

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 20, 2020**

OPENING MUSIC Rosemary McInnis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Ben Butler

PRELUDE *I Saw Three Ships* arr. Cota  
MUMC Handbell Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Ben Butler

SPECIAL MUSIC *Ding Dong Merrily On High* arr. Cota  
MUMC Handbell Ensemble

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

8:30 a.m.: John and Carolyn Robinson

10:45 a.m.: Chris, Leta, Sadie and Sophie Bryan

ADVENT SONG *Come and Light This Candle* arr. Martin  
Adalyn Faulkner, soloist

SPECIAL MUSIC *A Tribute of Carols* arr. Sorenson  
MUMC Virtual Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Linda Rickman

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us  
our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against  
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Holly and the Ivy* arr. Haun  
Margie Williams, Ashlynn Grissom, Blake Breedlove, Wesley Blount

## A TIME MOSTLY FOR CHILDREN

Renee Scales

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-3, 13-16

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.

<sup>13</sup>No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

### OFFERING PRAYER

8:30 a.m.: Rev. Cory Phillips  
10:45 a.m.: Steve Potter

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Mary Did You Know* arr. Cota  
MUMC Handbell Ensemble

### SERMON

Rev. Barry Male

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Barry Male

### POSTLUDE

Rosemary McInnis

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

We rejoice at new births!

- Owen Adam Dilley son of Jessica & Adam Dilley and baby brother of Gracyn & Hayes, born December 8.

We offer our sympathy to the family of:

- Jerrie Lynn Mitchell, daughter of Rev. Jerry & Frankie Mitchell and member of MUMC, who died December 17.

## **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

- Every Tuesday night in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)
- Due to COVID, our temporary time will be from 6:30-8:15 p.m. and we cannot have meals.
- Please contact Steve Potter ([steve@madisonumc.org](mailto:steve@madisonumc.org)) to volunteer to be a greeter, to help with set-up, or to work the soundboard.
- Please invite people to this recovery program and feel free to visit the program to learn more about it.

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP**

- Every Tuesday morning at 11:15 on ZOOM
- For log in information, contact Rev. Linda Rickman at [linda@madisonumc.org](mailto:linda@madisonumc.org) or Jackie Wilson at [jackie@madisonumc.org](mailto:jackie@madisonumc.org)

## **STUDENT MINISTRY**

- Elevate Ski Retreat canceled due to Covid, please email Jackie Wilson at [jackie@madisonumc.org](mailto:jackie@madisonumc.org) for refund details.

## **KIDS SHARING CHRISTMAS JOY**

- Sunday, December 20 at 4:00
- Meet at the church under covered drive through for hot chocolate followed by delivering cards to elderly and homebound
- Families will travel in their personal vehicles
- All activities will be outdoors

## **KIDS CELEBRATING ADVENT AT HOME**

- You may pick up your Celebrating Advent at Home bag at the Sharing Christmas Joy event above or come by the church office December 21-23 between 8:00-4:30.
- Please let me know ([renee@madisonumc.org](mailto:renee@madisonumc.org)) if you plan to pick up a bag so we can do one book per family but a craft & devotional for each kiddo!

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES UPDATE**

Due to many factors, the Administrative Council made the difficult decision last week to suspend the traditional Christmas Eve services in our sanctuary and chapel. There are several elements of those services that we cannot currently enjoy, such as communion at the altar rail or singing Christmas hymns together. There were also concerns about registration for limited seating, what to do for overflow crowds, not wanting to turn away visitors, out-of-town or local guests not knowing or following our safety protocols, and many more.

Although we cannot worship together in our traditional Christmas Eve manner, we will have two new opportunities for you to connect and worship with our church family on Christmas Eve.

### 1. ONLINE SERVICE.

- On Christmas Eve, we will post a pre-recorded Christmas Eve service on our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and

website for you to watch wherever you are and whenever you would like.

-The service will consist of hymns, lighting of the Advent Wreath, scripture readings, a brief homily, holy communion, and candle-lighting to *Silent Night*.

- You can pick-up communion elements and candles to use during this online service under the church's covered drop-off anytime during Christmas week.

## 2. DRIVE-IN SERVICE.

- We will have drive-in Christmas Eve services, of about 20 minutes in length, in our east parking lot at 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

- The service will consist of singing hymns, a brief homily, prayer, holy communion, and electronic candles for *Silent Night*.

- Enter from either side of the church. Pick up your communion elements, candles and hymn lyrics at the tent along the route and then drive east down the outside lanes of the east parking lot. You will then U-turn and drive back toward the playground to park in one of the parking spots for the service.

-Trucks and SUV's should please park on the outer lanes. Tune your car radio to the channel on your printed song sheet to hear the live service from the worship stage in our parking lot.

- If there is bad weather, you are still invited to gather for the Drive-In service but we will suspend the live service from the stage. We will either transmit the service from the covered-drop off or ask that you watch the online service.

- Please continue to check our website, social media, and emails for updated information about these services.