

### 8:30 AM SERVICE

As you are seated, please say a brief prayer for our worship today.

#### GATHERING

Gathering, Announcements, Peace and Reconciliation Rev. Tony Moreau

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Veni Emmanuel" Phillips Woody Washam/Shelley Little

Introit "Sweet, Sweet Spirit/Alleluia"  
original arrangement - Heaven's Reign

\*Call to Worship

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**Our Lord says to us, " Be at peace, for your time of difficulty has ended."**

Lord, we await the time of comfort and peace!

**Lord, we are thankful for your compassion and never-failing love for us. AMEN.**

\*Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH 220

Lighting of the Advent Candle  
Response "Love Came Down at Christmas" (v. 1) UMH 242

The Children's Time Rev. Tony Moreau  
"Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1 sung as children come forward and  
chorus sung as children return to their seats) UMH 191

#### PROCLAMATION

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-8, John 6:32-35 Rev. Jonathan Marlowe  
Pastor: "The Word of God for the people of God." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

Sermon: Advent in Narnia: The Witch Rev. Jonathan Marlowe

#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*\*The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 15  
The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Offering  
(Please bring your offering forward and place it in the baskets located on either side of the center aisle. Gluten free elements are available.)

Communion Music "Mary Was the First One to Carry the Gospel" Lowry  
Heaven's Reign

The Prayer After Receiving and Dedication of the Offering

\*Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240

#### SENDING OUT

\*The Benediction Rev. Jonathan Marlowe

\*The Benediction Response  
"We Three Kings" (Refrain only) UMH 254

Postlude "Regent Square Fanfare" Smart Woody Washam

\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

\*\* IF YOU DESIRE TO BE SERVED COMMUNION IN YOUR PEW, PLEASE NOTIFY AN USHER.

### 9:45 AM SERVICE

As you are seated, please say a brief prayer for our worship today.

#### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ...**

Welcome

Song: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Song: "Hosanna"

Song: "Who You Say I Am"

Invitation to the Offering

Song: "Reckless Love"

Offertory and Pastoral Prayer

Passing of Peace and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle Barlowe Family

Children's Time

#### **WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD...**

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-8, John 6: 32-35 (NRSV)

**Matthew 2** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

**John 6** <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Sermon: Advent in Narnia: The Witch

#### **WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD ...**

Closing Song "Mary Was the First One to Carry the Gospel"

Benediction

#### Sending Out Music

Rev. Jonathan Marlowe

Rev. Tony Moreau

Melanie Kalkan

Cary and Laura Poe

Debbie Jackson

Mike Jackson

Jason Suggs

Message

Worship Leader

Praise Team Leader

Hospitality Ministry

Sacred Arts Ministry

Sound Board

PowerPoint

(Please feel free to sit as needed.)

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism UMH 39  
Samantha and Hailey Schwab

Children of Ashley and Stuart Schwab

Baptism Song "God Claims You" TFWS 2249

The Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Song "Sweet, Sweet Spirit/Alleluia"

original arrangement - Heaven's Reign

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

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Anthem "Mary Was the First One to Carry the Gospel" Lowry  
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## Celebrations and Concerns

**The Altar Flowers** in the Sanctuary this morning are to the Glory of God and in memory of John and Pam Crutchfield's parents, John and Norma Crutchfield and Glenn and Rachel Fitch.

**The Bud Vase** in the Sanctuary this morning is to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Reagan Ryan Casavecchia on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Reagan is the daughter of Matt and Jessica and the sister of John Casavecchia. She is the granddaughter of Dave and Gayle Casavecchia and Doug and Cindy Lewis.

**Prayer Concerns:** Judy Aho, Buddy Caldwell, Gail Brackett, Jerry Bustard, Randy Cameron, Day Case, Dixie Cashion, Mack Cashion, Bobby Cavin, Ruby Cook, Bob Deaton, Lamont Donaldson, Ron Eller, Lou Harviel, Lilyan Hunter, Pat Houston, Lee Kyle, Heck McAlister, Mary McAlister, Sandy McCall, Doug Miller, Gil Millsaps, Jane Molle, Linda Nance, Nancy Neal, Bob Nichols, Diana Russell, Ernie Sappington, Pat Sappington, Hailey Schwab, Phyllis Sherrill, Rev. Tom Sigmon, Kay Sims, Alina Sossamon, Pat Tritt, Sam Westmoreland, Rodney Whisnant, Todd Wissinger.



*Each member of the Body of Christ is a valued and important part of the mission and ministries of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. We are followers of Jesus Christ who said we would be known as disciples by the way we love one another. "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 4:17)*

*These are characteristics we strive for:*

*To be faithful to the church in our prayers, presence, gifts, service and Christian example.*

*To be models of the highest Christian ideals and values, through the gifts of grace, mercy, and good will.*

*Speak the truth in love; listen with open hearts and minds.*

*Build up the church in everything we say and do.*

*Be responsible and accountable for our own behavior showing compassion, integrity and love.*

*To encourage an inclusive spirit to everyone, honoring different opinions as blessings. To always honor our mutual love for Christ and the witness of our church.*

*To make decisions based on God's vision for the whole church.*

*To practice and encourage one-on-one reconciliation, and forgiveness in all things.*

*To be strong when facing adversity, holding to Christian faith and unity.*

*It is central to our fellowship to give priority to Jesus' commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12).*

*We honor His prayer for the disciples; that "they may become completely one so that the world might know that I was sent from You." (John 17:23)*

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**Child Care:** Available on Sunday mornings with a well trained staff for children age 4 or younger. It is located on the lower level of the Education Building in rooms 101/103.

