



“Jesus in the Temple”

Sundays, 9:30-10:30am
Education building

You’re invited to join us in Sunday School in January as we learn about Jesus as a boy. We’ll be using music, games, art, science, cooking, puppets, and more as we experience ways we can be more like Jesus.

Everyone is welcome!



**Wednesdays at Mt. Pisgah
(resuming January 3, 2018)
Come join us for music and fun
- no experience required!**

Cherub Choir (age 4-1st grade), 6:00-6:45pm
Carol Bells (grades 2-5), 6:00-6:45pm
Carol Choir (grades 2-5), 6:45-7:30pm
kidzJaM missions (age 4-5th grade), 6:45-7:30pm
(1st Wednesdays ONLY)



Missions ‘til Midnight

January 14 & 15

5:00pm - 9:00am

Christian Family Life Center

\$5 per child/\$10 per family

Elementary school kids are invited to join us for a night full of hands-on mission work, dancing, pizza, a movie and a sleepover. Bring a sleeping bag and a friend or two! We will be making fleece scarves, valentines for soldiers, toiletry bags for a prison ministry, bird feeders, and so much more! Breakfast will be served Monday morning (there is no school). (Snow dates are February 18 & 19.) Contact Sarah Gardner to register at rendragg@verizon.net or 276-0180.

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

- 8:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:45 am Contemporary Worship in the Christian Family Life Center
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

**On December 31, we will have one service
at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.**

The Burdens We Carry - starts January 7, 2018

Burdens come in many forms. Some are obvious, while others are difficult to identify. But the fact is that all of us carry burdens: relationships, family, health issues, uncertainty. Many suffer quietly, unsure where to turn or what to do. Is it possible to lay these burdens down?

Plan on joining us at Mt. Pisgah in January as we will be exploring the biblical story of Joseph, a man who had a lot to learn about what it means to be free of burdens.

Childcare is provided for children under age 5 during this worship service in our church nursery. The nursery is located in Rooms 101 & 103 in the Education building. Ushers are available to direct you to the nursery as needed.

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Purpose Statement: To Celebrate LIFE.

- Love God
- Invite others
- Fellowship together
- Engage the community



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Welcome to
Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church
December 24, 2017
5:00 pm
Family Christmas Eve Worship



Gathering Music	
Welcome & Opening Prayer	Kay Adams
Lighting the Christ Candle	Nicole Brown & Sarah Johnson
*Scripture	Luke 2:1-20
*Hymn	<i>Joy to the World</i>
Nativity Play	<i>Would It Still Be Christmas?</i>
*Hymn	<i>Love Came Down at Christmas</i>
Meditation	<i>Is There Room?</i> Bob Cooper
Offering Prayer	
Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts	
Invitation to the Lord’s Table	
The Great Thanksgiving, No. 15	
The Lord’s Prayer	
Sharing the Bread and the Cup	
	<i>The serving team at the far left has gluten-free elements.</i>
Music During Communion	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>
	<i>Away in a Manger</i>
	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>
	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>
	<i>The First Noel</i>
Prayer following Holy Communion	
*Hymn & Candle Lighting	<i>Silent Night</i>
Sending Forth With Blessing	
Postlude	

**Please stand as you are able.*

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing!

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hill, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angel gave the sign.

Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbor,
love for plea and gift and sign.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Christmas Eve Offering

We all witnessed the devastation caused by hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria this fall. Tonight, our offering will go to support the many people who are still recovering from the effects of these storms. If you would like to help, please make your gift to "Mt. Pisgah UMC" and put "storms" in the memo section. Please place your offering in the offering envelope provided in the pew racks. If you'd like to text your donation, please text to 804-294-3493. In the message portion of the text message, include the amount, space one time, then type 'christeve'. Vanco (the company we work with for the give+text) will then text you back to enter your credit card number. Offerings intended for Mt. Pisgah's regular ministry or mortgage & maintenance funds should be marked clearly as to their purpose. Thank you so much for your generosity.

The Candle Lighting

The ushers will be offering candles as you enter the Sanctuary. Parents should determine whether their child will receive a candle. Candles will be lit during the singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night" as the light is passed through the congregation from the pastors and ushers. To minimize wax drips and the potential for wax burns, please tilt the unlit candle into the flame of the lit candle. *Lit candles should remain upright at all times.*

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!