

A Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Joe, Dianne, Lauren & Lillie Cline

GATHERING
 ‘Silent Night’ (Mercy Me) Praise Team
 ‘Joy To The World’ (Chris Tomlin) Praise Team
 ‘Carol Of The Bells’ (arr., Melody Bober) Lillie Cline & Lexie Whitfield, piano

PROCESSION “Once In Royal David’s City” (UMH 250) Choir & Congregation
 (v.1 – Soloist; v. 2 - Choir; vv. 3 & 4 - Congregation) Charlotte Hallquist

BIDDING PRAYER Pastor Barry Lemons

LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Rick Cobb

BLESSING Pastor Cobb

PRELUDE Change Ring Prelude on “Divinum Mysterium” Handbells
 (based on the hymn Of The Father’s Love Begotten”) arr., Fred Gramann

FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:26-27; 31; 3:8-15, 17-19 Claude Little

CAROL “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (UMH 196) Congregation

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18 Donna Jacobelli

CAROL “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Handbells
 (incorporating the Israeli melody “Promised One”) arr., Michael Helman

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Tyler Journigan

CAROL “Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming” Gary & Rob Hallquist
 Johannes Brahms, Op. 122, No. 8

OFFERING
A freewill offering will be taken during the playing of the above carol.

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Samantha Maris

CAROL “O Little Town Of Bethlehem” Chancel Choir
 arr., Stephen Paulus Lynn Woodruff & Matt Morrow

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38 Vicki Holmes

CAROL “Magnificat” [Song Of Mary] Chancel Choir
 set by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townsend

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7 Edith Younger

CAROL “The First Noel” (UMH 245) Congregation

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16 Carter James

CAROL “In The Bleak Midwinter” Chancel Choir
 arr., Mark Brymer

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 Denise Little

CAROL “On This Day Earth Shall Ring” Handbells
 (incorporating “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”) arr., Michael Helman

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14 Pastor Lemons

CAROL “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (UMH 234) Pastor Lemons
 (Stanzas 1, 2, & 6)

PRAYER AND DISMISSAL Pastor Lemons

GOING FORTH AND POSTLUDE Gary and Rob Hallquist

PARTICIPANTS

Chancel Choir (Rob Hallquist, director)

Sherry Beck
Joe Cline
Sharon Faust
Susan Flynn
Martha Hallquist
Maria Harrison
Anita Johnson
Boyce Johnson
Donna Lemons
Matt Morrow
Chris Orlando
Carla Whitesell-Dahl
Lynn Woodruff
Edith Younger

Praise Team (Rick Cobb, leader)

Bob Allen
Lisa Kale
Emma Kirkman
Dave Peeler
Anita Richards
Joyce Summers
Lynn Woodruff

Guest Musicians

Lillie Cline, student pianist
Charlotte Hallquist, student soprano
Lexie Whitfield, student pianist
Gary Hallquist, woodwinds

Sound Engineer

Tim Wood

Handbells (Rob Hallquist, director)

Sherry Beck
Colleen Hopkins
Mark Hopkins
Donna Jacobelli
Amanda Morrow
Anita Johnson
Donna Lemons
Ginny MacKenzie
Matt Morrow
Chris Orlando
Edith Younger

Readers (in order)

Claude Little
Donna Jacobelli
Tyler Journigan
Samantha Maris
Vicki Holmes
Edith Younger
Carter James
Denise Little
Pastor Barry Lemons

Pastors

Barry Lemons, senior pastor
Rick Cobb, associate pastor

Administrative Assistant

Edith Younger



LESSONS & CAROLS

Gibsonville United Methodist Church

Gibsonville, North Carolina

Sunday, December 16, 2018 – 10:30 AM

WORSHIP

Welcome to Worship! We are glad you are here and we pray you will be refreshed, renewed and blessed in this time of worship. We offer two worship services: ACTS29@9 is an informal service at 9:00am, using audio visuals and contemporary worship music. The Traditional worship is at 11:00am, which includes hymns, creeds and traditional liturgy. WELCOME! Please take a moment to give us your home address on the attendance pad.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nurseries: For children Birth – 3 years old. We offer nurseries during Sunday school and both worship services. The nursery is located behind the Sanctuary on the 1st Floor, Room 114.

Sunday Morning Groups for Children and Youth...Children and Youth meet at 10:00am in three groups. On the second floor of the education building: Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, Room #211 and 3rd through 5th Grade, Room #209. On the lower level, youth room: Tweens and Teens.

Children & Youth Today at 3:00pm: All children and youth will be needed for the Live Nativity. Arrive at 3:00pm to be fitted for your costume. A dinner will be hosted by the church afterward.

Children & Youth Next Sunday, December 23: There will not be children and youth fellowship. Enjoy time with your families.

