graduation according to the VB School Calendar while parents are attending church programs on church property.

**FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP** We are planning to start some Food, Fun and Fellowship groups. These are groups of 8-10 people (couples/singles) who get together monthly to eat and fellowship. The groups decide if they want to go out to restaurants or eat in each other's homes. If children are included, the group decides how to handle child care needs.

**If you are interested in being part of a group, please fill out the information below:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Others who you may want to be grouped with: \_\_\_\_\_

Want a group that goes out \_\_\_\_\_ eats in \_\_\_\_\_ Check one (or both if you want variety).

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to be the contact person for your group? Y/N

POCs are Debi Lupton (474-1328) and Marrian Michael. Please place completed forms in the reception office basket by January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Sunday 8:30 Traditional Worship	134
Sunday 9:45 Modern Worship	66
Sunday 11:00 Traditional Worship	<u>195</u>
Total Worship Attendance	395
 Sunday School	 146