

December 31, 2017
First Sunday After Christmas Day
New Year's Eve

Watchword Text for the Year
“In Jesus Christ you also are being built together for
a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”
Ephesians 2:22



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Please see an usher if you need equipment
for the hearing impaired or a large print hymnal.

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please register your attendance by signing the pew pad)

PRELUDE *Lovable Melody* arr. D.Combs

HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

LITURGY Christmas Liturgy
(Standing)

HYMN Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning;
O shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

He did not wait till the world was ready, till people and nations were at peace.
**He came when the Heavens were unsteady, and prisoners cried out
for release.**

He did not wait till hearts were pure. In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin and
doubt.

**To a world like ours, of anguished shame he came, and his Light would not go
out.**

He came to a world which did not mesh, to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh, the Maker of the stars was born.

HYMN *Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*

*We cannot wait till the world is sane to raise our songs with joyful voice,
for to share our grief, to touch our pain, He came with Love, so, Rejoice! Rejoice!*

POSTLUDE

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Hymnal 295

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

FOLLOWING OUR LAMB INTO THE WORLD

*O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born to us today
We hear the Christmas angels, their great tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel*

PRAYER RESPONSE Hymnal 282

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Concerns and joys for the Community, Nation, and World

Prayer

Praise him above, ye Heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise God, From whom all blessings flow;

Offertory Anthem *Gesu Bambino*
Offertory Response—Doxology Hymn 817
arr. B Wolaver

WORSHIP BY GIVING

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

We are celebrating the season of the Eternal Birth which God the Father has
borne and never ceases to bear in all eternity...

But if the spirit of Christ is not born in me, what good is it?

HYMN *Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!*

Everything in life depends on this:

**That God's Holy Spirit can conceive new life, a truthful life, a kindly life, a
holy life within me.**

Holy and Incarnate One, your arrival has given us hope and promise:
**May we walk lightly on the earth – keeping its resources for coming gener-
ations; living in harmony with nature and all cultures and people.**

Holy God, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, whose life and teach-
ings have shown us how to have abundant, and eternal life.

Your love, O God has brought us here, and your love will lead us on.

HYMN *Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Psalm 111

Lector: This is the Word of God for the People of God
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Come, see the child* P. Choplin

TIME WITH CHILDREN Shirley Atkinson

*HYMN “Angels from the Realms of Glory” Hymnal 293

*TEXT FOR THE DAY Luke 2: 21 – 40
(For all who are able, please remain standing for the reading of the text)

THE MESSAGE FOR TODAY “What shall we do with the gift?”

SILENT REFLECTION



What's Happening at Unity Moravian Church

Welcome! May God's blessings be yours and the fruits of regular worship bring peace and joy in your heart. We are grateful that you have chosen to share in our worship experience today. Our church is a family committed to the promise of God that Jesus Christ is Lord of life, and that His love unites us in spirit and truth. We are glad you are with us today and we invite you into our fellowship. For more information, speak with our pastor.



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Opportunities

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| Today, December 31 | 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship |
| Tuesday | NO Intergenerational Bells NO Unity Bells |
| Wednesday | 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal |
| Next Sunday, January 6 | 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship |

Prayer Concerns

Anyone who has prayer requests or concerns to be shared during worship or to be placed in the bulletin, please complete one of the pink forms in the narthex and give to an usher.

Pray for our Church Family:

Alex Black, Joe Cox, Evan Huss, Cam Lane, Richard Spong

Our hearts are saddened to hear the news that our dear brother, David Shore, entered the more immediate presence of our Lord, this Christmas Eve. Our love and prayers are extended to Donna, Michelle, and Jean Claude.

May God's grace strengthen us, his church family, through these days of grief and loss.

