Our attendance last week was 96 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 - 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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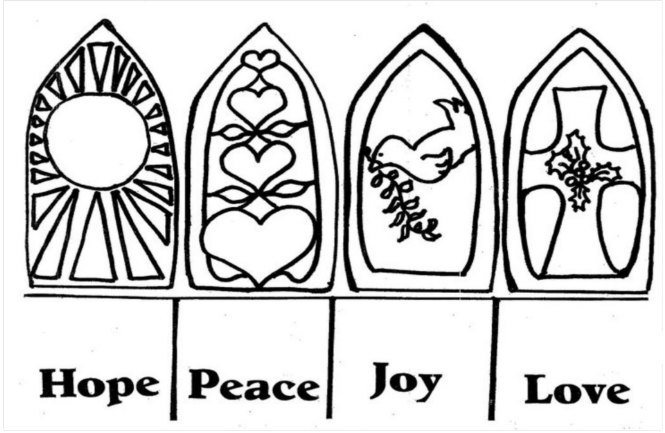

Advent & Christmas

December 24, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHRISTMAS EVE

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

Prelude arr. Taylor

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Luke 1:26-38

Liturgy of the Hours

Holy God,
the mystery of your eternal Word took flesh among us in Jesus Christ.
At the message of the angel,
the virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your will.
Filled with the light of your Spirit,
she became the temple of your Word.
Strengthen us by the example of her humility,
that we may always be ready to do your will,
and welcome into our lives Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:46b-55

Solo Barber

St. Ita's Vision

New Testament Lesson

Romans 16:25-27

Anthem Sleeth

Were You There on That Christmas Night?

The Children's Time

The Lighting of the Christ Candle The Book of Worship

O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus
you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness.
Grant that in his light we may see light.
Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people,
so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us,
and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sermon

"When Christ is Here"

***Hymn of Response** away in a manger No. 217

Away in a Manger

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 ***The First Noel***

***Doxology** lasst uns erfreuen No. 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

***Closing Hymn** mendelssohn No. 240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

***Dismissal with Blessings**

***Chimes of the Trinity**

***Postlude** arr. Jurgst

While By My Sheep

*Please stand as you are able

Preacher
Jason Harvey

Music
Ensenble
Soloists: Tesla Chapman, Nick Shoaf, Josh Fowler

Altar Guild
Helen Morton

Technical Support
Jonathan King
Pat Abondolo
Christopher Hall
Dennis Farlow