

## UPCOMING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

### Christ's Carousel Sunday School

For children age 3 - 5th grade. Children accompany their parents to worship at 10:30 am and go with teachers to Christ's Carousel at 10:45 am. Resuming January 14, we will be studying the story of Jesus calling the Disciples

### Fun Club

Parents: Drop the kids off for movies, pizza, a dance party, and crafts, while you enjoy a night out! Fun Club runs from 5:30 - 9:00 pm one Friday a month. Cost is \$5 per child/\$10 per family. Upcoming dates are: January 12, February 16, March 23, April 13, & May 11.

### Vacation Bible School

Each summer our church hosts Vacation Bible School in June. VBS is open to kids ages 3 through 5th grade, and the week promises crafts, songs, games, mission opportunities, and science activities, all while learning Bible stories centering around the fact that God loves us all, no matter what. Watch the church website for information on VBS 2018.

### Enjoy the Playground!

Kids of all ages are invited to worship alongside the congregation in our playground. Located at the front of the Sanctuary, the playground includes child-size tables and chairs, as well as crafts and activities relating to Scriptures and the sermon. The playground is a part of our worship space and will be available during all services for kids who choose to worship there. During the school year, kids are encouraged to attend Sunday School during worship time, however, there will be no Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month, allowing kids to experience all parts of the worship service, including Communion, at least once a month.

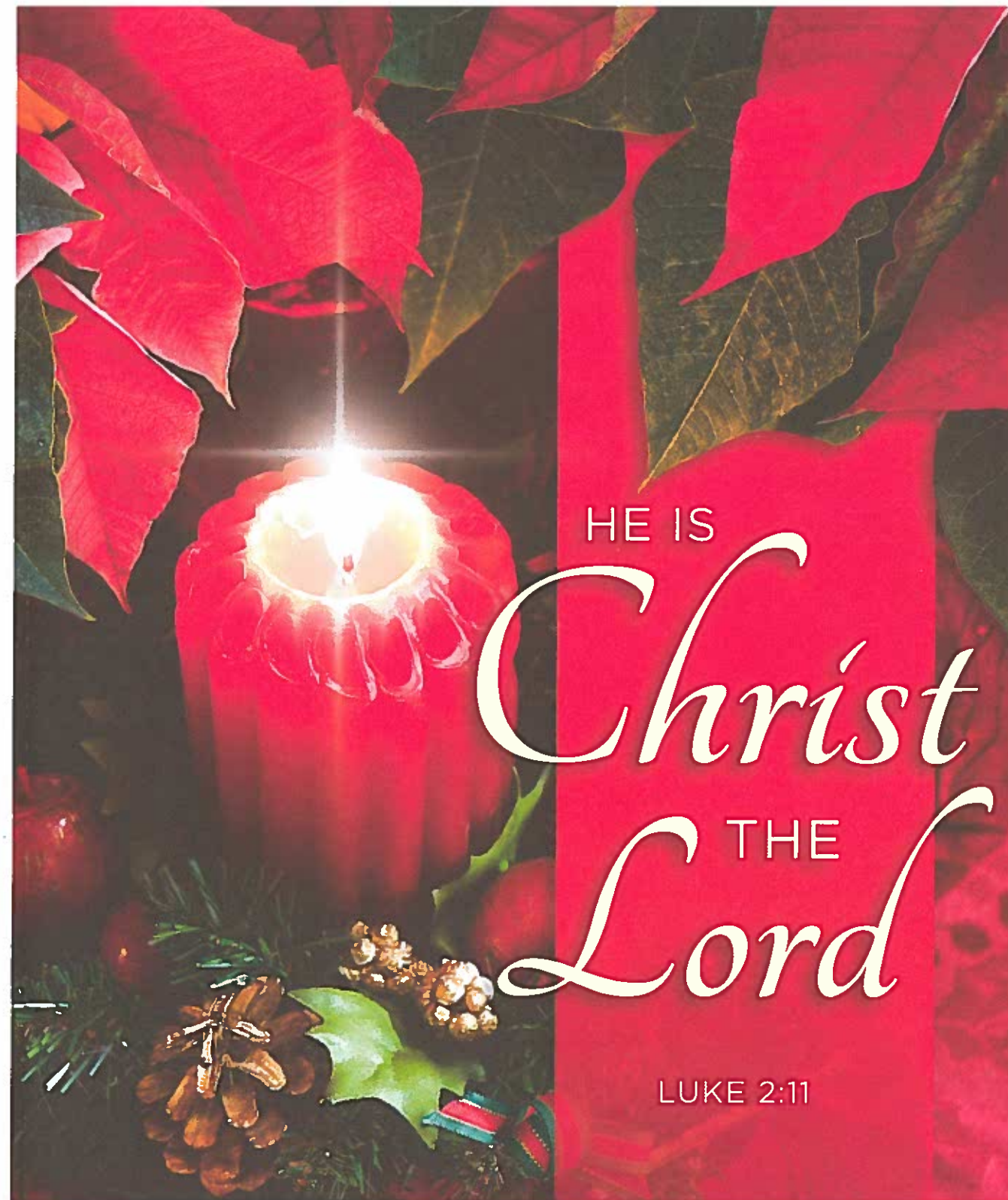
### Sunday Services

December 31: Combined carol-singing worship service at 10:30 am  
Regular Sunday worship services resume January 7 at 8:00, 9:03 & 10:30 am

**Officiants:** Larissa Hoffman, Pastor Sarah Merchant

**Pianist:** Mac Merchant

**Audio/Visual:** Ryan Kirkpatrick & Frasier Thompson



**Mountain View  
United Methodist Church  
Christmas Eve 2017  
5:00 pm Family Worship**

Prelude Mac Merchant, piano

Welcome & Introduction Pastor Sarah Merchant

**\*Opening Carol** **UMH #234**  
*O Come All Ye Faithful (V. 1-3,6)*  
*We are delighted that you are worshiping with us on this special evening. We invite you to sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. Thank you!*

**\*Invitation to Worship** **Responsive**  
Leader: Welcome to a celebration like no other!  
People: **This is the night of the Holy Birth!**  
Leader: Let the love of Jesus be born in your hearts and spirits!  
People: **Open our hearts to receive this blessed gift, Loving God.**  
Leader: Rejoice, good friends, the Good News is here!  
People: **Christ our Savior is Born! Hallelujah!**

**\*Carol** **UMH #240**  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

*A Christmas Journey* Larissa Hoffman  
*All children are invited to come forward to experience the Christmas story.*

Advent Candle Lighting

Station 1: Mary and Joseph  
Carol **UMH #218**  
*It Came upon the Midnight Clear (v. 1, 4)*

Station 2: At the Manger  
Carol **UMH #217**  
*Away in a Manger (v. 1, 2)*

Station 3: The Angels Sing to the Shepherds  
Carol **UMH #238**  
*Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1, 3)*

Station 4: Following the Christmas Star  
Carol **UMH #246**  
*Joy to the World (v. 1, 2, 4)*

The Offering

Offertory *The Friendly Bells*  
Christ's Carousel Choir & Issac Hoffman, guitar

Christmas Gospel Luke 2: 1-20 Bible p. 832-3

**Candle Lighting and Carol** ***Silent Night, Holy Night***  
*(Parents: We will begin passing light to our neighbors. In passing the light (flame) to another, please use caution and always hold your candle upright. If your candle is not lit, tilt it toward the lit candle. As the candles are lit, we will sing "Silent Night.")*

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**  
**\*\*Remain seated, and raise your candles high!**

\*Benediction

The Christmas Community Scatters

Postlude Mac Merchant, piano

*\*Please stand, as you are able*