

## Joy! A Suite for Christmas

- I. Emmanuel
- II. Worship Christ, the Newborn King
- III. Narration 1 (Isaiah 9:6)
- IV. Oh Children Come
- V. Narration 2 (Matthew 1: 20-23)
- VI. Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven
- VII. Joy Has Dawned

Soloist: Andrew Holyfield

### Choir Director

Rick Galyean

### Sopranos

Martha Spurlock

Cindy Ashley

Kim Parsons

Hannah Ryan

Laura Anderson

Misty Belcher

### Basses

Dennis Ashley

Jim Abe Fleenor

Bill Cole

Kenny Spurlock

### Pianist

Robert Holbrook

### Altos

Diane Botts

Nancy Toney

Ashley Turner

### Tenors

Skip Skinner

Fred Herndon

Paul Clark

Scotty Berthold

Andrew Holyfield

Jamie Turner

### **Please Donate to Staff Christmas Fund**

Each year we take a special Christmas offering for our staff. The amount gathered will be divided among the following persons: Ashley Turner, Joyce Palmer, Rick Galyean, Robert Holbrook, Jan Tate, David Barker, and Steve Guerrant, PLEASE NOTE: You will not be able to receive a tax deduction for this gift. Please make your checks out to CASH or enclose cash in an envelope clearly marked Staff Christmas Gift. We will collect these gifts through Sunday December 18th. On behalf of the staff, let me say thank you for your generosity to this cause.

### **United Methodist Men Meeting**

The United Methodist Men will meet Monday, December 12 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be prepared by the UMYF. Please contact Bill Cole if you plan on attending this meeting.

### **Administrative Board meeting**

The Administrative Board will meet Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All members of the Board are asked to be in attendance for this meeting.

### **Office Hours Change This Week**

The office will be open this Wednesday, December 14 from 9 am to 2pm and will be closed Thursday, December 15.

### **Van Drivers and Riders Needed**

We desperately need a dedicated rider to be available when Christy Smith drives and we need an additional team, one to drive, one to ride, to help balance out the schedule for the upcoming year. If this is a ministry you could help with, please contact either Christy Smith or the church office.

### Poinsettias for Christmas

In Loving Memory of Paul B. Gillespie by Debbie Gillespie, Sue Isaac & Kathleen Gillespie

In Loving Memory of Walter Kocher by Marion, David & Linda Kocher

In Loving Memory of David Tipton by Angie Tipton

In Honor of My Christian Family at Trinity UMC by Anonymous

In Honor & Gratitude of the Music Ministry by Anonymous

In Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kilgore & Mr. & Mrs. Fred Ashley by Dennis & Cindy Ashley

In Loving Memory of Brownie & Barbara Polly by Wes, Lisa, Wesley & Colston Polly

In Loving Memory of George Cline & Anne Hunter by Betty Cline

In Loving Memory of Kelly Toney by Joe & Nancy Toney

In Loving Memory of Patrick Heath Parsons & In Honor of Savana, Trinity & Serenity by Steve & Kim Parsons

In Honor of The Goodman Family by Kenny & Martha Spurlock

In Honor of the Choir & Robert Holbrook and Cathy Galyean by Rick Galyean

**The Trinity Companion**  
**Sunday December 11, 2016**



## **Trinity United Methodist Church**

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**Worship begins at 11:00 am**

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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. We'd really like to get some contact information. Would you please text your email and name to 80123 and we'll get back in touch with you.

**Greeters:** Ben Allen and Ruben Allman

**Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction :** Martha Spurlock

**\*Prelude:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The joy of the season is upon us. the time is almost here.

**People: We have come to praise the Lord!**

Leader: We are here to sing praises to God, the Holy One in whom we place our trust.

**People: God opens our eyes and lifts us up.**

Leader: Let us praise God

**People: who reigns forever.**

**INVOCATION**

We gather, O God, in this worship space mindful of your presence.

