

Sunday
December 16, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

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Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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Calm and Bright :

200 Years of Silent Night

“Redeeming
Grace”



*Indicates for the congregation to please stand as able.
The congregation's lines are in bold.

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

Threshold Song

Silent Night, Holy Night (2 times)

It was the night when Love was born

Silent Night

And just as now the world was torn

Holy Night

But all was calm and all was bright

Silent Night

The star above gave out its light

Holy Night

Dear people all around the world,

**Let us unite and we will show How Love can change us,
How Love can help us grow.**

On this third Sunday of our commemoration of the 200th anniversary of "Silent Night, Holy Night," let's speak the third verse together:

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of
redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord,
at Thy birth.**

The presence of God in human form is the "dawn" of redeeming grace, so says the hymn's third verse. God so desired to be "up close and personal" that God came to live, breathe, feel, teach, touch, and love. Made in the image of God, we are called to nurture relationships that birth, multiply and radiate grace in the world. What would the world be like if "love's pure light" was at the center?

So let your Love shine in the night

Silent Night

And let your life burn warm and bright

Holy Night

This Love we give the world is balm

Silent Night

And in this truth we find our calm.

Holy Night

Opening Prayer

Reader 1: We continue this season of waiting by lighting the third candle, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Reader 2: Uplifting God, we open ourselves to hear Your call today to recognize Your love all around us, and also see the potential to add to the love all around us – making our lives, our families, our communities, and our world a brighter place.

Fill us with Your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

***Opening Hymn: #206** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

***Pass the Peace**

As the children come forward, you are invited to greet those around you with a sign of God's love, saying: "More love to you!"

We Proclaim

Children's Time ~ Hank Stamm

Hymn: #230 O Little Town of Bethlehem (verse 1)

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade are invited to go to POP! with Julie Griffin

Scripture: John 1:1-5, 14, 16-17

Witness to the Light in Music: "Silent Was the Night" cantata ~ *Choir*

We Respond

Prayers and Offering of the People

Song: (bulletin insert) Christ, Be Our Light (verse 4)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us Your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Leader: Each week during Advent and Christmas we will have a time of praying with our actions. We have tables of candles for you to go and light a candle in prayer for someone or something, perhaps today light a candle to honor someone who showed you a "grace-full" love that "saved" you. You can place your offering of money, if you have one, in the baskets on the table or altar. Each week we will contribute to the peace and light, calm and bright, in the world by sending care packages out into the community.

Pastor: Let us now lift up these concerns:

Let us speak our response:

Wrap them in your love so tight, Guide them with your holy light.

Christ, Be Our Light Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

***Going to Stations:** Hallelujah Chorus ~ *Choir*

***Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

We Go

***Closing Hymn: #242** Love Came Down at Christmas

*Benediction

I invite you to face the center aisle as the light moves out into the world and say our Advent/Christmas blessing with me:

Go with God into this day. May the Spirit guide your way. Offer love to all you greet. Like Christ, see God in all you meet.

*We Need a Silent Night in Here Refrain ~ *Choir*

*Postlude

Prayer for Family and Friends

Praise

Garry Melvin (Tim's brother) came home from the hospital and is doing much better. Thank you for your prayers!

Josie Oswalt is home from Mott Children's Hospital. Thank you for all your prayers for her safe delivery.

Updates and New Requests This Week

Brenda (Kris Miller's friend) needs prayer as her husband was diagnosed with lung cancer, and her son was killed last week in a hit and run accident.

Molly and Hannah Geerlings (wife and teenage daughter of Derek, Lynne Melvin's co-worker) and other family and friends are mourning the loss of Derek, who passed away last week.

Safe travel to and from destinations for all travelers

Previous Requests

Peg Bird faces serious and life altering health challenges.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Danielle (Tamra Stafford's co-worker) survived breast cancer and now has a spot on her spine.

Carol Eaton's surgery was postponed, and chemo will be starting soon, prior to surgery in the future.

Eric Goldsmith (Betty Thomas's grandson) is making progress but has a long road of rehab and chemo ahead of him.

Aileen Greanya and family are mourning the loss of her brother, Lynn Lohrberg, who passed away due to a fall at his home.

Ed Haberle has moved to Illinois to be closer to his family. His new address is: 404 S Stillwater Dr Apt 215, Chillicothe IL 61523.

Wayne (Lori Lash's 3-yr-old great-grandson) has kidney problems.

Two cousins of Lori Lash are in really bad health. Carl Pauli is recovering at home from surgery on his neck following a car accident.

Prayers for family and friends of Sharon Phillips, who passed away.

Walker Polsinelli is in Kuwait.

Jim and Joan Smola and family are mourning the loss of Jim's mother, Dorothy.

Arden Sult is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Grant Swinehart (Laverne's son) has been diagnosed with cancer.

Karen VanStelle (John and Linda Cleveland's friend) lost her job and has health issues.

Gene and Janet Zang welcome visits or calls. Janet is recovering at home from a broken arm, and Gene is recovering from a bladder infection.



In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler

Ryan Miller

Walker Polsinelli is in Kuwait

Tyler Smith

Geoff White

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The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 tomorrow.

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission needs bread

We are collecting bread for The Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. If you would like to contribute, please bring loaves of sliced white bread to the church, and they will be delivered to KGM.

Book 2 of the Apprentice Bible Study starts in January

Wow! What a wonderful experience has been the first 12 weeks in this series based on James Bryan Smith's The Good and Beautiful God. Starting Thursday, January 3, we will delve into his second book, The Good and Beautiful Life.

"The problem is, he tells us, we have bought into false notions of happiness and success. These self-centered decisions lead us further into the vices that cause ruin: anger, lust, lying, worry and judging. Eventually we find ourselves living a beautifully packaged life of self-destruction. Following the Sermon on the Mount, this follow-up to The Good and Beautiful God guides us to look behind these character flaws and to replace our false beliefs with Jesus' narratives about life in the kingdom of God."

Won't you join us Thursday evenings at 7:00 for this spirit lifting series. Let us know of your interest as soon as you can so we can order enough books. The cost is approx. \$20 – but don't let that stop you from signing up. God will find a way! Also, you may be able to find a less expensive copy at Amazon, etc. Please contact John Cleveland at 269-649-1405 or Jcleveland327@gmail.com, or the church office at 269-649-2343.

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson	Beverly Nimmo
David Bretz	Robert & Carmen Parsons
Barb Griner	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Pat McClelland	Mina Willett



There will be no POP! today so that the children and all involved can participate in worship with the cantata.

POP! will resume next Sunday and Dec. 30, even though that is a 5th Sunday.

This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone
10:30 a.m. Choir Cantata in the Sanctuary

Monday, December 17

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
6:30 p.m. Scout Troop meeting in the Taylor Room
7:00 p.m. Church Council in the Library

Tuesday, December 18

6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth) in Room 107
6:30 p.m. Scouts in the FLC

Wednesday, December 19

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room
2:45 p.m. SHED (middle school outreach), Rm 107
5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth), Room 107
NO HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE
6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, December 20

7:00 p.m. Apprentice class in Room 125

Friday, December 21 - Pastor's Day Off

11:30 a.m. SCCS Senior Holiday Party, Taylor Rm.
7:00 p.m. Stamm piano recital in the Sanctuary

Saturday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Pickleball in the FLC

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Next Week

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve

PRESCHOOL AND OFFICES CLOSED
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary
11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day

PRESCHOOL AND OFFICES CLOSED

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

12/18 Benjamin Culver

12/19 Logan Workman

12/19 Vern Reed

Matthew Sponseller

Sharon Steinacker

12/20 Tamra Stafford

Anniversaries

12/16 Dennis & Marlene

Sherman

12/17 Brad & Barb Addis

12/22 Arden & Penny Sult

Today's altar flowers are provided by
Brad and Barb Addis

Today's acolytes are
Kelsie Tuinier and Kylie Tuinier

December 9 attendance:
Worship 121 Sunday School 36

Christ, Be Our Light



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,

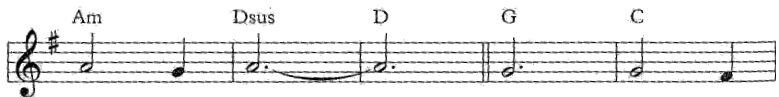


Long - ing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your
 Long - ing for hope, man - y des - pair. Your word a -
 Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your
 Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your
 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be

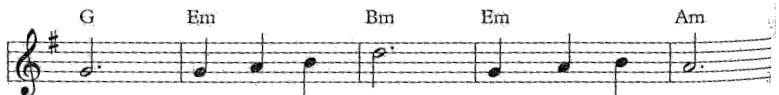


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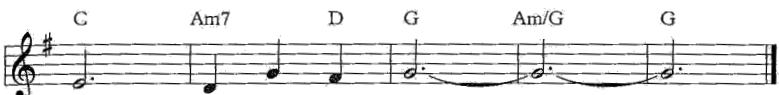
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 all are fed. _____ Christ, be our
 liv - ing stone. _____
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light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark -



ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day. _____

24-Hour prayer vigil

We would like to have prayer for our church, our church family, and others for 24 hours a day, if possible. If you would like to sign up for an hour (as many as you would like), please write your name in available spaces on the chart near the welcome center.

Sew What Now God will not meet in December.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Dec. 16: Marshall Linebaugh
 Dec. 23:

Thank you

Thank you so much to all who generously donated cookies for the CWU Cookie Project. A special thank you to Linda Cleveland for transporting cookies and me to the cookie packing. ~ *Laverne Swinehart*

Notice

Communion will be served in the pews this month.

South County Community Services "Tree of Life"

South County Community Services has begun its annual TREE OF LIFE campaign. The donations received underwrite SCCS's holiday food and celebration expenses.

Would you be interested in honoring a loved one with a custom ornament on the TREE OF LIFE? Suggested minimum donations are \$25 for an ornament or \$100 for a tree-top angel. If you would like to honor someone by donating an ornament or angel, please contact SCCS at 649-2901. There are also order forms available in the church office.