SMALL GROUPS

Sunday School for Adults: The Wharton Sunday school class, for senior adults, meets at 9:45am in room 115, first floor. There are two other adult classes, Friends in Faith meet in the conference room at 10:00am. A new class, Disciples of Christ, meets in room #02, lower level at 10:00am.

Men's Breakfast Group: The Men's Breakfast Group will meet Tuesday, December 18 at 8:00am in the fellowship hall. All men are invited. This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. For additional information contact Wallace Kale at 336-209-0175.

FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Available: Before Sunday school, beginning at 9:30am, coffee, cookies and cakes are available in the fellowship hall.

MISSIONS & SERVICE

Community Christmas Party, December 19, 6:00pm: One of our church's special mission events is providing some families identified through Gibsonville Elementary School with food, clothing and toys for Christmas. There will be at least 25 children. Christmas gifts are purchased and wrapped for these families to carry home and open on Christmas Day. The night of the party, the children from Gibsonville Elementary School and their families, comes to the fellowship hall for a meal, the Christmas story, entertainment, a visit from Santa and Christmas stockings to enjoy. You are invited to join this mission by making a financial donation that will be used to purchase gifts and food. Please drop your donations in the offering plate during worship service or mail to the church office at PO Box 82, Gibsonville, NC 27249. Please make checks payable to Gibsonville UMC and earmark "Children's Christmas Party."

5th Sunday Mission, December 30: One of the frequent needs for Allied Churches are diapers for the babies/toddlers in the shelter. So we will collect diapers for this 5th Sunday Mission. Please bring them to the church and place them in the 5th Sunday mission bins at the welcome center and closet in the narthex.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND INFORMATION

Newsletter Deadline: Please have all articles and information for the January 2019 Newsletter in the church office by Tuesday, December 17.

Poinsettias: Due to the snow last Sunday, the deadline to make contributions (see insert) for poinsettias has been changed to December 17. Poinsettias will be around the altar next Sunday, December 23.

Church Leaders: An Equipping for Leadership Seminar is planned for you on Sunday January 27, 2019 at Christ UMC in Greensboro (410 N. Holden Rd), 3:00-5:00pm. If you serve on Church Council, Leadership/Vision Team, Finance, Trustees, Youth Ministry, or Archives/History, and would like to attend this free and informative seminar, please let Pastor Barry know by December 23 so he can register our church.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY is coming to Gibsonville UMC!

We will be offering FPU beginning Sunday January 20. FPU has helped hundreds of thousands of people recover from debt and begin to manage their money better, leaving them with a profound peace about their financial lives. FPU is led by Dave Ramsey, a world acclaimed financial expert. The course will meet on Sundays at 4:00pm and will last nine weeks. We will **not meet** on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3. Nursery will be provided. Cost of materials per couple will be \$109.00, which includes a year membership in Financial Peace University. The website is <https://fpu.com/1077472>. Go to the website to register. **INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, CO-WORKERS!** Go ahead and register to reserve your spot in this life-changing seminar! Limited scholarship Funds are available. Talk to Pastor Barry.

Remember In Prayer	Requested By	Prayer Request
Nancy Johnson	Friends	Continued healing
The Family of Chuck Gates	Friends	Peace and love
Sandy McMillan	Friends	Healing

Long Term Prayer Needs: Dick Annand, Buddy Blakely, Joycelyn Brookshire, Tootie Burke, Carolyn Corbett, George Dees, Pam Fagan, Larry Frazier, E.R. Gerringer, Buzz Griggs, Janis Hawk, Jake Holloway, Anita Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Darrell & Pam Kirby, Pat Lewis, Abbie Martin, Leon Martin, C J McGuire, Bill Modlin & Family, Van Moore, Vernon Novak, Patricia Patton, Larry & Margaret Poole, Sue Ann Rabon, Matthew & Josh Rickard, Jeremy Sears, Joe Thompson, Sylvia Whitfield, Ronnie Yow

Extended Care Facilities, Retirement Facilities and Homebound: Buddy Blakely, Carolyn Corbett, Bobbie Frazier, Bookie Gates, Nell Gerringer, Betsy Greeson, Millie Schumpert, Frances Soule, Dot Tickle, Stella Townsend, Margie Underwood, Evelyn Wall, Amy Whitesell, Juanita Wicker

Military Personnel: Michael Casey, Michael Cash, Jeremy Cobb, Tim Hawks, Steven Johnson, Paul Judge, Jerry Moize, Jr., Jeffrey Shepherd, Dustin Smith, Kristine Smith, Tayler Whitting

Opportunities this week for Worship, Study, and Service

Sunday 12/16/18	Monday 12/17/18	Tuesday 12/18/18	Wednesday 12/19/17	Thursday 12/20/18	Friday 12/21/18	Saturday 12/22/18	Sunday 12/23/18
<p><i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>9 AM Praise Team Rehearsal</p> <p>9:45-10 AM Coffee & Refreshments in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9:45 & 10 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Blended Worship Festival of Lessons & Carols</p> <p>3 PM Open House @ Church Parsonage</p> <p>3 PM Children & Youth</p> <p>4 PM Live Nativity followed by soup & salad meal in the Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>7 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7 PM Alive in Christ</p> <p>7 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p>6 PM Community Christmas Party</p> <p>NO Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 PM Praise Team</p>			<p><i>4th Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>9 AM Praise Team Rehearsal</p> <p>9:45-10 AM Coffee & Refreshments in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9:45 & 10 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Blended Worship</p> <p>NO Children & Youth Fellowship</p>

Worship Assistants For December 16, 2018	Worship Assistants For December 23, 2018
<p>Acolyte: Ainsley Rash Altar Flowers: Advent Altar Altar Guild: Donna Hughes & Christina Nesbit Camera Operator – 10:30am: Melissa Troutman Counters (Offering) Purple Team: Deleno Flynn, Howard Hendricks, Nancy Shepherd Greeter: 9am: David Harrison Refreshments: Don & Glenda Blalock Greeters: 11am: Ricky & Robin Fogleman Liturgical Color of the Day: Purple Nurseries: 9am- Hadley Duquette & Elizabeth Ingle 10am-12pm – Hadley Duquette & Emily Jones Head Usher-10:30am: Mark Shepherd Visitation: Matt & Amanda Morrow</p>	<p>Acolyte: Devin McMullen Altar Flowers: Advent Altar Altar Guild: Donna Hughes & Christina Nesbit Camera Operator – 10:30am: Van Moore Counters (Offering) Purple Team: Deleno Flynn, Howard Hendricks, Nancy Shepherd Greeter: 9am: David Harrison Refreshments: Ann Moore Greeters: 11am: Ricky & Robin Fogleman Liturgical Color of the Day: Purple Nurseries: 9am- Hadley Duquette & Ann Moore 10am-12pm – Hadley Duquette & Jane Deaton Head Usher-10:30am: Mark Shepherd Visitation: Van & Ann Moore</p>

Ministers: All Our Members
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. Barry Lemons – blemons@wnccumc.net
 Minister of Worship: Rick Cobb – cobbr@gcsnc.com
 Director of Music: Rob Hallquist – robhallquist51@gmail.com
 Children's Intern: Aaron Menconi – aaron.menconi@gibsonvilleumc.org
 Youth Intern: Ryan Waide – ryan.waide@gibsonvilleumc.org
 Administrative Assistant: Edith Younger – edith.younger@gibsonvilleumc.org
 Custodian: Kibble Davis

Our Stewardship for 12/9/18
 Sunday School Attendance: Service Cancelled/Snow
 Acts29@9: Service Cancelled/Snow
 11:00am Service: Service Cancelled/Snow
 Offering Received for Operating Budget: \$0
 Offering Received for Building Fund: \$0
 Weekly Offering Needed for 2018 Operating Budget: \$5,843.00
 Weekly Offering Needed for Building Mortgage Payment: \$1,643.00

Advent & Christmas Worship

Sunday December 16
10:30 AM Blended Worship Service
 Festival of “Lessons and Carols”

Sunday December 16 – 3:00 PM
Open House at the Church Parsonage

Everyone is invited to come by the parsonage (507 Church Street, Gibsonville) today between 3:00 & 4:00pm for Christmas Open House before the Live Nativity that begins at 4:00pm.

Sunday December 16 - Beginning at 4:00 PM
Live Nativity

Come out with your family and friends as we experience the live nativity again this year. This is a great informal time of singing, story and live actors. Come to the front of the parsonage next door to the church ready to participate. This is a community wide event, so invite your friends and neighbors.

After the children and youth present the live nativity outside, we will gather in the fellowship hall for food and fellowship. We will have crockpots of soup and a salad bar. We will also have desserts, hot chocolate and coffee. If you want to make a soup or dessert, let Nancy Johnson or Amanda Morrow know. Feel free to text Amanda at 336-380-1953 for information or questions.

Sunday December 23 - 10:30 AM
Blended Worship Service

Monday December 24, 4:00 PM
Christmas Eve Worship

Invite your friends and family for a special time of worship. With music, word, Holy Communion and candles, we will proclaim the good news of great joy for all people: Christ the Savior is Born—Let Him Reign in Your Heart Today! After the candlelighting, you are asked to take the candle home with you for your Christmas Eve celebrations!

