

The Community of Faith at WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

**The Prelude
Lighting of the Altar Candles**

Welcome and Announcements John Morgan
Welcome of Visitors

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Call to Worship

+*Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #196
***Responsive Reading** *The Apostle's Creed* #881
***Praise Chorus** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* #204

Morning Prayer

Praises and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer #895

Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

Our Tithes and Offerings
***Doxology** #095

***Hymn of Intention** *Away in a Manger* #217

Children's Moment Shannan Skidmore

Anthem

Morning Scripture Matthew 11:2-11
Message *"Jesus' Works Spurs Our Recognition!"* Pastor

***Hymn of Response** *What Child is This* #219

***Carrying Christ's Light into the World**
***Benediction and Blessing** Pastor
Chorus Response "Go Tell It On the Mountain"
***Postlude**

+Those arriving late may be seated *Please stand as you may be able

Church Announcements

Welcome! We are pleased you are here to worship. We are a church with open minds, open hearts and open doors. Please sign & pass the attendance book at the end of the pew.

Thank-You! To all who provided gifts for Christmas Angels at Townsend School! Gifts are due today in the Assembly Room.

Everyone invited! Especially our Visitors! Join us for an *Old Fashioned Christmas* following the 10:45 Worship Service. We will have chili, soup, corn muffins, homemade desserts and drinks. We will honor our own Mary Lynn Morgan as she looks forward to retiring as pianist. The children & youth will celebrate with a Jesus Birthday Party! We will accept a special offering for the Townsend Volunteer Fire Dept. See Jan Whitt if questions.



Join us for our Annual 'Love Feast' today at 7 pm. Rev. Joe Green, Pastor at Camp Ground UMC, will give the message, and Jeff Jopling will provide our music. The Youth will be serving. See explanation on back page. *Special announcement afterwards!*

"Messiah, Heaven's Glory", our Christmas Cantata, will be presented by the TUMC Choir during the 10:45 Worship Service on Sun. Dec. 22nd. Please join us. There will be no 8:30 Service so that everyone can enjoy the Cantata.

Thank-You! To all who supported the United Methodist Women's Holiday Bake Sale. \$1,100 will go toward their Mission projects.

*Please Welcome New TUMC Members
Robert & Janice Keebler from Camp Ground UMC
and Joyce Thor from Hope Church in Blaine, MN.*

Today we give great thanks for the ministry of Music offered to us by Mary Lynn Morgan for over 50 years as our church pianist. Please join us at our Old Fashioned Christmas as we feast together and honor her service!

Serving God's Church

Pastor Rev. Richard Rudesill
Adm. Assistant Susan Burns
Music Director Edward Walker
Pianist Mary Lynn Morgan
Organist Edith Walker
Sound Technician Doug Davis
Custodian Mitchell Stephenson

Acolyte Zoe Rudesill or Usher
Ushers Glenn Myers, Joe Wilson, John Burns, Peter Mueller
Counters Peter Mueller & Jeanne Nichols

Church Life Events

(All Activities held in upstairs Assembly Room unless noted)

Dec. 15 Angel Gifts Due (*in Assembly Rm*)
'Old Fashioned' Christmas Dinner (*after 10:45 Service*)
'Love Feast' Candlelight Service 7 pm
AA Mtg. 7:30 pm (*wkly Fellowship Hall*)
16 Mayberry Study 10 am (*last Study until Feb.*)
18 Choir 7 pm
22 'Christmas Cantata' 10:45 am (*NO 8:30 Service*)
24 Christmas Eve Service 10 pm
25 Christmas Day
29 5th Sunday Holston Home Offering
31 New Year's Eve Communion 6-8 pm (*drop in*)

Jan. 2 Temple Keepers 6 pm
5 'Silent Offering'
7 Trustees Mtg. 7 pm
9 United Methodist Women Mtg. 2 pm (*Fellowship Hall*)
12 Annual Charge Breakfast 9 am
13 (*NEW*) Women's Study 6:30 pm
24-26 Resurrection 2020 (*Pigeon Forge*)