

# *The Joy of Home*

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERIES



**South Hill United Methodist Church**  
**December 12, 2021**  
**11:00 am**

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GATHERING, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Joy to The World*

arr. Varner

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Zechariah 2:10-11b)

*Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!*

**For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.**

*Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,*

**and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.**

\* CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

\*OPENING PRAYER

*(Liturgy of the Hours, USA, 20th Cent.)*

**Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach  
repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.**

**Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ,  
our Redeemer;**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

UMH 203

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you,*

**And also with you.**

## PROCLAMATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW READING

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

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GOSPEL READING

*Luke 3:7-18*

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CHILDREN'S TIME

MESSAGE

*The Joy of Home*

Rev. Brian Siegle

## RESPONSE

PRAYER

(James A. Kriewald 1985)

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.**

**Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land  
with your healing love.**

**Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance,  
and to bow to one another in real forgiveness.**

**By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts  
and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.**

**Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear,  
and bind us together in that unity  
which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

CONCERNS, CELEBRATIONS, AND TESTIMONIES

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UMH 196

\*BENEDICTION

\*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*POSTLUDE

*Carrillon on a Ukrainian Carol*

Near

\*Those who are able, please stand

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### Luke 3:7-18

<sup>7</sup>Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, “You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? <sup>8</sup>Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don’t even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham’s children from these stones. <sup>9</sup>The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>The crowds asked him, “What then should we do?”

<sup>11</sup>He answered, “Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same.”

<sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?”

<sup>13</sup>He replied, “Collect no more than you are authorized to collect.”

<sup>14</sup>Soldiers asked, “What about us? What should we do?”

He answered, “Don’t cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay.”

### *Responses to John*

<sup>15</sup>The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. <sup>16</sup>John replied to them all, “I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I’m not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can’t be put out.” <sup>18</sup>With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

## Notes:

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*WELCOME! Advent is a season of four weeks, including Sundays. Advent derives from the Latin adventus, which means “coming.” The season proclaims the comings of the Christ – whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate. Each year Advent calls the community of faith to prepare for these comings. We are glad you are with us today for this season of preparation.*

## This Week at South Hill UMC

<b>Today:</b>	All Day	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
	8:45 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Christmas Cantata
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1:00 pm	Upper Room Ministries
	7:30 pm	Synago
<b>Wednesday:</b>	8:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 pm	AA Group
<b>Friday:</b>	8:00 pm	Friday Sobriety Group
<b>Saturday:</b>	8:00 am	Community Sale / Upper Room Ministry

Next Week's Sermon:  
 Luke 1:39-55  
 The Blessing of Home

### Coming Events:

Next Sunday	U.M. Men's Breakfast
Next Sunday	Staff Parish Committee
December 21	Missions Meeting
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship 5:00 pm
December 25	<b>Christmas Day</b>
December 31	<b>New Year's Eve</b>
January 1	<b>New Year's Day</b>
January 6	Epiphany
January 9	Staff Parish Committee
January 16	Church Council Meeting
January 16	U.M. Men's Breakfast

## This Week's Worship Team

Liturgist: Charlene Gray  
Teller: Julia Taylor  
Music Director/Organist: Jimmie Crowder, Jr.  
Worship Technician: TBA  
Bishop: Sharma D. Lewis  
District Superintendent: James H. Carey, Jr.

### **Known Prayer Concerns:**      **Members**

**Bristol Glen:** Ethel Klingenberg      **Chestnut Grove:** Georgia Shoop      **Harmony:** Dan Wilson  
**Hundley Center:** Jo Carol Cole      **Petersburg Home for Ladies:** Marjorie Grammer  
**Pineview:** Ann Nichols      **Missionaries:** Guthrie Family and Annie Judd Wall

### **Home:**

Shirley Carrillo	Barbara Hudson	Jerry Reynolds
Brenda Child	James Kidd	Roger Tanner
Anne Cole	Billy Judd	Julia Taylor
Paul, Nancy & Peggy Conner	Evelyn Lambert	Herbert & Deborah Tuck
Donald Curtis	Sam Moore	Martin & Shirley Wetherbee
Herbert Farrar	Lewis Nichols	Dylan Willis
Ann Hardin	George Pearson	Patsy Watkins
Lynn Haskins	Doris & Virgil Peters	

### **Family & Friends:**

Linda Wells	Nina Hofler	Delores K. Allen
Heather Kemp	Sarah Hudson	Betty Campbell
Judi C. Newman	Baby Mackenzie	Our Leaders & Our Nation
Jackson Pegram	Rev. Deb Shipp	Transformation at SHUMC
Marsha R. Smith	Christopher Brack	Storm victims
Robert Smith	Rachel Clary	Afghan Refugees
Sadie Pearce	Hope Zincone	Teachers and students

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### **Church Office Hours This Week**

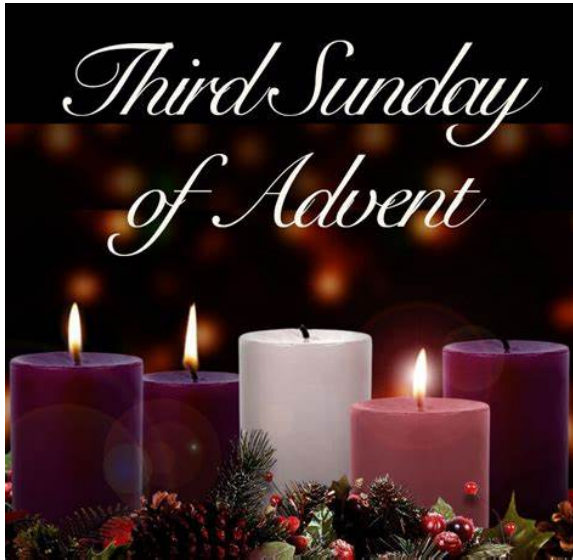
Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Office phone: 434-447-4761

## Notes of Interest

**Reminder our 2021 Christmas Cantata “Christmas Canticles”** will be performed at 5:00pm this evening.

Come hear this joyous message of what is behind Christmas. You will recognize most of the music that is in this telling of the story in four suites.



*At this time, we are not collecting offering during the service. Please consider donating on-line through the church website or by placing your offering in the plates in the narthex at the rear of the sanctuary.*

***If you are visiting us, kindly take a moment to complete the Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate.***

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