

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

10:15 A.M.



The United Methodist Church of Morristown



Christ Centered † Spirit Led

The mission of our church is to engage all people in knowing, loving, and serving God to transform lives, communities, and the world.

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

November 19, 2017

Thanksgiving Sunday
Consecration Sunday

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

Voluntary

John March
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Sarah A Michal
No. 694

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Worship the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!

People: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and these courts with praise.

Leader: Give thanks to God, bless God's holy name!

People: Come into God's presence with singing! Wait for the Lord.

† OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 92

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Jack Scharf

Our most generous and gracious God, we have come into your presence with grateful hearts on this Thanksgiving Sunday. Prepare us to worship you, O God, with open hearts, open minds, and open lives. Fill us with your grace and renew a right spirit within each and every one of us. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Cho

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Our merciful God, we are aware of the ways our faith falls short. In our pride, we wait too long to ask for your help. In our self-absorption, we ask that our will, not your will, be done. Even when you rescue us from our hardships, we quickly return to our old and careless ways. Aware of these failures, we turn our eyes to you, trusting in your love and mercy. Forgive us, and renew us, that we may accomplish your saving work in the world. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, you do not live in the night or belong to the dark. You have obtained life and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. In him, you belong to the day. In the grace of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord
Chancel Choir

Deborah Govenor

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Dr. Cho

A TIME OF COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Dr. Cho

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

We Gather Together

No. 131

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Jack Tironi

Faithful God, as your word is proclaimed, we pray for purity of heart, mind, and action. Through the gift of your message, breathe your Spirit within our lives, in the name of the one who came to embody your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 107:1

Jack Tironi

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

With Hearts and Hands and Voices
Jubilation Ringers

Kevin McChensey

SERMON

From Thanksgiving to Thanksliving

Dr. Brandon Cho

PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Membership Class in the Wesley Room
- Get parking stickers from the office
- Candles for South Africa
- Music at Noon
- Christmas greens ready to be picked up in the garage

CALL TO OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGE COMMITMENT FOR 2017

(At this time, you are invited to come forward with your morning offerings and pledge cards for 2018. Please place your offerings in our regular offering plates, and your pledge commitment cards in a basket. If you need a pledge commitment card, please raise your hand and an usher will provide it for you. Thank you and God richly bless you.)

OFFERING

Praise God From All Blessings Flow

arr. Don Shannon

† DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† DEDICATION PRAYER OF OUR OFFERINGS (in unison)

Jack Scharf

Living Source of every blessing, the gifts you give us are not trinkets to be hidden away. Use these gifts for your transforming work for all of your children, that the blessings we have received from your hand may increase as they go forth to bring hope and grace to the world. Make our hearts generous, we pray, for you have been generous with us. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

No. 664

† BENEDICTION

Dr. Cho

Pastor: Now, go forth as children of light, as children of the day.
Go into the world and share God's gifts of faith, love, and hope.
Go forth in God's peace and joy.

People: Thanks be to God.

† POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

arr. S.

Drummond Wolff

Please feel free to sit and enjoy the postlude, or leave the sanctuary to greet the pastor and other church friends at the door. All are welcome to join for a time of fellowship over refreshments in Fellowship Hall.



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL are given by Lillian and Steve Mueller to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Lillian's sister, Kathleen Strain.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING	
NOVEMBER 12, 2017	
<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
117	\$5,590.00

MUMC Church Staff	
Senior Pastor	Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho
Associate Pastor	Pastor Charles Perez
Certified Lay Minister/Administrative Director	Jack Scharf
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MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 19, 2017

November 26, 2017

Christ the King Sunday

Reign of Christ Sunday

Matthew 25:31-46

“For the Last and the Least Among us”

Pastor Brandon preaching

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Children’s Christmas Pageant

Matthew 1:18-25

“The Miracle of the Moment”

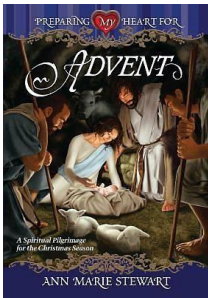
Pastor Brandon preaching

WELCOME EVERYONE! We welcome especially our first-time visitors and friends to our worship service. Please fill out your contact information on the friendship pad and we will be happy to send you more information about our church. We are glad to worship God with you today. Hope to see you again next Sunday.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU! May the joy and love of this Thanksgiving week bless you and all those you love.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week in observance of Thanksgiving.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS is meeting today after 11:30 a.m. in the Wesley Room. If you are interested in joining this vital church family and make it your faith journey, please join us. For more information, see Jack Scharf or Pastor Brandon.



UMW Event--“PREPARING MY HEART FOR ADVENT”—“STOP the Christmas Insanity”

Saturday December 2, 2017—9:15 a.m. to 12:00

Please RSVP by November 26th to either Jan Buck 973-586-3133 at tbscmom@yahoo.com or Kris Hansen 973-267-3310 at kris.hansen@att.net.

