

Advent

Hope Peace Joy Love

The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
gathered for the

Worship of God

December 16, 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent
10:45 a.m.

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Tom Day

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Lord is with you. **And with you also.**

We pass the friendship register as a way of welcoming one another
to this time of sacred worship.

Call to Worship

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Prelude

Mr. Day

Meditation of Preparation

"Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God."

--Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.

*Hymn of Praise 129	<i>Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates</i>	TRURO
*Invocation		Ms. Heidi Thimke
*Gloria Patri 155	<i>Gloria, in excelsis Deo!</i>	GLORIA
Lighting of the Advent Candles		The Hospitality Committee
Special Music	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	The Elyria High School Madrigals
The Epistle Reading	Philippians 4:4-7 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Ms. Thimke
Hymn of Prayer 132	<i>When God Is a Child</i>	MOON BEAMS
Prayers of the People	God, whose arrival we await... Grant us hope, peace, and joy.	Rev. Russell and Congregation
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 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.	
Congregational Response 312	<i>Amen</i>	AMEN
Moment for Mission		Ms. Jane Hutson
Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts	Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of Washington Avenue Christian Church.	Ms. Thimke
Offertory	<i>Silent Night</i>	The Elyria High School Madrigals

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

The Elyria High School Madrigals
The Lord Bless You and Keep You

We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth

*The people may rise in body and spirit as able.

We thank the Elyria High School Madrigals for sharing their gifts this morning:



Austin Brown,
Matthew Carson,
Tyler Carson, Garrett Chapin,
Hannah Clement, Evan Collins,
Semari Duncan, Joseph Francisco, Austin Fugitt,
Zayne Hardin, Brandon Hernandez, Zachary Johnson,
Skylar Manholt, Dylan Nemeth, Jordan Pyles, Megan Randolph,
Destiny Reese, Eleyna Rudolph, Sierra Schroyer, Audrey Schwochow,
Kailah Stephens, Ashley Thompson,
Jyrone Tucker,
and
Ramiah Wallace.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, 12/16: 4:44 p.m. - All-Church Caroling Party
Tue., 12/18: 6:00 p.m. - Joanna Circle gathering
Wed., 12/19: 12:00 noon - WACC hosts the Elyria Senior Women's Fellowship Holiday Luncheon
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thu., 12/20: 10:45 a.m. - Sarah Circle Christmas luncheon
5:30 p.m. - Youth group (grades 6-12) Christmas party
Sat., 12/15: 9:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall in use