**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

**9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.

1st-2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Nancy Stevens & Amy Kemerer.

3rd-5th Grades

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. They will remain in service today with Melissa Patel & Jean Swintek.

**11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 School Year)

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Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

**9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class & Serendipity Class**

With Castro's death will there be changes? A discussion of the Cuban situation in the light of scripture will be led by Fred Heider. As always, coffee and cookies will be available. Please come and join us. **PLEASE NOTE:** TCI class will not meet December 25 or January 1. Lively discussions, fueled by coffee and cookies, will resume January 8, 2017.

**11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class**

in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

**6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 12 & 14**

Will resume on Sunday, January 15. Please contact Cindy at (727) 409-8727 if you have any questions.
Order for the Public Worship of God
December 18, 2016
4th Sunday of Advent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WE GATHER

(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Jon Dravely, Director of Youth and Family Ministry
Leader: Welcome, saints of God, to this time of celebration;
People: We come to this holy place seeking a blessing.
Leader: Sing to God a new song; sing to God, all the earth.
People: We sing of light that reduces shadows, and a joy that comes with promises fulfilled.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” Max Drischner
(based on the title tune of today’s cantata) (1891-1971)
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

HYMN #143 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE
Lighting the Candle
(8:15) Nancy, Don & Carey Stevens
(11:00) Barbara, Meagan & Kelly Jordan

HYMN #654 “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” Taize, 1986

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING Paul Means, Associate Pastor

MUSICAL OFFERING “Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” arr. Dale Wood
(based on the Huron Indian Christmas carol, #142)

*DOXOLOGY GLORIA
Sing we to our God above, praise eternal as God’s love.
Praise God, all ye heav’nly host, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
“Morning Star” By Joseph M. Martin
Creation “Joy to the World”

Behold! “There Is A Star”
Waiting “O Loving Father of the Stars”
Praise “Rejoice, Rejoice, Ye People”
Mary “And the Stars Sang”
Angel “Shepherd Carols”
Glory “Sing We Now of Christmas”
Wisemen “Follow the Star”
Light “Just Beyond the Mangers”

“Morning Star”
by Joseph M. Martin
Director: Stephanie Carson
Organist: Tom Huffman
Narrator: Georgia Rounding

Flute: Adrienne Clover
Flute II: Ingrid Warren
Oboe: Darlene Davis
Clarinet: Theodore DeCorso
Clarinet II: Kay DeCorso
Bassoon: Robin Benoit
French Horn: Kurt Klotz
Diana Sturis
Soprano: Pat Callan
Gail Rodrick
Mickey Stewart
Barbara Washburn
Michele White
Dawn Winder
Heather Wood
Carol Zaffiri
Mary Ellen Zeigler
Alto: Muriel Antonakes
Tracey Birch
Emily Cantin
Janet Dudley
Susan Gajentan
Barbara Jordan
Marie Purcell
Bailey Shields
Cindy Spoonlein
Gloria Whitfield
Georgianna Winder
Tenor: Steve Lang
Bill Martin
Dennis Rasmussen
Roger Winder
Steve Winder
Robert Wood
Bass: Russ Birch
Art Callan
Dick Casper
Peter Gajentan
Art Holloway
John Schenk
Joe Zeigler

COUNTDOWN
WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS
“The First Noel”

MEET & GREET
“He Has Come for Us”

“What Angels Have We Heard on High”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE
Steve, Emily, Dylan, Claire & Ellis Cantin

“Waiting”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

For more information and classroom assignments for Children’s Sunday School, please see Children’s Ministry News on the back panel of this bulletin.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
“A Strange Way to Save the World”
Duet: Dan Jeffre, Will Parker

VIDEO
“Joseph’s Dream”

SCRIPTURE
Matthew 1:18-25

MESSAGE
“What Are You Giving for Christmas This Year?”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“It’s Christmas”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU