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MISSION STATEMENT

Gibsonville United Methodist Church exists to WELCOME people to faith in Jesus Christ, EQUIP us with a faith that helps us grow as disciples, and SEND us into the world to serve and to make a difference for Jesus' sake.

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

GATHERED

Welcome

Pastor Sybil Parks

Please sign the attendance pad as it is passed to you. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

GATHERED TO PRAISE

Prelude

“La Colombe” [The Dove]

Olivier Messiaen

Light of Christ Leads Us Into Worship

Acolyte

Call to Worship

Hear these words from Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah

Claude Little

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Choral Response

“Savior of the Nations, Come” (Stanza 1)

*Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

#196

GATHERED FOR GIVING

Prayers of the People

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The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
First time visitors you are our guests. Your presence is your gift today.

Offertory "Morning Star: Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Lloyd Larson

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
(To the Tune of "What Child Is This")
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Rick Cobb

GATHERED BY THE WORD

Children's Message Chrismons Pastor Sybil Parks

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 Vicki Holmes
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message **REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE** Pastor Sybil Parks
Bah! Humbug!

Hymn *Blessed Be the God of Israel* #209
(To the tune of #280)

Holy Communion
As United Methodists, we practice an "open table" for Holy Communion. This means that you do not have to be a Methodist to take part in Communion. This is the Lord's Table and Christ invites anyone (children, youth, and adults) to come and receive His love and grace when receiving the elements. If you desire to receive from Christ, you are invited to come forward.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Proclaiming the mystery of faith
All: **Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Prayer of Consecration

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving and Receiving Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion by coming forward in lines from both sides, cup your hands as a sign of receiving, and receive a small piece of bread from the pastor. Move to the pastor's side (same side on which you are seated) and take a small cup from the tray. Move to a place at the altar rail and kneel or stand. Eat the bread, drink the cup, pray and leave the cup on the altar rail. Return to your seat and silently pray. If you would like to be served in your pew, please indicate your desire to an usher or the pastor.

Prayer After Communion

Abba Father, You have set us free to go in peace to love and serve You. Our hearts are full of joy that we have experienced Your coming in the Christ child; yet, we stand in the mystery of His coming to us anew each day. Enfold us with His love that we may truly love our neighbor and serve through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GATHERED AND SENT OUT

*Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> (Stanzas 1, 4, 5 & 7)	#211
*The Light of Christ Leads Us into the World		Acolyte
*Benediction		
*Postlude	“Christmas Tree: Old Provençal Christmas Carol”	Franz Liszt

*Please stand in praise of God as you are able.

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