

DECEMBER 3, 2017

10:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Congregation stand as able.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

“Messiah”

Choir Ensemble

*** Opening Praise**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

#211

“Open Up The Heavens”

*** Congregational Fellowship**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

#895

Offering

Offertory

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Scripture

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Sermon

“Waiting On The World To Change”

Rev. Steve Autrey

*** Closing Worship**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

#196

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Steve Autrey, Senior Pastor

Rev. Anita Sain, Associate Pastor

Adam Rose, Director of Worship Arts

David Adams, Associate Director of Worship Arts

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DENVER

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"A Harbor of Hope in a Chaotic World"

Welcome Guests!

We've got a special gift for you!

Please visit one of our Welcome Centers, located in the Main Sanctuary Narthex or the Family Life Center Lobby.

Dates to Remember

December 3	Christmas Caroling to shut-ins
December 7	First Thursday Lunch
December 10	Children's Christmas Play
December 11/12	MOPS
December 17	Christmas Cantata
December 24	Christmas Eve Services: 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.
December 31	ONE New Year's Eve Service - 10:00 a.m. in the FLC Gym

Worship Notes

TOTAL Received in 2017 = \$976,526

TOTAL Budget for 2017 = \$1,059,848

Budget Offerings Received in December = \$1,813

Budget Offerings Goal for December = \$162,108

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On the way to celebrating Christmas we can easily miss Christ. Buying, getting, and consuming dominate the holiday season and obscure why we are celebrating in the first place. Today we begin a new series called "Simple xmas" that is meant to draw our attention away from all the distractions of our culture and refocus our vision upon what Christ is doing in our midst.



Christmas Caroling | December 3rd, 4:30 p.m. | CORC. Please join us for an afternoon of Christmas cheer and raising the spirits of others as we visit our shut ins. Everyone is encouraged to attend as we remember our homebound members and share the joy of this Advent and Christmas season! After we complete the caroling, we will have a time of fellowship and refreshments in the CORC.



Feeling the holiday rush already? Please take a moment to bring some joy into the lives of our shut-ins. Christmas bags for these special members of our church will be available at the Mission Center December 10-17. We're hoping to fill the bags with cards, candy and small mementos of the season to let them know that their church family is thinking of them. Contact Judy Martin at gmaladyjudy@gmail.com if you have questions.

This Week's Activities

For a full listing of calendar events, visit our website at <http://www.denverumc.org/calendar>.

Sunday, December 3rd

- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling - CORC
- 5:15 p.m. Christmas Play Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

Monday, December 4th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Sewing group - CORC
- 10:30 a.m. Helping Hands meeting - FLC 204
- 12:00 p.m. Christian Chair Yoga - CORC
- 1:00 p.m. JOY Book Club - FLC 204
- 6:30 p.m. Card night - Welcome Center
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Men's group - FLC 204

Tuesday, December 5th

- 10:30 a.m. Chicken Pickin' - FLC Kitchen
- 6:30 p.m. That the World May Know Bible study - FLC 204

Wednesday, December 6th

- 9:00 a.m. LKN Piecemakers - CORC
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study - FLC 204
- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Play Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Strickland LifeGroup - WAB 101
- 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal - FLC Gym

Thursday, December 7th

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Team - WAB 101
- 11:00 a.m. First Thursday Lunch - FLC Gym
- 1:00 p.m. JOY Board meeting - FLC 204

Friday, December 8th

- 6:30 a.m. Friday Men's group - WAB 101
- 7:00 a.m. Friday Men's group - Stacy's
- 10:00 a.m. Friday Morning women's Bible study - FLC 204

The Life of Our Church

JOY (Just Older Youth) Book Club | Dec. 4th, 12:00 p.m. | FLC 204.
We will review the book "Two from Galilee" by Marjorie Holmes. After the review, members will also enjoy Christmas lunch together. This group is open to anyone in the church. For more information contact Judy Brockman at jabrockman@bellsouth.net.

First Thursday Lunch | Dec. 7th, 11:00 a.m. | FLC. Homemade desserts are appreciated! Proceeds help support children in our community.

Children's Christmas Play | Dec. 10th, 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary.



Grab your dark shades and go undercover to join the exciting Christmas mission of "We Three Spies". Agents E, L and F are recruits with the CIK (Christmas Intelligence Kids), a covert group of spies who secretly bring Christmas cheer to the needy. But this year they're facing an especially difficult challenge: keeping Ms. Harriet King, a Scrooge-like landlord, from evicting them from their headquarters, confiscating donations, and cancelling their Christmas Nativity program. Admission is free.

JOY (Just Older Youth) Movie Night | Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m. | The Terraces Clubhouse. Feature movie is "The Young Messiah". PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE DUE TO HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT THE TERRACES.

JOY (Just Older Youth) Christmas Luncheon | Dec. 14, 11:00 a.m. | CORC. Put on your holiday outfit and join Just Older Youth for their Christmas luncheon and entertainment at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 14 in the CORC. Cynthia Jones and the Dulcimer Girls along with Adam Rose will entertain us with a variety of holiday music. Roasted pork loin and country style steak will be provided. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert serving 10.

2018 Estimate of Giving cards are still available in the hallway to the left of the Sanctuary and in the FLC foyer. These may be placed in the offering plate. Giving envelopes are available for your privacy. Thank you!

