

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 11, 2016—10:45am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

INTROIT OR PROCESSIONAL

LIGHTING OF CANDLES (ALCOLYTE)

*WELCOME (LITURGIST)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN:

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION (LITURGIST)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

*DECLARATION OF PARDON (LITURGIST)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

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*WELCOME/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

*ANNOUCEMENTS

LITANY FOR ADVENT

*OFFERTORY: (SCRIPTURE)

SELECTION BY CHOIR

*OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (LITURGIST)

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

INTERCESSORY PRAYER: PASTOR

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC:

(CHOIR SELECTION)

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (LITURGIST)

GOOD NEWS

HYMN OF INVITATION:

SPECIAL SELECTION

BENEDICTION (TILL WE MEET AGAIN)

SENDING/PASS THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

We have needed the light of Christ

As it shines through our darkest moments.

We have seen the light of God

As it illuminates the joys and

blessings in our lives.

We have felt the light of the spirit

As it moves and guides us on our path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Holy God, we can be so full of fear at times – afraid of the unknown; afraid of what is beyond our control; afraid of what is strange to us. And we know that fear stops us in our tracks, hinders our action, and gives excuse for not doing what you call us to do and what you empower us to do. So we pray that you will give us courage, O God. Give us strong hearts and open hands, that we might set aside our fear, and walk confidently into this world you have made. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (UNISON)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MEETINGS/REHEARSALS:

SESSION BOARD will meet December 12th at 6 pm.

MEN'S COUNCIL will meet December 17th At 9 am.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER will be on December 17th at 6 pm.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be on December 18th at 4 pm.

ANNUAL REPORTS Committee Chairs reports are due by December 31st.

TICKETS FOR THE MLK'S BREAKFAST to be held on January 14, 2017 at 9 am are \$6.00 each. We have been issued 20 tickets. See Rev. Bennett for tickets, no tickets will be sold at the door. Please plan to attend!

NO BIBLE STUDY until February 2017.

REMINDER: All key holders, if you open the church doors, you are responsible for securing the church doors.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2016! Reather Ervin—Dec. 4, Gene' Robertson Dec. 4, Makayla Tate—Dec. 6, Xzavian Hendrix—Dec. 7, Madison Hendrix—Dec. 15, Shirley Patterson—Dec. 16, Cassandra Patterson—Dec. 28. Please let the Secretary know if any members need to be added to the November Birthday List. **May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you always!**

SCRIPTURE READING(S)

Matthew 11:2-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMONIC MESSAGE:

"Expectation"