

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 3, 2017
10:15 A.M.



“

Christmas is the Harvest Time of Love”

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.*

December 3, 2017

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
First Sunday of Advent
Global Migration Sunday

10:15 a.m.

† Identifies time to stand, as you are able.

PRELUDE

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

arr. Paul Manz
Jennifer Yang

† INTROIT

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Sarah A Michal

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho

Leader: Come, let us gather in the house of the Lord!

People: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for God is good and merciful.

Leader: Let us welcome this new Advent Season,

People: when we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior.

Leader: Rise and shine for the new morning has come!

People: A new promise is guiding us to worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(Verses 1-3)

No. 234

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Jack Scharf

O Lord, every good and perfect gift comes from you. You are the God of the heavenly light that calls us on this Advent journey, and you lead us to that place of new birth. Be our light today, that we may be your people, receive your light, and shine it forth into this world of darkness. In the light of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, today we lift our prayers and praise. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The Zeller Family

One: The Gospel speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ.

One: Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, and a wounded heart. And so, we light the first candle, the candle of hope. We dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

(Light the first Advent Candle here.)

Let us pray together:

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places and memories in our lives to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER—Hayoung Kang (Fellowship Friend: Jack Scharf)

We welcome you to our church as a new member, along with the other friends who joined our church last Sunday. We praise God for your faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. Along with you, we recommit our lives to uphold this vital congregation with our presence, prayers, gifts, service, and witness. God bless you. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND PRAYER NEEDS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Cho

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 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)

Matt Zeller

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

Isaiah 9:6 and 65:25

Matt Zeller

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; **and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, **the lion shall eat straw like the ox**; but the serpent—it's food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

John 14:27

Jack Scharf

Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. **I do not give to you as the world gives.** Do not let your hearts be troubled, **and do not let them be afraid.**

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Jack Scharf

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. **The Lord be with all of you.**

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

† PASSING THE PEACE Let us greet with each other in peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Cho

- Friendship Pads
- Music at Noon—Chaconnes and Other Ditties—December 7, 2017
- Christmas Tree Decoration next Sunday. You are welcome to bring your own ornaments.
- Christmas Cantata—December 17, 2017.
- Pick up your 2018 offering envelopes
- Poinsettias

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Cho

OFFERTORY

O Sanctissima

arr. Diane Bish

† 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.*

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (in unison) *Jack Scharf*
We dedicate our resources and our very selves to the One who fulfills promises, who holds us in steadfast love, and who calls us to be messengers of peace for all of creation. For that we are grateful in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT See Insert
“Christmas is the Harvest Time of Love”

† PASTORAL REMARK AND BENEDECTION *Dr. Cho*

† POSTLUDE *St. George’s Windsor* George J. Elvey
 Please feel free to sit and enjoy the postlude or leave the sanctuary, greet the pastor and other church friends at the door, and join for a time of fellowship over refreshments in Fellowship Hall.



THE FLOWERS THAT GRACE THE CHANCEL are given by Jane Rehmke to the glory of God, and in loving memory of her mother.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2017	
<u>Attendance</u> 125	<u>Offering</u> \$3,315.00

MUMC Church Staff	
Senior Pastor	Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho
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MORRISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
December 3, 2017

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Hebrews 1:1-3

“The Miracle of the Message”

Pastor Brandon preaching

Special Music from Jubilation Ringers

Tree Decoration

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Cantata

Selections from Handel’s “Messiah”

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.

THE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TODAY is presented by our Sunday School children. Our huge thanks to Sarah Michal, our Director of Music ministries, all the teachers and leaders, and all of our young people for sharing the Good News of Christmas.

SILENT AUCTION TODAY AFTER WORSHIP. Please join us for this fun event after worship. It is a great way to do your Christmas shopping for a good cause to support our ASP Mission Team in Summer, 2018.

NEXT SUNDAY, we will decorate our Christmas tree. We will provide ornaments for everyone, but if you’d like to bring your own ornaments for the Christmas tree, we’d welcome you to do that. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA on Sunday, December 17. Our choir will present a special Christmas Cantata that will surely delight your ears and encourage your hearts. Please join us.

POINSETTIAS. Please place your order for poinsettias by December 11. After the 7:30 worship service on Christmas Eve, you are invited to take your ordered poinsettias to your home and enjoy them.



Harmonium Choral Society will be presenting their December Concert, “Fear Not,” on Saturday, December 9 at 8 pm and on Sunday, December 10 at 3 pm, here at Morristown UMC. The concert will feature music ranging from Monteverdi to Schoenberg, works by Abbie Betinis and John Rutter, and they will be premiere works by Dale Trumbore and Michael Bussewitz-Quarm. Tickets are for sale at the door and at harmonium.yapsody.com.

This Week at MUMC



Sunday, December 3

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| 9:00 a.m. | Adult Bible Study | Library |
| | Breakfast Club | Wesley Room |
| 10:15 a.m. | Worship Service—Christmas Pageant
Pastor Brandon preaching | |
| 11:35 a.m. | Silent Auction | |
| 3:30 p.m. | Nueva Esperanza | |

Monday, December 4

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| 7:30 p.m. | A.A. | Room 21 |
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Tuesday, December 5

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| 6:15 p.m. | Board of Trustees | Wesley Room |
| 6:00 p.m. | Harmonium Rehearsal | Sanctuary |

Wednesday, December 6

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| 12:00 p.m. | Staff Christmas Luncheon | |
| 4:00 p.m. | Esperanza Soccer | Gym |
| 7:30 p.m. | Jubilation Ringers | Asbury Room |

Thursday, December 7

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| 10:00 a.m. | Bethel A.M.E. Meeting | Wesley Room |
| 11:30 a.m. | Music at Noon Lunch | Fellowship Hall |
| 12:15 p.m. | Music at Noon Concert
Chaconnes & Other Ditties | |
| 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir | Choir Room |

Friday, December 8

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| 6:00 p.m. | Harmonium Rehearsal | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Esperanza Soccer | Gym |

Saturday, December 9

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| 8:30 a.m. | Emmaus Reunion | Asbury Room |
| 8:00 p.m. | Harmonium Concert | Sanctuary |

Next Sunday, December 10

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| 9:00 a.m. | Adult Bible Study | Library |
| | Breakfast Club | Wesley Room |
| | Sunday School | |
| 10:15 a.m. | Worship Service—
Pastor Brandon preaching | |
| 11:35 a.m. | Asbury Choir | Choir Room |
| 3:00 p.m. | Harmonium Concert | Sanctuary |
| 3:30 p.m. | Nueva Esperanza | Wesley Room |

- **“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
Erico family, mother of four battling terminal cancer
Bill Earls
Les Sutton, recovery
Men graduating from Market Street Mission today
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

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*



December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

Christmas Pageant

“Christmas is the Harvest Time of Love”
“The Miracle of the Moment”
Pastor Brandon preaching



December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent
Decorating the Christmas Tree
“The Miracle of the Message”
Pastor Brandon preaching



December 17, 2017
Third Sunday of Advent
Christmas Cantata
Selections from “Messiah”



December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent
“The Miracle of the Manger”
Pastor Brandon preaching

Christmas Eve Services



5:00 p.m.
Family Service



7:10 p.m.
Pre-Christmas Eve Organ Concert
Jennifer Yang, Organist



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



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 \$_____.