

This Morning's Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

**First Sunday of Advent
Contemporary Worship
9:00 am Service**

Music (9 am): Andrew Zollar - bass/vocals, Garrett Zollar - guitar/vocals, T Poe - guitar, Shelley Bilbrey - guitar/vocals, Bryan Williams - drums, and Greg Wright - piano.

Sound/Slides: Daniel Bondy/Larry Coleman
Nursery: Brenda Letson/Sandra Riopka
Lighting Advent Wreath: Don and Sara Masterson and Family

**Welcome to Contemporary Worship!
We are so happy you're here.**

Here is what you can expect this morning...

First, make yourself at home.

We would love for you take a moment and sign the Welcome Pad at the end of the aisle and share your contact information with us.

We will start this morning with a few songs from our band.

The words are projected on the screens and we invite you to sing along.

After we sing, we take a little time to greet one another.

Then we will pray and sing another song together.

Our pastor, John, will read some verses from the Bible and then offer a sermon.

Then we will share in our Offering while the band plays another song.

If this is your first visit with us, please let these plates pass you by.

Then we will share some information about upcoming events in the life of the church.

We will sing one more song, and then we are done!

On the first Sunday of the month, we have something called Communion that everyone, including children, can participate in.

And sometimes, we also have a Baptism.

Occasionally the order of events listed above gets changed around a bit.

Worship usually lasts about an hour.

**First Sunday of Advent
Traditional Worship
11:00 am Service**

Ushers: Shelley Bilbrey, Norbert Dalizu, Brenda Formby, and Paul Robinson
Sound/Slides: Greg Wright
Nursery: Brenda Letson/Donna Jimenez
Liturgist: Rev. Larry Millard
Lighting Advent Wreath: Randy and Danielle Moore and Family

Ringing of the Bell 10:55 am
Please enter the Sanctuary in a spirit of silent meditation and prayer.

Prelude

Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. John Mullaney
Please fill out and pass the Welcome Pads at the end of the pew.

†LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Light and Peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Today is the First Sunday of Advent.
We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness
to show us the way of salvation.
O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

†Hymn No. 196..*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*..... Wesley

†Affirmation of Faith
A New Creed, United Church of Canada No. 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

†The Gloria Patri Hymnal No. 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer,
Lord's PrayerRev. John Mullaney

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†DoxologyHymnal No. 95
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†Passing of the Peace
Leader: The Lord be with you!
All: And also with you!

Children's MinuteRev. John Mullaney
Children are welcome to come to the Altar Rail as *Jesus Loves Me* is played.

†Hymn No. 211...*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*..... Coffin

Anthem..... *Beautiful Light*Chancel Choir

†Scripture Reading

Sermon Rev. John Mullaney

†Hymn No. 206 .. *I Want to Walk as a Child*..... Thomerson
of the Light

†Benediction Rev. John Mullaney

†Postlude

†All those who can stand, please do so at this time.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Julie Anderson
Sara Burcham
Steve Byers
Marguerite Close
Avis Crunk
Dustin Davis
Judy Davis
DeFrancesco Family
Rodney Dinkel
Jerry Guynn
Mary Hendricks
Jan Johnson
Megin Miller Lueras

John McCoy
Julie Meehan
Joyce Owens
Carolyn Parkin
Abigail Patrick
Gail Preston
Russell Preston
Mamie Rideout
Peter Sapp
Marsha Sanders
Berta Selah
Jim Stevens
Glen Strom

Walt Terry
Jennifer Triolo
McDaniel Ubi
Nina Walker
Connie White
Jessie Zublin Lewis
† MILITARY †
Donald Dalizu
Stanley Dalizu
Nathan Showers
David Stewart

*Sympathies go to the Byers Family in the loss of Ann's mother,
Sue Patrick McMurray.*

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 27

9 am..... Contemporary Service
 10 am..... Sunday School
 11 am..... Traditional Service
 5:30 pm..... Next Steps/Youth Group

