

Mountain Views *December 23, 2018*

We would like to give thanks to our liturgists and AV teams. Thanks for making it all happen!

Combined Worship & Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, December 30

All are invited to worship at one united service at 10:30 am on December 30.

On December 30, we will be having a pancake breakfast at 9:00 am in Barker Hall before the service. This is a great opportunity for attendees of different services to get together and have breakfast and get to know each other. See you there!

Christmas Eve Worship

Please join us for one of our joyful Christmas Eve Worship Services

- 5:00 pm: Family service – featuring the Christmas story and the singing of traditional Christmas Carols
- 7:00 pm: Contemporary Service with Head for Home praise band and Spirit Singers youth choir
- 8:30 pm: Musical Christmas gift – enjoy familiar Christmas songs in the Sanctuary before worship
- 9:00 pm: Traditional Service with Chancel Choir & Wesley Ringers

Special “Way Forward” Speaker and Luncheon: Sunday, January 13

Mr. Doug Palmer, a lay delegate to the special session of the United Methodist General Conference, will preach at Mountain View UMC on Sunday, January 13th. As an elected delegate to the General Conference from our Annual Conference, Mr. Palmer has followed the developments within the denomination leading up to the special session of this decision-making body in February 2019. He is prepared to speak to us about the “Way Forward”, which is trying to address human sexuality, same sex Christian marriage, and LGBTQ+ clergy in our world-wide denomination. Mr. Palmer may help us consider some of the “knock-on” effects such a decision might have on our ministries.

On Sunday morning at all three services, Mr. Palmer will build a case for faithfulness in our decision making, grounded in scripture and fully aware of how a change in structure reveals what we believe it means to be the Church. After the late service, our church will host a luncheon (RSVP 303-494-5025) and Q&A session with Mr. Palmer to try and address the 3 proposals being brought to the special session in February. Regardless of your opinion on such matters, we hope to come together united in our love of God, for the transformation of the world. Whatever denominational decision is made about our structure, we choose to remain brothers and sisters in love with God and in service to Jesus Christ. Please join us for worship on Sunday, January 13th, and for the luncheon following.

Solo’s begin a New Year

Next month, on Wednesday January 2, let’s return to Spice China in Louisville to celebrate the New Year. Carpools will leave the Mt. View parking lot at 11:15, or meet at the restaurant 11:30 on Wednesday. The address is 269 McCaslin, on the west side of McCaslin about halfway between Hwy 36 and South Boulder Road. Please make your reservation with Jo Ann Joselyn (jjoselyn@earthlink.net; 720 562 8027) by Monday December 31.

Prayers

- Susan Carl
- Wanda & Joe Rivera
- Rory Carter
- From Judy Winqest: “Thank you for all the prayers that are being given for Josh, the son of a good friend. He is on the mend, out of ICU. The Drs. are calling the Miracle Man.”

*We will grow in love of God and neighbor and self as
Disciples of Jesus Christ in the Wesleyan tradition.*

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



Building Vital and Open Community on Christ’s Foundation

“Recognition”

Pastor Steven K. Warren

Scripture: Luke 1: 39-45

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Prelude *Comfort, Comfort Now My People (Freu dich sehr)* Richard Lind
Brian du Fresne, Organ

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Sharing the Life and Ministry of Mountain View UMC

***Greetings and Passing of the Peace:** Please greet each other with a handshake or an embrace, and the words, **“May the peace of God be with you.”**

Advent Candle Lighting

Mary's Song *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph (v. 1,2,4,6)* UMH #215

***Invitation to Worship** (Responsive)

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, O Promised One.

People: We come again to the season of Advent and await Your joyful presence.

Leadwer: Give us patience to seek meaning in these busy days.

People: Give us courage to wait in times of pain and trouble.

Leader: Give us compassion to wait for one another.

People: Give us faith to wait for the Messiah when we are threatened by the Herods of this world.

Leader: Give us hope to wait for the Savior even if we cannot yet hear the angels' song.

All: And give us love that does not wait when we meet Christ in our neighbor. Amen.

Children's Message

Following this time, children age 3 through 5th grade are invited to leave with our Children's Director for Sunday School.

***Opening Hymn** *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* TFWS #2098

Spiritual Practice

Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer - see screen (Unison)

***Hymn of Faith** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* UMH #216

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis* arr. Sheldon Curry
Chancel Choir

***Response** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH #204
**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scriptural Meditation

All: May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer!

Scripture Focus Luke 1: 39-45 Bible p. 831

Scripture Response

Leader: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *“Recognition”*
Pastor Steven K. Warren

Special Music *Cradle Hymn* Kim André Arnesen
Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Dedication** *Love Came Down at Christmas* UMH #242

*Benediction

Taking the Light of Christ's Blessings into the World

Postlude *Rhapsodie on Christmas Themes* Eugéne Gigout
Brian du Fresne, Organ

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