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## MARS HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DECEMBER 16TH, 2018

PRELUDE PIANIST \*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT ACOLYTE **ANNOUNCEMENTS** CADENCE \*CALL TO WORSHIP **AWAY IN A MANGER** (UMH) 217 \*OPENING PRAYER: (CONGREGATION READ BOLD PRINT) HERB COME AND REJOICE IN GOD! SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO CONTINUALLY BLESSES OUR LIVES! IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLES AND STRESS, GOD IS NEAR, OFFERING COMPASSION. OUR HOPE IS IN THE LORD LET ALL THE PEOPLE PRAISE GOD. HALLELEJUAH! AMEN.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**APOSTLES CREED** 

MACIE

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD

(UMH) 238

## **ADVENT CANDLE READING (READ BOLD PRINT)**

Reader: Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

\*GREETING OF THE FAMILY OF GOD

**RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS** 

## CHILDREN'S SERVICE

HYMN OF CONCERN SILE

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

(UMH) 239

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS** 

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

CLINT

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 

Luke 3: 7-18

**AUSTIN MEADOWS** 

SERMON

DO

**AUSTIN MEADOWS** 

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAINS

(UMH) 251

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

ACOLYTE

\*BLESSING AND DISMISSIAL

AUSTIN MEADOWS

\*POSTLUDE

PIANIST

\*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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PRAYER—FAYE COON, ROBERT BEST, MILDRED'S DAUGHTER, SCHOOL, TEACHERS, BUS DRIVERS, AND STUDENTS) LARRY LEE, LARRY DODSON, LISA BROOKS'S FRIEND, PATRINA'S FRIEND, LAWRENCE LOVINGOOD, SULLY POPE, KYLE JENKINS, SILENT NEEDS, SANDRA GUTHRIE, SUSAN DOAN, MARY AND CINDY TALLENT, ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY, OUR CHURCH, FREIDA WATSON UNSPOKEN CONCERNS, THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCE. HOSPITAL AND THE WORLD

NURSING HOME- MARGARET BRIGHT, ZELMA NEWMAN, WILLE DEAN CARVER, BILLIE REID