

December 24, 2017

The Road to Christmas

The Road that
Leads Home



Touching Lives for Jesus Christ

Mount Zion United Methodist Church

Rev. Gary Sheffield-James, Lead Pastor

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Children & Family Service 4pm

Enter to Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome

Gary Sheffield-James

Opening Carol – *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* UMH #240

*Lighting Advent and Christ Candles – Jaclyn, Chase &
Emma Whitaker

Carol – *“The First Noël”*

UMH # 245 vs.1&4

*Congregation Reading - Luke 2: 8-14

Christmas Offering – *“O Come All ye Faithful”*

Message

Gary Sheffield-James

Carol – *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

MH#230, vs.1&2

Carol – *“Silent Night”*

UMH #239

“Ornaments of Christmas”

A presentation by the
Children of Mt Zion

Benediction

*You are invited to stand in heart or posture

Contemporary Candlelight Service 7pm

Gathering Music

*Lighting of the Advent Candles and Christ Candle
Christy, Tom, Emily Erwin & Matt David

Welcome Gary Sheffield-James

Greeting Gary Sheffield-James

Opening Prayer Gary Sheffield-James

Passing of the Peace

Songs of Celebration

“What A Glorious Night”

“A King Is Born”

Christmas Offering - *“Light Of The Stable”*

*Prayer of Dedication Gary Sheffield-James

*The Birth in a Manger – Luke 2:1-7 Gary Sheffield-James

“Mary Did You Know”

A Christmas Meditation – *“God’s Unlikely Entrance”*
Gary Sheffield-James

Following the Star – Luke 2:15-20 Gary Sheffield-James

*You are invited to stand in heart or posture

Contemporary Candlelight Service 7pm
(Continued)

*Sharing the Light of Christ

“A Christmas Alleluia”

“Silent Night”

“He Shall Reign Forevermore”

*Christmas Blessing

Gary Sheffield-James

*Extinguishing the Candles

Closing Song - *“Joy to the World, Unspeakable Joy”*

*You are invited to stand in heart or posture

Traditional Candlelight Service 9pm

- Prelude – “*Christmas Lullaby*” Deb Papavizas
- Gathering Music – “*Laudamus Te*” Duet: Janice Doherty
& Lynne McWithey
- “*Gloria*” Chancel & Trinity Choirs
- *Lighting of the Advent Candles and Christ Candle
Barb & Art Jacques
- Welcome Gary Sheffield-James
- *Opening Hymn – “*O Come All Ye Faithful*”
UMH #234 vs. 1,2,4,5 & 6
- *The Light Dawns – Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 Tammi Brantley
- Anthem – “*I Saw Three Ships*” Chancel Choir
- The Coming of the Righteous One, Psalm 98
Gary Sheffield-James
- Hymn – “O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH #230
- The Birth In A Manger – Luke 2: 1-7 Tammi Brantley
- Anthem – “*Sleep, Little Tiny King*” Trinity Choir
- Christmas Offering Gary Sheffield-James
- Musical Offering – “*Glad Noël*” Trinity Choir
- *Doxology UMH #221, vs. 4
- *Prayer of Dedication Gary Sheffield-James

*You are invited to stand in heart or posture

Traditional Candlelight Service 9pm

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The Promise of Rebirth – Titus 3:4-7 Gary Sheffield-James

Hymn – “*Away in a Manger*” UMH #217

A Christmas Meditation – “*God’s Unlikely Entrance*”

The One Who Brings Peace and Hope – Luke 2: 8-14

Tammi Brantley

Hymn – “*Angels from the Realms of Glory*”

UMH #220 vs.1-3

Following The Star – Luke 2: 15-20 Gary Sheffield-James

*Sharing The Light of Christ

*Anthem – “*The Jesus Gift*” Soloist: Lynne McWithey

*Hymn – “*Silent Night*” (Choir Only on Verse 3) UMH #239

*Christmas Blessing

*Extinguishing the Candles

*Hymn – “*Joy to the World*” UMH #246

*Choral Benediction – “*Hallelujah Chorus*”

All are invited to join the Choir to Sing

Postlude - “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” Deb Papavizas

****IF THE SANCTUARY IS FULL**, we have set up live video and audio in these three sites: 1)NURSERY, 2) CHAPEL, 3) FELLOWSHIP HALL

*You are invited to stand in heart or posture

CHRISTMAS 2017

POINSETTIAS



The lovely poinsettias, which decorate our Sanctuary during this Christmas season, are placed here by the following families and individuals to glorify God and to remember or to honor loved ones.



In Loving Memory of



Barbara Adams
Bill Adams

Ruth Gray
Bill Adams

William Cantelo
Carol Cantelo

***Our Parents Peggy & Harry Fielden, Jennie Caruso,
Sister Joyce Lopez
Dick & Martha Caruso***

My Husband, John Cashmark
Betty Cashmark

Virginia Jarls Rainer
Wayne Cleaver

Edith Marshall
Wayne Cleaver

Jean Kresa
The Chiang Family



In Loving Memory of 

Carolee Harrigan
The Chiang Family

Our Parents Gilbert & Violet Coonts, Carroll & Dorothy Williams
Nancy & John Coonts