**Bathrooms:** Located on the lower level in the Sanctuary. Located up the ramp in the Family Life Center Gym.

**Guests:** Please fill out a Green "Guest Card" and drop it in the offering or bring it to a Welcome Station. We would love to be in touch with you and give you more information about the church.

**On-line Giving**  
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on-line-giving](http://www.mtzionumc.net/on-line-giving)



## Announcements

### Today

**TESTIFY YOUTH CHOIR** will be presenting their Christmas Cantata, "Wonderful Joy" **TODAY at 7 PM** in the Family Life Center. Please come join us for this wonderful night of music and fellowship!

**FUEL TONIGHT from 4:30 - 6:15 PM.** We will be meeting in Youth Room #3 because another group will be in the FLC. As always, please invite someone this week to FUEL to enjoy pizza, games, fellowship, and devotion.

### Tuesday

**MT. ZION'S CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM** invites you to participate in Hospice & Palliative Care of Lake Norman's "Light Up A Life Memorial Gathering" in Mt. Zion's sanctuary on **Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 PM.** This is a special time for reflection, healing, and a true celebration of life during the holiday season

### Monday and Wednesday

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY – Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph**

**Mondays 10:00 – 11:30 am - Nov. 26 – Dec. 17 – taught by Rev. Tony Moreau**

**Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm – Nov. 28 – Dec. 19 – taught by Rev. Angela Marlowe.**

**This Bible study will meet in Room 205 in Education Building.**

### More Announcements

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Many volunteers from Mt. Zion helped build a Habitat home this year at 310 Clover Street in Mooresville. This home has been completed, and there will be a dedication on **Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2 PM** at the site. All are invited to attend.

**FUEL PROGRESSIVE DINNER** will be next Sunday, December 16 - 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Students are invited to enjoy an awesome night with lots of food, fellowship, and celebration of the birth of Christ! Feel free to ask your friends to join us. Please note that we will be going a little later this week.

**CHURCH CAROLING EVENT-Please join us for a Church Caroling Event Monday, December 17, 2018 @5:00 pm –** Meet at church parking lot, travel to Autumn Care 6:00 – 6:30. We regroup at church parking lot@ 6:30. We will leave to travel to homebound member's homes. We will end with a special celebration of cookies and drinks! ALL are welcome for this wonderful event to serve those who cannot venture out during this season.

**THE ROOM IN THE INN** - Mt. Zion participates during the winter months in partnership with the Urban Ministry Center. Every first and third Tuesday night from December to March we will provide housing and food for 10 people who are homeless. We need volunteers! There are many ways that you can serve: cooking a warm meal, providing breakfast, packing a bag lunch, driving the church mini bus, doing laundry, staying overnight and more. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talents this year.

**IMMEDIATE NEED-\*** WE HAVE URGENT IMMEDIATE NEED FOR Inn Keepers for right now for Return trip on December 19th and Pick Up and Return Trip on January 1st. Without Inn Keepers and drivers this ministry will not happen! Please contact: Barbara Broadway for meals, drivers for pick-up and return trip at 704-996-7000 or [bbroadway47@gmail.com](mailto:bbroadway47@gmail.com) or Richard Little for innkeepers at 704-516-9761 or [littledeepcove@aol.com](mailto:littledeepcove@aol.com).

**REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH CHRISTMAS MINISTRY** is continuing their collection of donations, gift cards, family gifts and holiday food items. There are also opportunities to volunteer in the workshop. Contact Tom Russell either by phone (704)507-2493 or email at [tr.moisturewarranty@gmail.com](mailto:tr.moisturewarranty@gmail.com) for more information.

**MT. ZION'S CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM-** Pastor Tony is asking all Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders (past and present) to contact him. In 2019, Mt. Zion is officially kicking off a new ministry, Congregational Care Ministry. We are putting together a team of Congregational Care Ministers (CCM's), laypersons who work alongside pastors to provide quality care for our church family. We are interested in including those who have trained in Stephen Ministry to be a part of this new ministry. Please contact Tony via email at [tmoreau@mtzionumc.net](mailto:tmoreau@mtzionumc.net), text or voice at 828-447-8992, or call the church office.

**FOCUS GROUP** - Cornelius Woods, our new 55+ Community, has been in planning for several years, and we are now close to starting construction of the 10 homes and the 100 condominiums (likely spring or early summer 2019). There will be focus group meetings to give all members information about the new community, allowing members to reserve a home lot, or a condo location at the meeting. Focus groups are scheduled on Dec. 11, 13, and 18 from 10-11:30 AM in Room #4 of FLC. If you didn't receive an information package or you need other information or if you cannot make a morning meeting and need to arrange an evening meeting, call Curt Needham at 704-363-1867.

**PECANS, PECANS, PECANS....**The Mollie Sherrill Circle has 40 bags left of pecan pieces and halves. They are \$13 a bag. If you are interested contact Fran Conard at 704-651-0410 or Suzie Caldwell at 704-892-8215. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.



# Advent in Narnia

*What if it were always winter and never Christmas?*



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December 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

Thank you for sharing in our worship

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion**

Located in the Sanctuary

**9:45 AM Praise and Worship Service**

Located in the Family Life Center

**11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service**

Located in the Sanctuary