

# Today's Message Notes

December 3, 2017

A GOOD MAN IS HARD TO FIND

Matthew 13:54-56

## Notes

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The church office is open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-5:00 pm, and Friday, 8:30 am -12:30 pm. If you should need to reach a member of the ministerial staff after hours, contact him/her by email.

# The Worship of God

Sunday, December 3, 2017 @ 10:15 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Josh Plant

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE David, Amy, Grant, Davis, & Jessie Bock

PRAISE SET \*

Praise Team

CHOIR ANTHEM

*Calypso Gloria*

Arr. Raney

HYMN OF PRAISE #87 \*

*Joy to the World*  
Verses 1, 2, & 4

Watts/Handel

*As the congregation begins to sing this hymn, children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to participate in Children's Worship in the Community Room across the courtyard from the Sanctuary.*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:54-56

MESSAGE SERIES

FAITHFUL: CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF JOSEPH  
*A Good Man Is Hard to Find* Dr. Jack Mercer

SONG OF INVITATION #76 \*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Latin Hymn

OFFERTORY PRAYER \*

Deacon Mark Mikesell

OFFERTORY

*What Child Is This?*  
Celebration Ringers

Arr. Austin

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Mercer

PRAYER OF CHURCH ON THE DRIVE

SONG OF BENEDICTION \*

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Traditional

POSTLUDE

Please stand as able \*

**Are you ready to take your next step in a relationship with Jesus?**

Contact any pastor (listed on the back) or a member of the prayer team.

**Would you like someone to pray with you today?** Members of the prayer team will be at the front of the Sanctuary at the end of the service, or contact any pastor (listed on the back).



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# CHURCH ON THE DRIVE

## Week-at-a-Glance

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

### FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 8:30 a.m. Living Water Café Opens ..... Café  
Library Opens ..... Library
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Community Groups
- 10:15 a.m. Worship Service ..... Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal ..... Room 302
- 3:00 p.m. Harp Concert ..... Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Reception for Harp Concert ..... Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Informational Meeting ..... Room 302  
*Bible Bells* Rehearsal ..... Music Suite
- 5:30 p.m. Students - *Journey* ..... Gym
- 6:00 p.m. *Celebration Ringers* Rehearsal ..... Music Suite
- 7:00 p.m. *Wind Ensemble* Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 6:15 p.m. Zumba Class ..... Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting ..... Room 302

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 2:15 p.m. Ministry Team Meeting ..... Room 208
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Lights Tour & Dinner ..... Meet in Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner ..... Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study ..... Fellowship Hall  
English Literacy Ministry ..... Room 302  
Knitting Group ..... Room 207
- 6:15 p.m. Faith Foundations for Kids ..... Community Room  
Mom to Mom ..... Room 205
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... Music Suite

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 8:00 a.m. Middle School Breakfast Club ..... Einstein Brothers
- 9:30 a.m. Quilters on Mission ..... Room 255
- 5:00 p.m. Holiday on the Drive ..... Edgewater Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Community Group ..... Mercer's Home

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 10:30 a.m. Family Story Time ..... Library
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Basketball League ..... Gym  
Prayer Warriors/Wise Old Men Christmas Party .. Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Christmas Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Adults Christmas Reception ..... Room 302
- 6:00 p.m. Servants for Christ Social ..... Room 302

## MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER, GROW, & SERVE

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS.** Don't forget to pick up your Advent devotional booklet at the end of worship today.

**DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN** can be found on our website at [churchonthedrive.org](http://churchonthedrive.org), under the Media tab.

**WE LOVE OUR PLANET AND PRACTICE "CREATION CARE."** You will find blue recycling bins near the Fellowship Hall as well as a bin for re-purposing items to the Christian Service Center.

## WELCOME GUESTS!

We are so glad you are here and hope your experience today is refreshing! Please be sure to get a welcome brochure from one of the greeters. If you have any questions please ask anyone wearing a name tag. You can learn more about our beliefs as a church on our website.

**A WORD OR TWO ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERVICES.** We practice a "blended" style of worship. On any given week, you will hear traditional hymns to upbeat contemporary music including handbells, choirs, praise teams, kid's choirs, wind ensembles, and special guest musicians.

We hope you experience the warm fellowship of Church on the Drive, and we encourage you to "stick for six" – try us out for six worship services. Then you might be ready to take your next step and become a member. If we are not a good "fit" for you – let us know that, too, and we will help you find your spiritual home in College Park.

**WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH?** Anyone can join our great monthly e-newsletter called "The Connection" by signing up on our website at [www.CHURCHONTHEDRIVE.org](http://www.CHURCHONTHEDRIVE.org).

### WE LOVE TO GATHER, GROW, & LEARN!

And believe that life is better together! You are welcome to visit and join any "Community Group" – see the full listing on our website under the "Get Connected" tab. We have groups meeting on Sunday mornings at Church on the Drive and throughout the week in homes and restaurants. These groups are the way we care for each other during the highs and lows of life.

If you have an interest in any group, please contact Josh Plant.

**WE LOVE TO SERVE!** See our website under "Get Connected" for opportunities to serve others locally, nationally, and globally!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR INFORMATIONAL MEETING TODAY!** Children's Choir is for 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders with unchanged voices. The informational meeting today will be at 5:00 p.m., in Room 302.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS.** Scholarship Applications for college & graduate school students for Spring 2018 are available in the church office or by email. Completed applications must be returned by 11:30 a.m., on Sunday, December 10, 2017 for consideration. Contact Cynthia McInvale at [cmcinvale@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:cmcinvale@churchonthedrive.org) with questions.

**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10.** Next Sunday morning during worship, the Adult Choir will present *Hope!*, a musical composed and arranged by Joel Raney. This cantata tells the story of Christ's birth through song, in the gospel style. There is original music and plenty of familiar carols. Don't miss it!!

**FLORAL ARRANGEMENT.** The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Gloria Wallace and in memory of Ted Wallace. They are donated lovingly by Stacey May, Sheryl Atkins, Sydney Moran, and Stormy Buckley.