Tuesday, November 29

6:30 pm..... SILENT NIGHT PRAYER
 6 pm..... Huntsville Master Chorale Rehearsal
 6:30 - 8 pm Karate

Wednesday, November 30

10 am..... Retired Mountaineers (MSBC)
 4:30 pm..... Spanish Class
 5:30 pm..... Wednesday Night Supper
 6:30 pm..... Choir Practice
 7 pm Band Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1

6:30 - 8 pm Karate

Friday, December 2

Set up for Simply Christmas
 Bake Sale Item Receiving 3 pm to 6 pm

Saturday, December 3

SIMPLY CHRISTMAS 8 am to 4 pm

Sunday, December 4

9 am..... Contemporary Service
 10 am..... Sunday School
 11 am..... Traditional Service
 5:30 pm..... Next Steps/Youth Group

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR LAST SUNDAY

9 am Service..... 112
 11 am Service..... 97

Stewardship Income..... \$3,069
 Special Gifts..... \$528

Weekly Budget Needs - \$9,394

Debt Reduction last Sunday \$125
 Debt Reduction Jan-Oct \$31,287

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday Night Dinner this week will be: Mongolian beef, lo mein noodles, mandarin fruit salad. Please complete a meal reservation card located in the pews, and put it in the offering plate if you can attend. You may also email the church office at MonteSanoUMC@gmail.com.

SILENT NIGHTS: TUESDAY EVENINGS IN ADVENT

Join us for a time of quiet contemplation and prayer on Tuesday evenings. These evenings will include the ancient practice of scripture reading called Lectio Divina and an open ended time of silence for meditation, prayer, and reflection.

SIMPLY CHRISTMAS! On DECEMBER 3rd

- Today is the last day to sign up to bring goodies for the Simply Christmas bake sale. These items are needed on Friday, December 2nd between 3 and 6 pm to sale at the Simply Christmas event.
- Sign up to help at the Simply Christmas event. If you do not have a spot to help, be sure to contact Linda Hickam, Lterry@hiwaay.net or to help with the bake sale, Cindy Mull in the church office.
- Plan on coming for Pancakes (provided by our Youth Group) and staying through the Chili Lunch (provided by our Mission Team to help Haiti Disaster Relief.) EVERYONE IS NEEDED and INVITED!

SANTA FOR SENIORS

Please bring your wrapped gifts today for this project. Packages will be delivered to TARCOG on Monday. Please put the letter and number on all packages, and attach the card.

ADVENT POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias are on sale! Forms are in the Narthex. Flowers are \$9 this year, and you can attach the check or money to the form listing who the flowers are in memory or honor of. Flowers will fill our Sanctuary on December 11th, and you can pick up on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day following the service.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will be practicing their Christmas Music to be performed on December 18th at 11 am along with the Chancel Choir's Christmas Concert

COLD WEATHER GEAR DRIVE

We will be a drop-off point for the North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless annual blanket and cold weather gear drive. Please bring donations to the area outside the fellowship hall near the coat rack.

MMUNION IN DECEMBER



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 what are you waiting for?

Isaiah 2:1-5

*Celebrating the healing light of Christ through
 love, prayer, and service.*

November 27, 2016

Welcome to Monte Sano United Methodist Church

It takes a certain amount of bravery to walk into a church for the first time. What will it be like? Is this the church for me? Is there a place for me and my family here?

As you enter into the church for the first time, we invite you to relax, breathe, and be our guest this morning. If we can be of any help to you or answer any of your questions, we would be honored to do so.

We are so happy that you chose to worship with us today. We hope that your experience of worship helps to connect you both with God and with the Body of Christ here at MSUMC. We would love to be your church family, and we want to make sure you feel warmly welcomed. If you have questions about the church, its ministries, or how you can connect more deeply in the life of the church, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor,
 John Mullaney.

If you have questions that come up after worship, you can always call the church office at (256) 533-6083 or email
 MonteSanoUMC@gmail.com
 or contact our Pastor, John Mullaney at
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