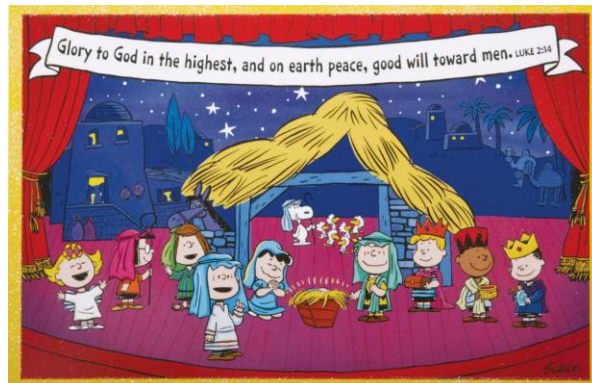


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

Please join us for our Silent Auction & Luncheon on Sunday, December 3. Auction bidding will take place before and after church. You can help by making a donation: Baked Goods, Artwork, Crafted Items, Household Goods, Holiday Items, Gift Certificates, Children’s Items, Services. (Free Babysitting, Lawn Care, Handy Man), Games/Toys/Books, Sports Team Memorabilia/Tickets, Theater/Cultural Art Tickets. Please bring items in to the Church Office, labeled for Silent Auction, with your name! Contact: Maria Cattano 973-615-9438 or mariacattano@gmail.com

Christmas Pageant—December 3, 2017

“Christmas is the Harvest Time of Love”



This Week at MUMC



Sunday, November 19

9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	Library
	Breakfast Club	Wesley Room
9:40 a.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
10:15 a.m.	Worship Service	
	Pastor Brandon preaching	
11:35 a.m.	Asbury Choir	Choir Room
	Pie Delivery	
11:35 a.m.	New Member Class	Wesley Room
3:30 p.m.	Nueva Esperanza	

Monday, November 20

7:30 p.m.	A.A.	Room 21
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Tuesday, November 21

7:00 p.m.	Council on Ministries	Asbury Room
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Wednesday, November 22

4:00 p.m.	Esperanza Soccer	Gym
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Thursday, November 23—Office closed



Friday, November 24—Office closed

5:30 p.m.	Esperanza Soccer	Gym
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Saturday, November 25

	Decorating the church	
8:30 p.m.	Emmaus Reunion	Asbury Room

Next Sunday, November 26

9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	Library
	Breakfast Club	Wesley Room
9:40 a.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
10:15 a.m.	Worship Service	
	Pastor Brandon preaching	
11:35 a.m.	Asbury Choir	Choir Room
3:30 p.m.	Nueva Esperanza	

- **“LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS”** The broadcast of our services may be seen on Cable Channel 21 each Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
- **DVDs** are available for each worship service for \$5.00. Please call the office to place your order.
- **LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE USHERS’ TABLE.**

- **Nueva Esperanza Worship and Ministry**
- **Stephen Ministry**
- **Church Leaders and Ministry Teams**
- **Our Sunday School and Youth Ministry**

Our Church Family and Friends

Sherise (Missy) Byrd-Frantz, recovery
Bill Earls
Leslie Raff, continued recovery from a fall
Les Sutton, continued recovery from a fall
John Leding, strength and healing
William E. Hettrick, prostate cancer
Rob W., to find peace and God’s direction
Hilda, Deb Foster’s aunt, cancer
Susan, health issues for herself and her family
Janine, strength and healing
Don, strength and healing
Judy M., colon cancer
Stephanie, successful stem cell transplant
Agnes, living with cancer, healing
Gary, loss of job
Tim Byrne, successful treatment of cancer
John Hyland, contined strength and healing
Kelly Buzalski, fighting cancer
Joan, in hospice care
Janice Harris, colon cancer
Stephanie, leukemia
Carolyn, cancer
Maggie, dialysis and chemo
Debbie’s mom, successful treatment of cancer
Lea O’Shea, Nancy Ruggerio’s daughter, recovery
Adam, successful treatment of colon cancer
James, recovery from stage 4 cancer
Jenny’s father, treatment for prostate cancer

Serving Our Country

Pfc. Abigail Crisp, NJ Army National Guard
Jordan Dale, U.S. Marines
Sgt. Randall Ferrara, NJ Army National Guard
Staff Sgt. Steve Lantz, Army Reserves, Middle East
Lt. Karen Kraft McAllister, U.S. Navy, San Diego

On-going Prayer

Sonya Burroughs	Bob Kennaday
Shannon Bain	Barbara & Jim MacHale
Lou Cattano	Micah
Beth & Bruce Courter	Rick Radis
Erika Davis	Ms. So
Neil Eriksen	Arden Sutton
Nancy Gardner	Emma Wyman
Jack & Johnna	Ken Zippler

Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

Christmas Eve Services



December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Christmas Pageant

“Christmas is the Harvest Time of Love”

“The Miracle of the Moment”

Pastor Brandon preaching



5:00 p.m.

Family Service



December 10,

2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Decorating the Christmas Tree

“The Miracle of the Message”

Pastor Brandon preaching



7:10 p.m.

Pre-Christmas Eve Organ Concert

Jennifer Yang, Organist



December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Cantata

Selections from “Messiah”



7:30 p.m.

Candlelight Service

“Make We Joy Now in This Fest”

“Hymn to the Virgin”

“In Dulci Jubilo”

Directed by Sarah A Michal

“The Miracle of Jesus’ Birth”

Pastor Brandon preaching



December

24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“The Miracle of the Manger”

Pastor Brandon preaching



POINSETTIAS

Members and friends of our congregation may honor a loved one by placing a poinsettia on the altar during the Christmas season. The deadline for ordering is December 18. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office. The cost is \$10.00 per plant.

Name _____

Phone _____

Name of person(s):

(In honor of)

(In honor of)

(In honor of)

(In honor of)

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(In memory of)

(In memory of)

(In memory of)

(In memory of)

_____ I wish the plant to be delivered to a shut-in.

_____ I will pick up the plant(s)

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.