## Advent Hope Peace Joy Love

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

Worship of God

December 16, 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

\*Doxology 46 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH
Children age three through fifth grade depart
for Children: Worship & Wonder following the Doxology

Anthem The Elyria High School Madrigals

Carol of the Bells Ding Dong Merrily on High

The Hebrew Bible Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20 Rev. Russell For the Word of God in its promise and covenant,

Thanks be to God.

Sermon On That Day and At That Time: Joy Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence
"Peace is joy at rest. Joy is peace on its feet."

--Anne Lamott

Hymn of Communion 420 I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE

Invitation to Commune Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer Ms. Barbara Terrell

The Words of Institution Mr. Brad Thimke
The fish is a symbol of the fellowship of Christian believers. Partake of the bread

individually, symbol of the fellowship of Christian believers. Partake of the bread individually, symbolic of our personal redemption by God through Christ. The cup is received in unison with the prayer that we will forgive others as we have been forgiven by God.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Russell

We thank you, God, for renewing faith, strengthening hope, granting peace,

and kindling joy. Through the power of the living Christ who comes to us as the babe of Bethlehem, grant that we shall walk in newness of life. AMEN.

\*Hymn of Discipleship 140 Hail to the Lord's Anointed SHEFFIELD

Affirmation of Responses Rev. Russell

\*Hymn of Praise 129 Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates TRURO

\*Invocation Ms. Heidi Thimke

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Hospitality Committee

**GLORIA** 

Ms. Thimke

Special Music

The Elyria High School Madrigals

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Thanks be to God.

Philippians 4:4-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Hymn of Prayer 132 When God Is a Child MOON BEAMS

Prayers of the People Rev. Russell and Congregation God, whose arrival we await...

Grant us hope, peace, and joy.

The Lord's Prayer

\*Gloria Patri 155

The Epistle Reading

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 Amen 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.

Offertory Silent Night The Elyria High School Madrigals

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

12:00 noon - WACC hosts the Elyria Senior Women's Fellowship Holiday Luncheon Wed., 12/19:

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

10:45 a.m. - Sarah Circle Christmas luncheon Thu., 12/20:

5:30 p.m. - Youth group (grades 6-12) Christmas party

9:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall in use Sat., 12/15: