

**ASSISTING** this evening are Betsy Rumer, Executive Pastor of Ministry, and Kevin Gourley, Pastor of Congregational Care.

**THE BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** in our Sanctuary were given in memory of and in honor of loved ones.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MISSION OFFERING** — This is the 22<sup>ND</sup> year that MPC has offered a gift during the holiday season to one of our mission partners, and EduNations is this year's recipient. The EduNations Ministry in Sierra Leone has become quite far reaching, making it necessary to travel between towns and remote villages to carry supplies, people, and information. It can be next to impossible to drive on their muddy, rut-filled roads. During our Christmas Eve services, an offering will be taken to purchase a new, heavy duty, four-wheel drive vehicle that will be used by our EduNations in-country president, Samuel Sesay. All loose cash and designated checks will be given to the mission offering. You can give online, as well. *"WE can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens US!"*

**CHILD CARE** for ages up to 3 years old is available in our Nursery located just beyond the Welcome Center during the 7:00 service. We welcome your child's participation. In addition, we have a Comfort Room adjacent to the nursery where parents can listen to the service while caring for their child.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** — Tonight's 7:00 P.M. service is captioned for the hearing impaired on a monitor in the Edinburgh Room (located to your left at the front of the Sanctuary).

**THANK YOU, CHRISTMAS ANGELS** — On behalf of the Deacon Board, we are grateful to all who participated in the *Giving Tree*. Volunteers distributed about 1,000 gifts thanks to your generosity.

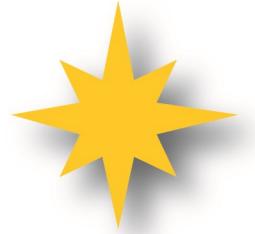
**COMMUNION** will be observed at all worship services next weekend. Please come with hearts and minds prepared to partake of this sacrament.

**YEAR-END GIVING/HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS** — The church will be closed over the Christmas holidays from NOON on Friday, December 22 until Tuesday, January 2. **The business office will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, December 29 to receive year-end contributions.** Please enter through the lower level doors to the Administrative office area. You may also make final gifts in worship on December 30/31, mail a check postmarked by December 30, or make an online donation through MPC CONNECT up until midnight on December 31.

In the event of a pastoral EMERGENCY, please call the Church Office and choose option #3 for the Pastor on Call.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION!** MPC offers a wonderful preschool program that is now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year! On **Friday, January 19, 2018**, online registration will open for the 2018-19 school year programs. Go to [www.memorialparkchurch.org/preschool](http://www.memorialparkchurch.org/preschool) to learn more or to register. Tours are welcome and may be scheduled by calling the preschool office (412-366-8201).

**SPIRITUAL PARENTING WEEKEND CLASS EVENT** — Calling all parents and grandparents! Join us on **January 26 & 27** for a Spiritual Parenting Weekend Class Event. Spiritual Parenting is not perfect parenting. Spiritual parenting is creating an environment in your home and a rhythm in your daily life that points your family towards Christ. This is a class for parents and grandparents to help their children grow in a vibrant faith in God. The cost is \$10 per person, with the recommended option of buying the accompanying book for an additional \$12. This price includes snacks, lunch and all childcare costs. For more details and to register, please visit [memorialparkchurch.org/kids](http://memorialparkchurch.org/kids). Please register by January 19.



# Christmas Eve Service

**December 24, 2017  
7:00/9:00 P.M.**

 **Memorial Park**  
An Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
8800 Peebles Road  
Allison Park, PA 15101  
412.364.9492  
[www.MemorialParkChurch.org](http://www.MemorialParkChurch.org)





## Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

**December 24, 2017**

**7:00/9:00 P.M.**

### Prelude

7:00 "Mary, Did You Know?" *Buddy Greene*  
Tom Anewalt, soloist

9:00 "O Holy Night" *Adolphe Adam*  
Young People's Choir

### Welcome

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 9:6

**\*Carol of Praise** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 199

**Presentation of the Christ Candle and Prayer of Adoration**

**Sharing Christmas Greetings**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-14 (p. 681)

**Carol** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 175  
vs. 1, 4

**Christmas Prayer**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 2:1-7 (p. 1014)

### Anthem

7:00 "Away in a Manger" *arr. Mack Wilburg*  
Chancel Choir

9:00 "Away in a Manger" *arr. James R. Murray*  
Deb and Scott Metzger, Leah Bovard, Caleb Cress

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 2:8-14

**\*Carol** "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 184  
vs. 1 & 2

**\*Scripture Reading:** John 1:1-5, 14 (p. 1049)

### Offertory Anthem

7:00 "What Child Is This?" *arr. Howard Helvey*  
Chancel Choir

9:00 "Love Came Down at Christmas" *arr. H. Helvey*  
Young People's Choir

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 956)

**Message** "*Becoming Something More*" Dean Weaver  
Lead Pastor

**Lighting of the Christmas Candles**

**\*Carol** "Silent Night! Holy Night!" *arr. J. Carter*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light!  
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Joy to the World!" *Jacob Weber*  
Gail Henry, organ

*\*The congregation will please stand*

