

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 17, 2017

10:15 A.M.



**Morristown United Church**  
**Christ Centered † Spirit Led**

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

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

*Prelude on "O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

arr. Gordon Phillips  
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Sarah A Michal

*Of the Father's love begotten, ere the  
worlds began to be,  
source, the ending he*

No. 184 *He is Alpha and Omega, he the*

*Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, Evermore  
and evermore.*

*Christ, to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises  
be: Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, Evermore  
and evermore.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

**People: With joyful hearts, we draw living water from the wellspring of God's salvation.** Leader:  
With loud singing, we return to a home of love.

**People: With loud shouts, we return to our God. We shall rejoice in the Lord always. Let the  
worship begin!**

† OPENING HYMN

*There's a Song in the Air*

No. 249

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Jack Scharf

**Redeemer God, with laughter in our mouths and joy in our hearts, we have come to worship you in  
Spirit and Truth this morning. You save the lame and gather the outcast, turning their shame into  
praise. You gather the lost and bring the exile home at last. Who is like you in all the earth? There  
are none that compare to you, O God. In your presence, we dwell securely. In your love, we find the  
power to transform the world. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Cho

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Our God of hope and love, remind us once more that your good news carries more than the hope of  
blessing for our lives, it carries the expectation that we will amend our ways. You also remind us that  
it is not enough to praise you with our lips, we must also love you with our actions. Heal our hearts,  
Compassionate One, that we may be a people of true repentance – a people who prepare for  
your Son's birth by embracing the ones he loved. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: When we return to God with full and honest hearts, Christ takes away the judgments against us, and brings us the joy of our salvation. Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

#### LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

*The Quinn Family* One: On the first Sunday of Advent we lit the Candle of Hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us.

*(Light the Candle of Hope.)*

One: Last Sunday, we lit the second Candle of Peace, remembering that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and through him peace is found. *(Light the Candle of Peace.)*

One: Today, we light the Candle of Joy. The joy of the Lord is our strength. *(Light the pink candle—the Candle of Joy.)*

One: Let us pray together as written. . .

Congregation: **We come to praise you, God, for the awesome mystery of the joy that comes from knowing you. The candle we just lit is a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. Amen.**

#### CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

*Dr. Cho*

*(Children, up to the age of 7, may gather in the Narthex as they go to Room 22 for Children's Time.)*

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND PRAYER NEEDS

*Dr. Cho*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*Jack Scharf* **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.**

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

*Mike Laba*

**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

Isaiah 61:1-2

*Mike Laba* The spirit of the Lord God

is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; **he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.** I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; **for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.**

Mark 1:1-8

*Mike Laba*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "**See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in**

**the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'**" John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.** Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. **I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.**"

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

† PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Dr. Cho*

- Memorial Service for Bill Earls—tomorrow at 11:00.
- Angel Tree 2017
- Music at Noon—December 21, 2017
- Christmas Eve Services—5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Friendship Pads

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

*Dr. Cho*

OFFERTORY

*Noël angevin in G Major*

César Franck

† 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.*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Our God of hope, peace and joy, receive our thanks and humble appreciation for all that you have given us, which makes us who we are. Bless these gifts and offerings, that they may bring peace and hope to your people everywhere. In Jesus' name we honor you. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

**Selections from Handel's "Messiah"**

*(Please hold all applause until the end.)*

1. *Sinfonia*
3. *Air*, Ev'ry valley shall be exalted
4. *Chorus*, And the glory of the Lord
8. *Recitative*, Behold, a virgin shall conceive
9. *Air and Chorus*, O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
11. *Air*, The people that walked in darkness
12. *Chorus*, For unto us a child is born

Benjamin Quinn, *soprano*; Maria Cattano, *soprano*; Charles Buck, *tenor*; Matthew Michal, *baritone* The MUMC Chancel Choir

Jennifer Yang, *organ*; Sarah A Michal, *conductor*

† PASTORAL REMARK AND BLESSING

*Dr. Cho*

† POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World*

arr. Keith Christopher

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 POINSETTIAS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL** are given by members and friends of MUMC to the glory of God, and to celebrate loved ones.



**THE WHITE ROSEBUD** on the altar is given by the MUMC family in loving memory of Bill Earls who passed away on December 11. There will be visitation this afternoon from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Par-Troy Funeral Home, 95 Parsippany Road, Parsippany. Graveside services will be held Monday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m. at Restland Memorial Park, 77 Deforest Avenue, East Hanover. A memorial service will follow here at MUMC at 11:00 a.m.

**MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**December 17, 2017**

**December 24, 2017**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Acts 2:17

“The Real Meaning of Advent”

Jack Scharf preaching

**December 31, 2017**

**First Sunday after Christmas**

“Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”

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.



**5:30 p.m.**

**Family Service**



**7:10 p.m.**  
**Pre-Christmas Eve Organ Concert**  
**Candlelight Service**

*Now in This Fest”*  
*Dulci Jubilo”*



**7:30 p.m.**  
Jennifer Yang, organ

*“Make We Joy*  
*“Hymn to the Virgin”; “In*  
Directed by Sarah A Michal  
**“The Miracle of Jesus’ Birth”**  
Pastor Brandon preaching

**MUMC Church Staff**

Senior Pastor . . . . .	Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho
Associate Pastor . . . . .	Pastor Charles Perez
Certified Lay Minister/Administrative Director . . . . .	Jack Scharf
Director of Music Ministries . . . . .	Sarah A Michal
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# This Week at MUMC

## Sunday, December 17

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
 Breakfast Club Wesley Room  
 Sunday School  
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service—  
 Christmas Cantata  
 3:30 p.m. Nueva Esperanza Wesley Room

