

Our attendance last week was 66 for morning worship
 12/19 - *Aerobics class, 6pm, Early Discipleship classroom*
 12/22 - *Fellowship Hall reserved 12-4pm*
 12/23 - *Sanctuary reserved 12-4pm and 6-9pm*
 12/24 - Sunday school classes will not meet today, 4th Sunday of
 Advent, worship at 11am
 - Carols, Communion and Candlelight service, 5:30pm
 12/25 - Church office closed for Christmas Day
 1/1 - Church office closed for New Year's Day

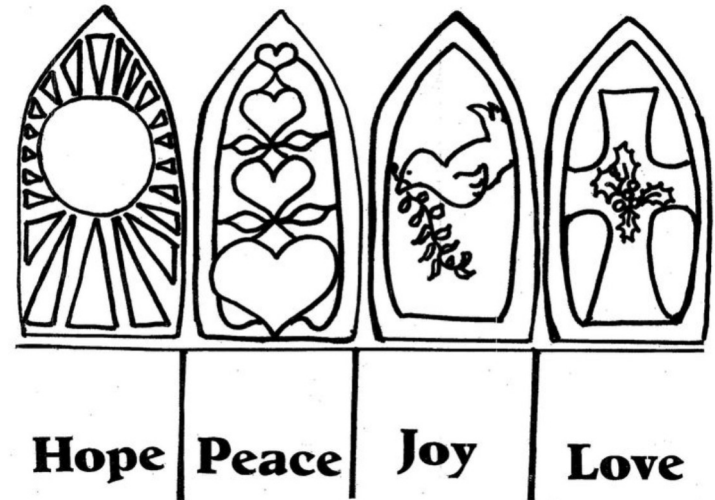


WELCOME to this service of worship. College Place United Methodist Church is a diverse community welcoming all persons and embracing differences of age, racial and ethnic background, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, socioeconomic status, and physical and mental ability. We invite all to join our journey of faith toward greater love, hope, and acceptance in every aspect of our Christian life together.

If you are a first time guest, please sign a visitor card in the pew and return it in the offering plate or give to an usher or the pastor. "The Connection," our newsletter, is available near the entries of the sanctuary.

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Advent

December 17, 2017
 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COLLEGE PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 ...seeks to be a Christ centered, diverse community open to everyone as they are. We believe all people are worthy of being loved and worthy of loving others. We strive to show God's grace, make disciples, and change the world with our hands, our hearts, our minds, and our words.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S LIVING NATIVITY

"What Child Is This?"

Luke 2:1-20

Away in a Manger (verse 1)

The First Noel (verse 1)

We Three Kings (verse 5)

Joy to the World (verse 1)

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

adapt. by Alan Luff

"Canticle of Light and Darkness"

We look for light but find darkness, for brightness, but walk in gloom.

If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,

and the light about me be night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you,

the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

Blessed be your name, O God, for ever.

You reveal deep and mysterious things;

you are light and in you is no darkness.

Our darkness is passing away and already the true light is shining.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:6-8, 19-28

*HYMN OF PRAISE

HOUSTON NO. 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ANTHEM

Little Child of Bethlehem

Robert Brewer

SERMON

"Strange Warnings"

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND WORLD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN No. 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

*CLOSING HYMN

GARTAN No. 242

Love Came Down at Christmas

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGS

*CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Christmas Play

College Place Children

Preacher

Jason Harvey

Technical Support

Jonathan King

Pat Abondolo

Christopher Hall

Dennis Farlow

Music

Adult Handbells

Robert Brewer soloist,
pianist

Altar Guild

Helen Morton