

Service of Word & Song

PRELUDE Musicians

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!

Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!

Come, let us joyfully praise God!

Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness. Praise the Lord! Amen.

SONG OF CELEBRATION.....Mass Choir & Congregation

THE BIDDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234

*GREETING GUESTS & ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Mighty One has done great things! Holy is God's Name!

The Light of the World is coming.

With Mary, our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

God's mercy endures from generation to generation

for those who are in awe of God.

The proud, the rich, the mighty no longer have power over us.

The lowly are lifted up, and the hungry are satisfied.

We see the light of God shining over the land.

We light this fourth candle in anticipation

of the wondrous birth of Jesus, our Christ.

We will open our hearts that Love may have a place to dwell.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7 Adams Jenkins

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

"Emmanuel" arr. Norman Hutchins

SECOND LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 Taniya Bynum

The story of the birth of Jesus.

"Mary Did You Know?" arr. Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

THIRD LESSON: Luke 2:8-16 Juanita Amison

The shepherds go to the manger.

"Now Behold the Lamb" arr. Kirk Franklin

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS**

*THE DOXOLOGY

FOURTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 Geraldine Shepherd

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

"Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child" Traditional

FIFTH LESSON: John 1:1-14 Sharon Collins

The great mystery of the Incarnation.

"Joy" arr. Kirk Franklin

"Perfect Praise" arr. Walt Whitman

Meditation - Dr. Dedric A. Cowser

*AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

*INVITATIONAL SONG "We Offer Christ to You"

HOLY COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHTING

*CLOSING HYMN "Silent Night" # 239

*BENEDICTION

****SECURE ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS Online: www.newbeginningsbham.org/give
Text-To-Give: From your smartphone, text the amount you wish to give to (205) 791-5441**

Ministry Opportunities

The Altar Flowers & Evergreens are Given to the Glory of God
In Honor of the Members of New Beginnings United Methodist Church
Given by Aubrey Bushelon Funeral & Cremation Services.

A Christmas Party for Jesus! Following service, each member is asked to give **\$30, \$40, or \$50** above their regular giving to the church in honor of Jesus for this year's Christmas Offering.

Thanks for your generosity! New Beginnings packed 180 Christmas bags with hats and gloves for our sick and homebound members, Breakfast Ministry participants and the residents of the Northway Health & Rehabilitation Center & Nursing Home.

Save the Date January 7th -27th: 21 days of Prayer & Fasting

Calling all Middle School & High School Students! Students 6th through 12th grade are invited to join Pastor Cowser on the 3rd Sundays after church (12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.), beginning in January and ending in May for lunch, learning, and fun. This will be a time to learn more about our faith and fellowship with one another. Please sign-up in the Welcome Center by Sunday, January 6th. Once students have completed these sessions, they will be invited to become professing members of the church. Those who have not yet been baptized may make a decision to do so at that time.

Koinonia Group Luncheon: Sunday, January 6th the Koinonia Lunch Group will have lunch catered by GaBriella's Café. The price per person will be determined by the number of people participating, see the church office for more information.

Nominations & Leadership Development Team Meeting: Monday, January 7th, 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Team Meeting: Wednesday, January 9th, 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Discipleship Division Meeting: Wednesday, January 9th, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Safe Sanctuary Training: Thursday, January 24th, 6:00 p.m. This training will be for all new and current leaders. Please make plans to attend to make certain we are all reminded of our obligation to protect our children, youth and vulnerable adults.

Adult Bible study: Begins Tuesday January 22nd at 6 pm & Wednesday January 23rd at 11 am: Disciple Fast Track- New Testament. Study books will be available for \$10.00 in the office.

Leadership Summit 2019: All church leaders and teams are requested and church members are invited to attend our Leadership Summit Saturday, January 26, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Pastor Cowser will cast vision for 2019 and give vital information for our ministry together. Please RSVP for lunch in the Welcome Center.

**The Church Office will be closed December 25-27 for the Christmas Holiday
and December 31-January 1 for the New Year's Holiday**

Additional Announcements: www.newbeginningsbham.org/calendar
To Receive the E-Newsletter Text "NBUMC" to 2282
Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent | Sunday, December 23, 2018 | 10:30 a.m.