

ASSISTING this morning is Dean Weaver, Lead Pastor.

THE BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS in our Sanctuary were given in memory of and in honor of loved ones. An additional contribution to the Deacons Families in Need Fund was received this past week in memory of Dale Herr from his loving family.

CHRISTMAS EVE MISSION OFFERING — This is the 22ND 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"*!

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.

CHILD CARE for ages up to 3 years old is available in our Nursery located just beyond the Welcome Center. 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.

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

THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS of the congregation and staff are extended to Pam Rodgers and family on the death of Pam's husband, Bob Rodgers, on December 20 in Pittsburgh.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION! MPC offers a wonderful preschool program that is now in its 25th year! On **Friday, January 19, 2018**, online registration will open for the 2018-19 school year programs. Go to 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).

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 P.M. — FAMILY SERVICE

7:00 * & 9:00 P.M. — TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Childcare for ages up to 3 years old will be available at all services except 9:00 P.M. on Christmas Eve

* Our 7:00 P.M. Christmas Eve service will be closed-captioned.

YEAR-END GIVING/HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS — The church will be closed over the Christmas holidays 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.

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, visit memorialparkchurch.org/kids. Please register by January 19.

STUDENT IMPACT —

- There will be NO Middle School Evening IMPACT on Wednesdays, **December 27 and January 3.**
- There will be NO High School Evening IMPACT on Sundays, **December 24, 31, and January 7.**
- There will be NO morning classes for all students on Sundays, **December 24 and 31.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN — All students in grades 6 – 8 are invited to our annual lock-in at the Clayton Center. It will be held **Friday, January 5** at 7:30 P.M. until **Saturday, January 6** at 8:00 A.M. We will be traveling by bus to Skyzone in Monroeville to jump from 9:00-11:00 P.M. and will return to the Clayton for the night. Cost is \$25 per person. Friends are welcome! **Registration is required by Friday, December 29** by emailing thawbaker@memorialparkchurch.org or online through our website.

YEAR-TO-DATE CONTRIBUTIONS —

Budgeted for June-December	\$ 1,520,000
Received through 12/20/17	\$ 1,152,216
Remaining to meet budget	\$ 367,784

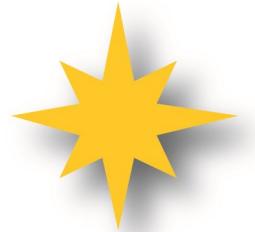


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Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2017
11:00 A.M.





Christmas Eve Sunday Morning Worship Service

December 24, 2017

11:00 A.M.

Prelude "When Christ Was Born – Overture" *arr. K. Tison*
Memorial Park Ensemble

Christmas Greeting

Call to Worship Luke 2:15

*Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 199

*Christmas Prayer

*A Time of Greeting One Another

Anthem "Christmas Alleluias" *arr. Don Wyrzten*
Chancel Choir and Memorial Park Ensemble

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12, pg. 956

Offering Our Gifts to the Lord
"What Child Is This?" *arr. Howard Helvey*
Chancel Choir and Memorial Park Ensemble

Message

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: Looking for Something More

"Becoming Something More"

Kevin Gourley

Pastor of Congregational Care

*Closing Hymn "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

*Benediction

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

**The congregation will please stand.*