We are here to rejoice as we wait to see your glory. Help us proclaim the joy you promise. In this hour of worship we ask that you bless us through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit and through the gift of music that will be shared today.

**A Reading for the Third Sunday of Advent– JOY (Luke 3: 7-18)**

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup> “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

<sup>11</sup> John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

<sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

<sup>13</sup> “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

<sup>14</sup> Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable

fire.” <sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

**Lighting the Advent Candle—The Cole/Holyfield Family**

Leader: This morning, hear anew the Baptizer’s prophetic announcement of the coming of the Messiah and interpret it wisely.

**All: We need not shrink from the challenge of repentance because when we’ve been truly rearranged on the inside, we will bear good fruit on the outside.**

Leader: During these troubling times in our nation and around the world, the question from the crowds still persists, “What then should we do?”

**All: Once again we humbly dedicate ourselves to kindness, to justice, and to fairness.**

Leader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light a candle of joy, as a visible symbol of these “fruits worthy of repentance.”

**All: Come let us be baptized with winds of the Spirit and refined by the fire of God’s word.**

[Three candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY are lit.]

Leader: Let us, though many, pray in one voice.

**All: Gracious and loving God, as we await the coming of the One whom you sent, grant that our waiting might be the active kind. Give us the courage to meet the challenge of altering our thoughts and feelings about the world around us so that our actions might also be changed. Help us to keep our priorities straight, our passions properly pointed, and our eyes fixed upon the prize of joy. Remind us that you lovingly require evidence of our repentance—kindness, justice and fairness. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”** No. 234

**A Time for Morning Prayer**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Here we are, Most Patient God, in the third week of our Advent journey. You alone know how that journey is going. Did we, at the beginning of the season promise to make this Advent different? Did we promise in our heart of hearts to prepare ourselves spiritually to receive the gift of your Son?

**PEOPLE: We confess, O God, that we, so easily, have given into the expectations of people and situations around us. We allowed the times of quiet we promised for you to slip away. Forgive us in our distractions Help us renew our preparations for your coming. We look forward to your promise to change things—To bring life, and strength and courage to us: eyes to see, ears to hear, and tongues to speak your word.**

PASTOR: So we wait a little longer -  
Moving..... at..... a..... slower..... pace  
and with a great deal more patience.

**PEOPLE: Continue to be with us, O Lord as we learn to wait with you.**

*Silence*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL SHALL PRAY: We come to you confessing what is on our hearts and minds. We do so trusting that you want to hear our petitions and that you have already forgiven what needs to be forgiven. We believe that our prayers will be answered in your time and in your almighty wisdom. Amen.**

**A Sharing of Our Joys, Concerns, and Thanksgivings**

*(Please raise your hand and an usher will come by with a microphone so that everyone will be able to hear your joy, concern or thanksgiving. After you state your concern, everyone will join together and say: Lord. In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.)*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*(as found at No. 895)*

**Gloria Patri**

No. 70

**Children’s Message**

Christy Smith

**Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication**

**Ushers:** Ben Allen, John Hagan, Bennie Turner, Spencer Quesenberry

**CALL TO OFFERING**

The scriptures tell us that God will turn things around; there will be new life in the dry places; there will be a strengthening in those of us with fearful hearts. There will be joy. We have the opportunity to participate with God in turning things around in this world. The effort to do so requires a sharing of the gifts God has placed in our hands. Consider now, what part you wish to play in the work of creation.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ALL SHALL PRAY: We present to you, O God, our gifts. May they be used to make a difference in the lives of people where hope is scarce. May our gifts be a reminder, to those who receive them, of your love. AMEN.**

**Offertory:**

**\* The Doxology**

**No. 95**

**\*Special Music: “Joy! A Suite for Christmas”** (See back of bulletin)

Created by Keith & Kristyn Getty & David Hamilton

Arranged & Orchestrated by David Hamilton

**\* Closing Hymn:**

**\* Pastoral Benediction :**

**\*Postlude:**

***\*Please stand, as you are able***

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