Mark Dennis
The Dennis Family

Arlene Gaines
Shugo Tanaka and the Dennis Family

Lucius Dickson
Joanne Dickson

My Father Chuck Sehman
Pam, Penny, Chuck & Debbie

Kenneth Ellis
Alice Ellis

Linda Haywood
Gail Coffin

Eben & Virginia Haywood
Gail Coffin

Bill & Ina Blakey
Gail Coffin

Jack & Anna Warfield
Keith & Eletheer Decker

Eugene & Bessie Decker
Keith & Eletheer Decker



In Loving Memory of



Our Family
Carol & Al Hill

H. Clark Island
The Island Family

Our Fathers George Kalbach & Stephen Roka
Jack & Susan Kalbach

Roland & Mary Kasemeyer
Ed, Pam & Griffin Kasemeyer

Donna Lynne Kopp
John, Mike, Shannon, Kayla and Jada

Margaret Barret
Mike, Shannon, Kayla and Jada

Bob & Betty Kopp
John Kopp

Vance
Janie

My Wife Donna
Charles McEldowney

Our Grandparents
David & Belinda Norton

Kelly Adams
David & Belinda Norton

My Loving Husband Winfield Parlette
Ann Parlette

Jacob and Ruth Parlette
Ann Parlette



In Loving Memory of 

Roselia & Aristed Rebottini
The Smolen Family

Jennifer Severn Johansen
Patty Severn



In Honor of



**Our Grandchildren Colton & Caden Cook, Amber
Hamby-Caruso & Dean Caruso**
Dick & Martha Caruso

The Mt. Zion Family
David & Janis Cashmark Family

My Children: David, Janis, Bill, Stacy & Kathy
With Love, Mom

**My Grandchildren: Allison, Cody, Casey,
Carlee & Great Granddaughter Mackenzie**
With Love, Grandma

Our Children Jack & Emy, Amy & Peter
Nancy & John Coonts

Our Grandchildren Connor, Lizzie, Jack & Ella
Nancy & John Coonts

Our Lord & Savior
Keith & Eletheer Decker

My Mother Louise Sehman
Pam, Penny, Chuck & Debbie

Jean Sonnemann
Carol, Al & Buster Hill

My Children and Grandchildren
Charles McEldowney

Elaine & Victor Smolen
The Smolen Family

Bonita & Bill Driver
The Smolen Family



In Honor of



Our Mothers Mae Kalbach & Florence Roka
Jack & Susan Kalbach

Our Children Willem & Mitchell Kalbach
Jack & Susan Kalbach

Ken & Barb Metz
Ed, Pam & Griffin Kasemeyer

Poinsettias may be removed after the conclusion of the 9pm service Christmas Eve. Flowers may be left in the Sanctuary until the afternoon of January 1, 2017, Epiphany Sunday. Any Poinsettias left at the church following the 11am service on Jan 1 will be donated to the church. Thank you. Merry Christmas!

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Gary Sheffield-James,

Mt. Zion Church Staff

and UMC Conference Leadership

LaTrelle Easterling
Bishop

J. W. Park
District Superintendent

Staff

Rev. Gary Sheffield-James - *Pastor*

Rev. Tammi D. Brantley – *Executive/Youth Pastor*

Jena Meredith – *Director of Children’s Ministries*

Belinda Norton – *Treasurer/Financial Secretary*

Moéa G. Fatcher- *Office Administrator*

Chuck Plant – *Office Assistant*

Jen Fieni – *Preschool Director*

Mark Dubbs – *Director of Music*

Deb Papavizas - *Organist*

Chris Fox - *Pianist*

Mark Blough – *Facilities Manager*

Rebecca O’Keefe – *Nursery Coordinator*



Touching Lives for Jesus Christ

Welcome to Mt. Zion UMC! We love that you joined us for worship on Christmas Eve. If you are looking for a church home, please speak to one of the Pastors after the service.

Christian Education Programs

We invite you to join us for any of our Christian Education Programs. For more information, please visit us at www.mtzionhighland.com

Sundays - 10:10am - Christian Education Hour

***Children Pre-K through 5th Grade:**

Lower Preschool Level, 3 & 4 year olds in the Nursery (room 205)

***Students 6th through 12th Grade: Youth Center**

***Pioneer Class (Adults):** Conference Room 1

***Drop-In Bible Study:** Conference Room 3

***Millennial Class (Young Adults 18 through 35):** Staff Conf. Room

***Parenting in Faith:** Conference Room 2

Monday – 10:00 am - Weekly Bible Study - Conference Room 2

Wednesday – Weekly Confirmation Class – On break till January 4th

**"A Hallelujah Christmas"
(originally by Leonard Cohen)**

I've heard about this baby boy
Who's come to earth to bring us joy
And I just want to sing this song to you
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

A couple came to Bethlehem
Expecting child, they searched the inn
To find a place for You were coming soon
There was no room for them to stay
So in a manger filled with hay
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

The shepherds left their flocks by night
To see this baby wrapped in light
A host of angels led them all to You
It was just as the angels said
You'll find Him in a manger bed
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

A star shown bright up in the east
To Bethlehem, the wisemen three
Came many miles and journeyed long for You
And to the place at which You were
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

I know You came to rescue me
This baby boy would grow to be
A man and one day die for me and you
My sins would drive the nails in You
That rugged cross was my cross, too
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah



May the
JOY, **PEACE**,
HOPE and
LOVE
of Jesus
our Savior be
with you.

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

December 31st - One Service 10:00am