Remembering Members who find it difficult to attend:

Jennifer Beard, Dot Faircloth, Betty Phillips, Dee Young

Pray for our Family and Friends:

Lisa Allgood (cousin of Berry Sink)
Linda Bean (sister of Anita Hughes and Carol Tatum)
Marty and Ben Beeson (cousin of Allan and Coy Vance, Jr.)
Allen Bradshaw (son of Jerrie Bradshaw)
Tommy Brown (nephew of Dottie Sayers)
Larry Cook (friend of Will Smith)
Jennie Cornatzer (sister of Nancy Jackson)
Pam Cregger (sister of Teresa Perry)
Frank Foster (friend of Faye and Charles Johnson)
Polly Fishel (aunt of Lynn Williamson)
Nadine Haydon (relative of Kim Felton)
Elliana Helms (friend of Faye and Charles Johnson)
Tami Kipple (cousin of Beth Basta)
Mary Lamar (cousin of Henry Pearce)
David Langill (friend of Henry and Jean Pearce)
Bonnie Lawrence (daughter of Dee Lawrence)
Tommy Long (friend of Ed and Beverly Merritt)
Maude Martin (mother of Joyce Carden)
Steve Parks (son of Bill Parks)
Louise Poindexter (mother of Janet Sowers)
Martha Riddle (friend of Jayne Parks)
Greg Sayers (son of Dottie Sayers)
Katie Schreiber (granddaughter of Joy Cole)
Dick Sheek (brother of Edith Ammons)
Wilson Sparks (brother-in-law of Edith Ammons and Dick Sheek)
Patricia Vance Starbuck (sister-in-law of Kay Vance)
Clark Steed (brother-in-law of Teresa and Art Perry)
Billie Wenzel (cousin of Beth Basta)
Jon Vickers (friend of Lynn Williamson)
Nancy Yerigan (cousin of Kay Vance)

Serving in Missions:

Ed Dehnert and Barb Weide (Bethel, Alaska)

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship has contributed \$8,000.00 to the operating budget of Unity Moravian Church. Many, many thanks to our members who have supported our fund-raising projects: crafts, bazaar, and chicken pies.

We will not have a craft workshop on Tuesday, January 2.

Foods of the Month

Sunnyside Ministries: Donations
Samaritan Ministries: Hotel-sized toiletries
LCAP: Toilet Tissue

Chicken Pie Workdays in 2018

January 12
February 2
March 9
April 6
May 11

Unity Prayer Watch Schedule January 1 through January 18, 2018

The time for our Church's participation in the Unity Prayer Watch is **January 6 from 6:00 p.m. until Midnight**. There is a sign-up sheet and lists of prayer concerns on the narthex table. You are invited to sign up for your preference of prayer time.

Annual Reports

All organizations and committees of Unity Moravian Church are asked to have their Annual Reports with a brief synopsis of the year in to the Church office no later than Sunday, **January 14**. Should reports arrive later than Tuesday, there is no guarantee they will be included in the packet that will be placed in mail-boxes on Sunday, **January 21**.

Flowers for our Sanctuary for 2018

If you would like to remember or honor someone special by placing flowers in our sanctuary, you may reserve the date of your choice by signing up on the calendar posted in the hall outside the Church office. We can accommodate two arrangements per service.

LCAP

Please be mindful that today is our **LCAP** collection to benefit **Lewisville Community Assistance Program** and the **Backpack Program** at Lewisville Elementary School. For your convenience, we have placed envelopes in the bulletins. Please make your check **payable to Unity Moravian Church**.

Volunteers for January 7, 2018

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| Liturgist: | Shirley Yoder |
| Usher Team: | Randy Nofle |
| Greeters: | Betty Fansler, Kay Brown |
| Sound Board: | Bob Morrell |
| Time with Children: | Nancy Jackson |
| Children's Worship: | Vicki Roddick |

Statistics Last Week (12/24/17)

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| Attendance Sunday Worship | 48 |
| Attendance 4 p.m. Lovefeast 355 | Offering \$2,360.00 |
| Attendance 7 p.m. Lovefeast 234 | Offering \$947.00 |
| Weekly Needs to Meet Our Budget | \$3,305.89 |
| Offering | \$6,820.00 |