



First United Methodist Church
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December 17, 2017

Purple

3rd Sunday of Advent

Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day. ~Helen Steiner Rice

**Please stand if able.*

As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

PRELUDE "Two Bohemian Carols" Organ
 Benton Price/Based on Traditional Carols

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (L)

* CALL TO WORSHIP (L)

L: The wilderness shall be glad, and the desert shall blossom.

P: *All flesh will see God's majesty and glory.*

L: You with weak hands, God will strengthen you!

P: *You who are fearful, take heart!*

L: For behold, God is coming to save the faithful.

P: *They will obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

L: Let us rejoice and sing,

P: *For our God comes!*

* PRAISE HYMN (L) "There's a Song in the Air" UMH No. 249

OPENING PRAYER (L)

God of the wilderness, God of the wastelands of our lives, lead us apart to those places where we hear your word most clearly. In the startling awareness of Christ's coming, may we order our lives with repentance and with compassion. Sift from our lives all useless chaff, that like good wheat into a barn, we may be gathered into the realm of your righteousness, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM "Christmas Bell Rejoicing" Handbell Choir
 Arranged by Michael Ryan

MORNING OFFERING

(If you have a prayer card for the pastor, please hand it to an usher during the offering.)

OFFERTORY "What Child Is This" Organ
 Jane Carrier/Quoting an English Melody

* DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Thomas D. Carr

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH No. 204

* PRAYER HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH No. 230

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

* CLOSING HYMN "Joy to the World" UMH No. 246

TAKING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE "Tell the Good News" Organ
 Lani Smith/Based on Familiar Carols



Large print bulletins and hymnals are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the Chancel area are given to the honor and glory of God.



Bill & Rachel Grigsby
320 E. Cherry St.
Clearfield, PA 16830

We are Keeping In Touch with Bill & Rachel Grigsby. Please keep in touch with a card, and remember them in your prayers during the week.

Greeters this morning are: Candy and Ed Reign, Cindy Remaley
Acolyte: Orie Hannah
Liturgist: Robin McMillen
Ministers: Every Member
Pastor: Thomas D. Carr
Pastor Emeritus: Leo C. Cramer
Lay Leaders: Jenny Gordon and Kim Tagliaferre
Handbell & Chimebar Director & Pianist/Organist: Mona Cramer
Chancel Choir Director: Jackie Stitt
Administrative Assistant: Leah Carr

Attendance Last Week:
Sunday School 54
Communion Service 39+Morning Worship 70=109

Budget Report

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget	\$3,426.23
Funds Received Last Week Available for Budget	\$4,832.50
Funds Received Last Week NOT Available for Budget	\$90.75
Total Amount Received Last Week	\$4,923.25
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget	\$171,311.54
Total Received Year-to-Date Available for Budget	\$149,399.25
Funds Received Year-to-Date NOT Available for Budget	\$23,637.77
Total All Funds Received Year-to-Date	\$173,037.02

Traditional Morning Worship Service

10:45



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Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania
Rev. Thomas D. Carr, Pastor
Rev. Leo Cramer, Pastor Emeritus

* *More below.*

Today, December 17

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 12:30 p.m. Youth @ First
- 2:00 p.m. Thornton Hall Reserved until 4pm
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study (Childcare Provided)

Treasures for Children Due *

Monday, December 18

- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 19

- 9:00 a.m. Knitting with Friends

Wednesday, December 20

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at The Foundry
- 10:00 a.m. Treasures for Children Distribution until Noon
- 6:00 p.m. Treasures for Children Distribution until 8pm
- 6:15 p.m. Cadet Girl Scouts

Thursday, December 21

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas for Seniors Packing *
- 7:00 p.m. **Blue Christmas Service ***

Sunday, December 24

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Service
- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 7:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Christmas Dinner last Saturday. It would not have gone as well without your help. Now, take the rest of the day off and don't work! Thanks again. —Barb Holcombe

* All **Treasures for Children** bags need to be here by tonight. Please see Barb Holcombe if yours will be late. Thanks for your help, and the kids in Reynoldsville thank you, too. We are giving them out on Wednesday, 10-noon and 6-8pm.

* We are meeting at 9am on Thursday, December 21 to pack **Christmas for Seniors** and nursing home bags. If you are looking for something to do, come on down; we can always use extra help!

* Once again there will be a **Blue Christmas** worship service on the longest night of the year, Thursday December 21, at 7pm. Sometimes called *Longest Night*, this is a service which recognizes that for many Christmas is a time of grief each year. This service allows us to acknowledge our grief while hearing the hope of the gospel proclamation, yet in a quieter setting.

If you're looking for a service that allows you to worship without all the happy carols of Christmas because your heart just isn't in it, then this service is for you. If you want to offer your prayers and your love by being present with those who are struggling in this season of both darkness and light, then this service is for you. If you simply feel the need for a time of gentle worship in preparation for Christ, then this service is for you. All from our church and community are welcome to join us on Thursday, December 21 at 7pm for a *Blue Christmas* worship service.

Volunteers are needed to **ring the bell** for the Salvation Army kettle at BiLo, now through December 23. The bell is usually set up between 9am and 7pm each day. You can volunteer to ring for time periods from 30 minutes to an hour, or even longer—it's up to you. The proceeds from the Salvation Army kettle each year go to help low-income people in our area with various financial needs. Please contact Cindy Remaley at 249-2332 to schedule a time to ring.

The **Deadline** for the **January/February Newsletter** is Tuesday, December 26. Please have all information about *any* events happening in January and February to Leah by that date. Also, please notify Leah of any changes of address so your newsletter delivery will not be delayed!

The **2018 offering envelopes** are ready to be picked up. They are in the large adult Sunday School room. Find the box with your name, then please mark your name off the list.

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:30 (or 9:00) until Noon (or 12:30)

Email: pastor@FUMCreynoldsville.org

Administrative Assistant's Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

8:30 until Noon and 12:30 until 3:00

Email: secretary@FUMCreynoldsville.org

Is it possible that I am so busy doing that I no longer have time to enjoy being? ~Unknown