

Our attendance last week was 97 for morning worship, 95 for Christmas Eve worship

- 1/1 - Church office closed for New Year's Day
- 1/7 - Epiphany Sunday, worship at 11am,
- Sunday Night Live, 8pm
- 1/14 - Second Sunday after the Epiphany, worship at 11am,
- No SNL
- 1/15 - Church office closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
- 1/17 - Wonderful Wednesday, 6pm, Fellowship Hall
- 1/18 - *Fellowship Hall reserved, 1-9pm*
- 1/19 - Girl Scouts meeting, 6-8:30pm, Fellowship Hall



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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Christmas

December 31, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

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 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* arr. Sanborn

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES NO. 234
(verses 1-3)

OPENING PRAYER The Book of Hymns, alt. Laurence Hull Stookey
Eternal God,
by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world.
Grant that, being born in our hearts,
he may save us from our sins,
and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator,
to whom be everlasting praise and glory,
world without end. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Isaiah 61:10-62:3

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
Galatians 4:4-7

***GOSPEL LESSON**
Luke 2:22-40

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** FRENCH CAROL NO. 237
Sing We Now of Christmas

CHILDREN'S TIME HOUSTON NO. 206
I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol-low Je-sus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je-sus.
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a-like.
The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

ANTHEM *Carols Around (And a Round)* arr. Nygard

SERMON
"Christmas Joy"

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 Holly and the Ivy* arr. Anderson

***DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN NO. 94
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** NO. 881
"The Apostles' Creed"

***CLOSING HYMN** CHRISTMAS SONG NO. 249
There's a Song in the Air

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSINGS**

***CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

***POSTLUDE** *Joy to the World* arr. Young

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

<u>Preacher</u> Jason Harvey	<u>Altar Guild for Jan.</u> Dana & Philip Gorham	<u>Technical Support</u> Jonathan King Pat Abondolo Christopher Hall Dennis Farlow
<u>Music</u> Ensemble		