

WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 17, 2017 AT 10:00 AM

Welcome to Unity Church! If you are a guest with us today, we are happy to have you and we hope you will join us again. Child care is available in our nursery. Please join us after worship downstairs for refreshments and a time of fellowship with one another.

Prelude

Welcome/Call to Worship/Greeting

*Songs:

O Praise Him (Christmas Version)

10,000 Reasons (Christmas Version)

Advent Reading

Communion

*Song: *Angels, From The Realms of Glory* CH#259 vs 1,2,5

Prayer and Dismissal for Kingdom Kids

Congregational/Offertory Prayer

Offertory: *Adore* by Roger Tuit & Steve Noordeloos

Offerings: 1st: General Fund

2nd: Benevolence Fund

(Guests are invited to fill out the visitor cards and place them in the offering plate.)

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7 (pg. 1072)

Series: *He Shall Be Called - "Everlasting Father"*

*Song of Response: *Good, Good Father*

*Parting Blessing

Postlude

* = Please stand if you are able

CH = Red Celebration Hymnal

Unified Praise Team
Pastor AJ Santino, worship leader

*Growing in Christ in Unity-
Loving and Serving the Community!*

PRAYER, PRAISE & THANKSGIVING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be having our annual **Lessons and Carols/Candlelight Service** this evening at 5PM. Please join us for this special service. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards.

The offering this evening will be for the **Building Fund**.

Sunday School and Catechism will not be meeting on Dec. 24th or Dec. 31st. We look forward to seeing our Sunday School children next week in a special Christmas presentation.

The **Adult Bible Class** will not meet on Dec. 24th or Dec. 31st.

There is still time to get your 2018 Inspirational Calendars. These beautiful calendars also make great gifts. Cost is just \$10. Please see Leslie De Jong.

Copies of our **Stewardship Report for November** are available on the table downstairs.

Announcement regarding offerings: If you are going to be away and you would still like to give, you can go to our church website at www.unitychurchnj.org and give your offering using Paypal. On the home page, look in the upper right hand corner and click on "give".

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY	9:30AM	Prayer Meeting
	10:00AM	Worship Service
	11:30AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	11:30AM	Adult Bible Study
	5:00PM	Lessons & Carols/Candlelight Service
	6:00PM	Amplified
	6:00PM	Youth Group
MONDAY	7:00PM	Cadets
WEDNESDAY	7:00PM	GEMS Christmas Wrapping
THURSDAY	9:30AM	Intercessory Prayer Group
	7:00PM	Men's Chorus
SUNDAY	9:30AM	Prayer Meeting
	10:00AM	Worship Service

SUNDAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

HOST SCHEDULE

Today: Graciela Lane

Next Week: Ruth Everett

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Today: Harold & Barb Kuipers

Next Week: Glenn & Jill Boonstra

Refreshments next week: Maureen, Lynn, Brenda

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Today: Laura & Kelly Steenstra

Next Week: Carole Jacobs & Michael Cook

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

Next week: Amplified

Special Offering for December: Home Missions

AUDIO/VISUAL SCHEDULE

Today: Brian, Matt

Next Week: Brian, Chad, Tim

PRAYER TEAM SCHEDULE

Today: Fred & Ruth Everett

Next Week: Jack Boonstra & Leslie De Jong

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION SCHEDULE

Dec. 17: Sleepover: Bruce Jacobs & ???

Dinner: ??? Lunch: Carole Jacobs

Wash: Carole Jacobs

Dec. 24: Sleepover & Meals: Pompton Plains

Wash: ???

DAILY READING BIBLE PLAN

The Old and New Testament simultaneously

Monday: Psalm 90

Tuesday: Romans 14

Wednesday: Psalm 91

Thursday: Psalms 92-93

Friday: Romans 15

Saturday: Psalms 94-95

Sunday: Psalms 96-97



A NOTE FROM THE PROPERTIES TEAM

*At the end of the year we pause, and we look with a blur
Our buildings and properties a face lift did occur
With a budget lacking some zeros in line
The task at hand was people and time
There were projects in size of both large and small
Helpers we received to complete them all
First spackle and tape to cover the mess
Then paint will cover to form a new dress
Finish it with carpet so finished to the eye
Some things we paid and others no need to buy
From windows to locks to hoops to trees
With many observers it's hard to please
Start inside, go outside, and up we go
Despite its' age, God's Church we're proud to show
At the end of the day we stand back and look
Each project a different time it took
God meets us here each week with a purpose and a blessing
We thank all of you for giving your help and expressing
No matter how you helped out this year
Peace and blessings be with you in the New Year*

EVENING CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 17, 2017—5:00 PM

Prelude: *Unified – Alleluia Christmas*

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Offering for: Building Fund

Hymn: *Once in Royal David's City* - PH#346:1,2,4

Lesson One: God tells sinful Adam that the seed of the woman will bruise the serpent's head

Genesis 3:8-15: Mary Dykman

*Congregation: *O Come, O Come Immanuel* – PH#328:1,4,6

Lesson Two: God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 22:7-18: Bob Van Gorp

Unified: He Shall Reign Forevermore

Lesson Three: The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Isaiah 9:2,6-7: Sherlene Ingram

*Congregation: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* – PH#329:1-3

Lesson Four: The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Isaiah 11:1-9: Kyle Jacobs

Men's Choir: *Were You There On That Christmas Night?*

Lesson Five: The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary.

Luke 1:26-38: Pat Torbet

*Congregation: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* – CH#250:1,2,4

Lesson Six: Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Luke 2:1-7: Addie leo

**Unified & Congregation: Born in Bethlehem*

Lesson Seven: The shepherds go to the manger.

Luke 2:8-20: Ken Steenstra

Men's Choir: *Mary Rock-A-Your Baby*

Lesson Eight: The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-11: Tim Boonstra

**Unified & Congregation: Agnus Dei*

Lesson Nine: John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

John 1:1-14: Pastor AJ Santino

Congregation: *Silent Night* PH #344:1-4

While we sing *Silent Night*, the lights will go out as we light our candles. Please remember to hold the lit candles upright while tipping the unlit candle toward the flame. Please hold your candle high for all to see.

*Benediction

*Postlude

(please extinguish your candles and leave in the receptacles by the exits)

Pastor AJ Santino
Charlene Cook, Choir Director
Ruth Everett, Pianist
Unified Praise Team

