

Joy

To the

World

The

Lord

has

Come



MARS HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2018

PRELUDE PIANIST

\*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT ACOLYTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS HERB

\*CALL TO WORSHIP JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU (UMH) 89

\*OPENING PRAYER: (READ BOLD PRINT) MACIE  
**ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, MAY NO EARTHLY UNDERTAKING  
HINDER THOSE WHO SET OUT IN HASTE TO MEET YOUR SON, BUT MAY  
OUR LEARNING OF HEAVENLY WISDOM GAIN US ADMITTANCE TO HIS  
COMPANY. WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLES CREED CLINT

\*HYMN OF PRAISE O LITTLE TOWN O BETHLEHEM ( UMH) 230

ADVENT CANDLE READING (READ BOLD PRINT)  
TODAY WE REMEMBER THE SHEPHERDS, WORKERS FOR THE COMMON  
GOOD, STEADFAST WATCHMEN ISOLATED AND ALONE, FAR FROM THE  
WARMTH OF HOME, DOING THE JOB NO ONE WANTS. AND YET GOD SAW  
THEM, GOD VALUED THEM, AND GOD DECLARED THE GREATEST NEWS OF  
ALL TO THEM ALONE.

**PEOPLE: TODAY WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE SHEPHERDS AMONG US, BACK-  
BREAKING LABORERS ON WHOM OUR ECONOMY STANDS, THOSE WE  
OVERLOOK OR RARELY SEE, YET RELY ON FOR OUR VERY SURVIVAL, THE**

**ONES WHO HAVE MUCH TO TEACH US ABOUT WATCHING FOR GOD IN  
THE DARKNESS.**

\*GREETING OF THE FAMILY OF GOD

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

HYMN OF CONCERN IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR (UMH) 218

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

FIRST READING MALACHI 3: 1-4 CADENCE

SCRIPTURE READINGS LUKE 3: 1-6 AUSTIN MEADOWS

SERMON REFINE AUSTIN MEADOWS

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION HOLY, HOLY (CH) 131

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD ACOLYTE

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSIAL AUSTIN MEADOWS

\*POSTLUDE PIANIST

\*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

IF NEEDED-AUSTIN MEADOWS CALL (423) 381-2299  
OR E-MAIL -MEADOWSAUSTIN5@GMAIL.COM

DEATH-FLO GOLDEN