

**A Vision for
Sunnyside Presbyterian Church:
A Beacon Light of God**

Sunnyside Presbyterian Church

Away from the crowded ways of life
At the crossroads where two churches were joined
God called highland farmers
To sow faith and kindness like seeds into a fertile field

Embracing those God sends our way as family
Trusting and giving thanks whether vessels are empty or full
Offering our loaves and fishes
We provide the substance for a miracle in the hands of Christ

The Spirit ignites us to action to illuminate dark corners
Creating community from isolation
Neighbors comforting, feeding, rejoicing
As the hands and voice of Christ
Empowering people to shine!



SERVING THE SERVANTS

Pastor: Rev. J. Evan Harrison

Pianist: Jim Massengill

Treasurer: James Crocker

Custodian: Gary Frease

Presbyterian Women:

Moderator: Joyce Fisher

Vice Moderator: Peggy Bulla

Treasurer: Edna McLaurin

Easter Breakfast Coordinator:

Stanley Carter

Ruling Elders: (serves through the year listed)

Johnnie Evans '18

Angie Syphrit '18

Donna Weeks '18

Earl Ashley '17

Edna McLaurin '17

Karry Syphrit '17

Coach W. McNeill '19

Maggie Tate '19

Art Weeks '19

Trustees

President: Johnnie Evans

Secretary: William McNeill

Treasurer: Edna McLaurin



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Preparing our hearts for worship:

How are the ways God has blessed you with joy?

IN THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *Guiding Star* Callender

INTROIT & WELCOME *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Donna & Young Disciples

* HYMN #249 O Come, All Ye Faithful

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostle's Creed*

* PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

O God the gift that beats any toy, is the feeling from you that we call joy.

Joy listening, obeying and using our voice,

Joy with you or neighbors as we all rejoice.

The joy of sharing ups and downs with friends,

The joy as the story of Jesus begins! Amen.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS & * GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

CHOIR ANTHEM *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Polish Carol

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:6-8, 19-28

MESSAGE: The Light of Joy

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

* HYMN #244 O Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

OFFERING & GIFT OF MUSIC *O Jesu, My Sweet* Bach

DOXOLOGY Hymn #815

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN #270 Joy to the World

BENEDICTION *God Be with You 'till We Meet Again*

POSTLUDE The Angelus Elliot

* Please stand as able

Welcome to Sunnyside today. Your presence is a gift unto the Lord!

- Sunnyside welcomes Bud Scull as guest pianist & music director today.
- Please take a moment to update our prayer list board on the back table and check your mailbox on the snack table.
- Happy Birthday: Mike Bryant! (12.19), Bobette Scull! (12.19)
- Happy Anniversary: Arthur & Donna Weeks! (12/17), Dave & Tessa Flaherty (12/22).
- Please come to our Joy Gift program tonight, 6pm December 17th followed by a fellowship meal. Please bring a covered dish, drink or dessert.
- Prayer & a Biscuit will not meet Christmas, but will a week later.
- Wednesday night bible study will resume in January.
- Our candlelight service will be 5pm on Christmas Eve in the sanctuary.
- Thanks for supporting the local and greater church! Your offering today will help the PC(USA) and Sunnyside continue to be a beacon of light in the community. Last Sunday: \$1,532.00, \$50 to Friendship Fund and \$71.23 from the Thanksgiving Community Offering.

Acolyte: Catherine Bolton

Greeters: Peggy Bulla and Nancy Smith

Ushers: Coach McNeill, Gloria Schultz, Angie Syphrit, Art Weeks