



Welcome to Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church!

We hope you find a spiritual home with us or another church community.

Children are welcome here! We know it can be stressful to come to church with your family. If your child makes a little noise or is a little squirmy, we consider it a blessing. Activity bags are at the front of the sanctuary. Childcare and Sunday School are available during Sunday worship.

The nursery is located in the lower level of the education wing.

Children are also welcome to join us upstairs in the sanctuary for worship. We welcome all people no matter where they are on the journey of faith, to find a spiritual home at Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church.

We believe that God is love and this love is expressed fully in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We live this out in loving community with one another and humble service to our neighborhood.

Come grow with us! We look forward to seeing you again! Until then, check out our Facebook page, website and this worship guide.

You may find an opportunity that is just right for you!

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*Adult Sunday School: 9 AM • Children's Sunday School: 10:10 AM
Sunday Worship: 10 AM*

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2024

Introit (All Sing) "O Come All Ye Faithful" **The Praise Team**
Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

Flowers on the Altar: Thanks to all who purchased Poinsettias for our Altar!

See pages 5-6 for more events, details, and ministry opportunities.

Prelude Jim Connerly, Piano - Bill Jackson, Bass - John Zappa, Drums **The Jazz Trio**

*** Call to Worship** **Steve Harness, Liturgist**

(The liturgist (L) makes statements of faith. The congregation (C) reads the words in bold.)

L: Children of God, the arrival of the Promised One is almost here!

C: We wait as people of God's promise.

L: The message of the prophets and the expectation residing in Mary's womb call to us today.

C: We listen as people of God's promise.

L: Mary's "yes" and Elizabeth's faithfulness guide our path, showing us that we too have a role to play in bearing God's good news into the world.

C: We follow as people of God's promise.

L: This is the promise Mary, Elizabeth, and the prophets bore that we continue to carry even today—God is with us!

C: God is with us! We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

*** Opening Hymn** **The Jazz Trio**

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

The United Methodist Hymnal #196

*** Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

The Craig family (L), Congregation (C)

Sung Response "Away in a Manger" (Verse 3)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #217

*** Opening Prayer** **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

(The pastor (L) leads the prayer. The congregation (C) reads the words in bold.)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: God of the impossible and unlikely, God of pregnant old women and virgins, you turn our conventional world upside down, where the hungry are fed, and arrogant rich are turned away. Instill in us unthinkable marvels. Make us pregnant with wonder through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen

C: Amen.

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ** **Rev. Jerome Weaver**

P: May the peace of Christ be with you!

C: And also with you! *(During this time, we ask that you greet one another with a peace sign, an elbow bump, a bow or a simple nod of the head)*

** Indicates please stand, if able.*

*** Children's Moments**

Rev. Jerome Weaver

(We invite children, 12 years of age and under, to come forward. After Children's Moments, we invite children to go with loving caregivers to Sunday school.)

"Jesus Loves Me" (Verse 1)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #191

The Old Testament Reading

Psalm 80:1-7 (niv)

Steve Harness, Liturgist

- 1 Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth
- 2 before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us.
- 3 Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
- 4 How long, LORD God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
- 6 You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.
- 7 Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Special Music

The Jazz Trio

The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Steve Harness, Liturgist

The Offertory

The Jazz Trio

* Doxology

The Jazz Trio

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The United Methodist Hymnal, #95

Prayer of Dedication

Congregation, led by Liturgist

God of grace and wonder, we offer these gifts in response to your call. As Mary responded with faith, we too say, "Here we are, let it be to us." Use these offerings to further your kin-dom on earth. Empower us to be bearers of Christ's presence, bringing hope and love to our community. May our giving reflect the promise of Emmanuel, God with us, and bring light and joy in this Advent season. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Luke 1:26-38)

** Indicates please stand, if able.*

Invitation to Prayer

"He Who Began a Good Work in You"

The Jazz Trio
The Faith We Sing, #2163

Rev. Jerome Weaver

Morning Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*** The Gospel Reading**

Luke 1:46b-55 (niv)

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46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.

50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

55 to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

L: The word of God, for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Rejoice in the Lord with Me"

Rev. Jerome Weaver

*** Closing Hymn**

"Joy to The World"

The Jazz Trio
The United Methodist Hymnal #246

*** Benediction**

Rev. Jerome Weaver

*** Postlude**

The Jazz Trio

*** Indicates please stand, if able.**

NOTES

Poinsettia Donors 2024

By Jenny Alden: In loving memory of my mother, June Priest.

By Jenny Alden: In honor of my children Ryan and Emily McClure & Chris Alden.

By Laurie Caldwell: Merry Christmas to Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church.

By Georgiana Eggers: In loving memory of my husband Ron, and parents Ruth and Fred Van Coney.

By Tia Greenlee: In loving memory of Papa Donald Greenlee & Matthew Godrey.

By Patti Harness: In loving memory of my dear friend, Melody Hubley.

By Laurita Johnson: : In loving memory of Geiles Connely.

In loving memory of Evelyn and Robert Klenk, Jay's dear parents.

In loving memory of Tom and Lucile Kirby, Diana's dear parents.

In loving memory of Tom Kirby Jr. and Virginia Michael, dear brother and sister of Diana.

By Sylvia Lawson: In loving memory of family in heaven.

Poinsettia Donors 2024 (cont.)

By Darlene Long: In honor of Anthony & Delilah, my Great Grand-Children

By Darlene Long: In honor of my Great Grand-Daughter Layla.

By Abraham and Elizabeth Osinbowale: In loving memory of Carroll and Rosemary Hutchinson.

By Abraham and Elizabeth Osinbowale: In loving memory of Bob Reep.

By Abraham and Elizabeth Osinbowale: In honor of our children and grand-children.

By Mary Reep: In loving memory of my husband Bob.

In honor of Lynn Sanner, with our thanks and appreciation for being our inspirational and faithful teacher; Love, your Sunday School Class.

By Amy Weisman & Family: In loving memory of John & Carol Smith.

By Linda Taylor: In loving memory of my sister Carol & brother Alan.

By Tim and Pam Vehr: In loving memory of Barb and Harry Brians, Pam's parents.

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By Tim and Pam Vehr: In loving memory of Gavaan Vehr.

By Amy Weisman & Family: In honor of Kurt & Diann Neidlinger.

By Chantel & Jerome Weaver: In loving memory of David Weaver.

In Honor of: Great Grand-Children: Zemi, Vera, Jona, Seilah, and Andrianna.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Snow Related Closures: will be announced on channel 12, WKRC-TV.

Church Office: will be closed if Mt. Healthy Schools are closed.

If you wish to donate: to the church staff Christmas fund, place your donation in an envelope from the pew rack and mark it "Staff Christmas" and put it in the collection plate. **Thank You!**

Pledge cards: for 2025 giving are being accepted today and next Sunday, Dec. 29th. Place them in the collection plate. **Thank You!**

Giving Trees (inside and out): are ready to receive your donations of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks. Thank you for your helping the community!

A Messy Church Candlelight Christmas Eve: is Tuesday, December 24th, 5:00 pm.

All Families are invited for family faith, nativity stories, music, and fun!

Free Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, January 4th 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

All you can eat pancakes, juice, fruit, sausage and children's crafts. Carry-out or Dine in.

Everyone Welcome! Come Hungry!

To activate the Prayer Chain, please 1) TEXT Lenora De Marco at 513-884-5111, or 2) call Gerry 513-237-3663 and leave a message.



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A Messy Christmas Eve
Children's Pageant
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Tuesday 😊 December 24, 2024 😊 5 PM
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ages is welcome!