## Monday, December 18

7:30 p.m. A.A. Room 21

## Wednesday, December 20

4:00 p.m. Esperanza Soccer Gym

## Thursday, December 21

11:30 a.m. Music at Noon Lunch Fellowship Hall  
 12:15 p.m. Music at Noon Concert  
 Christmas Singers  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Choir Room

## Friday, December 22

5:30 p.m. Esperanza Soccer Gym

## Saturday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Emmaus Reunion Asbury Room

## Next Sunday, December 24

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Library  
 Breakfast Club Sunday School Wesley Room  
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service—Jack Scharf  
 3:30 p.m. Nueva Esperanza Wesley Room  
 5:00 p.m. Family Service  
 7:10 p.m. Pre-service organ music 7:30  
 p.m. Candlelight Service

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service—Bill Earls

- **“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.**

## Attendance and Offering for December 10, 2017

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
129	\$12,978.00



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

**Our Church Family and Friends The family and friends of Sherese (Missy) Frantz, mourning her death**

**The family and friends of Bill Earls, mourning his death**

**Les Sutton, continued recovery**

**Erico family, mother of four battling terminal cancer**

**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**

**Susie Parker and her church family**

**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

Sonya Burroughs

Shannon Bain

Lou Cattano

Beth & Bruce Courter

Erika Davis

Neil Eriksen

Nancy Gardner

Jack & Johnna

Bob Kennaday

Barbara & Jim MacHale

Micah

Rick Radis

Ms. So

Arden Sutton

Emma Wyman

Ken Zippler

**On-going Prayer**



Poinsettias

CHRISTMAS  
2017

Given in Loving Memory of:

Joshua Taylor Arakelian—Merry Christmas, we love you, Mom, Dad, Hailey and Alex  
Susan, Lucy and Arthur Arakelian—Merry Christmas, much love, Rich, Allison, Haley and Alex  
The Bendick family, from Dorothy Pfarrer  
Loved ones, from the Benson Family  
My parents, Perdue and Marjorie Bunch, from Winifred Bunch  
James Butler, from Jonathan and Judy Crozier Our parents,  
from Ellie and Glenn Coutts, Sr.  
Rev. R. Byron Crozier, from Jonathan and Judy Crozier  
Allen DeCola, from John and Judy Bellush  
Sherese “Missy” Frantz, from Eric and Bryce and Mom and Dad  
Lucy Harris, from Cherry Tom  
Jean Hecht, from Carol Hecht  
His wife, Carol, from Bob Kennaday  
His brother, Jordan Leach from Howard Leach, Jr.  
His parents, Ruth and Howard Leach, Sr., from Sydney and Howard Leach, Jr.  
His sister, Lois Abby Leach, from Howard Leach, Jr.  
My beloved husband Gene Lindemann, from Mona Lindemann  
Alan Lyttle, from Virginia Lyttle  
Rev. & Mrs. J. W. Marshall, from Lillian and Steve Mueller  
Joan McCutcheon, from Susan Coutts  
Dorothy and Charles Meredith, from Jack and Mary Ann Scharf  
My parents, John and Faye Montagna, from John Montagna



Wilma and Henry Mortensen, from Virginia Lyttle  
His parents, John E. and Elizabeth Mueller, from Lillian and Steve Mueller  
Jean's parents, Sidney and Florence Parker, from the Stubaus Family  
The Pfarrer family, from Dorothy Pfarrer  
Her father, Robert C. Polo, from Robin and Frank San Felice  
Joan Puma, from Sue Puma and Kevin Vance  
Vince Puma, from Sue Puma and Kevin Vance  
Mrs. Marion Rapp, from Greselda Powell  
Her parents, Grace and Kenneth Reeve, from Sydney and Howard Leach  
His father, Joseph San Felice, from Robin and Frank San Felice  
Henry Scharf, from Jack and Mary Ann Scharf  
Grace Scharf, from Jack and Mary Ann Scharf  
Margaret Scharf, from Jack and Mary Ann Scharf  
Her sister, Kathleen Strain, from Lillian and Steve Mueller  
Glenn's parents, Lawrence and Dorothy Stubaus, from the Stubaus Family  
My grandparents and uncles, from Cherry Tom  
My parents, May and Yet Pang Tom, from Cherry Tom  
Pauline Vance, from Sue Puma and Kevin Vance  
Robert Vance, from Sue Puma and Kevin Vance



**Given in Honor of:**

Joanne and John Bellush, III and family, from John and Judy Bellush  
Mark, Tina and Olivia Carter, from Matthew and Sarah A Michal  
Clive Coutts, Jr., from Susan Coutts  
Our church staff from Ellie and Glenn Coutts, Sr.  
Todd, Ania and Alina DeCola, from John and Judy Bellush  
Emily and Dan Heggenstaller, from John and Judy Bellush  
Rev. & Mrs. Daniel Klement, from Lillian and Steve Mueller  
Mona Lindemann, from Jack and Mary Ann Scharf  
Our MUMC family, from Matthew and Sarah A Michal  
Sarah A Michal, from Jack and Mary Ann Scharf  
Grandma and Grandpa Midboe, Bennett and Lucas Miller  
Grammy and Grandad Miller, Bennett and Lucas Miller  
Our parents and grandparents, from the Miller Family  
Our extended families, the Mitchells and the Wallings, from David and Teresa Mitchell

Lil's California family, from Lillian and Steve Mueller

Music at MUMC concert series board members and volunteers, from David and Teresa Mitchell

My parents, Lenton and Norma Powell, to honor them for their birthdays and Christmas, from Greselda Powell

Sue Puma, from Jack and Mary Ann Scharf

Our children from the Stubaus family

Our church family, from the Stubaus family

Cesar Torres, from Jack and Mary Ann Scharf

Kevin Vance, from Jack and Mary Ann Scharf