

# Upland Baptist Church



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Sunday Morning Worship  
December 16, 2018  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### WORSHIPING IN SONG

Prelude	<i>"The First Noel"</i>	Raney
Welcome		
Upland Carols		
	<i>"Awake, Arise Good Christians"</i>	no. 6
	<i>"Christians Awake!"</i>	no. 8

### \*Call to Worship

One: Are you discouraged?

**ALL: Are you feeling the Christmas blues?**

One: Have you thought about skipping Christmas?

**ALL: Have you considered ignoring the celebration?**

One: Don't give up. Don't lose hope.

**ALL: Christmas is the season of hope, joy, love and peace.**

One: On days when our world feels lost, lonely and painful,

**ALL: we will remember the goodness of our God.**

One: When we feel overwhelmed with all that there is to do

**ALL: we will hold on to truth that celebrating Christmas is all about sharing God's love.**

One: Today we will reclaim the joy of the season.

**ALL: We will hold on to the hope of Christmas.**

One: We will share the love of God.

**ALL: And we will be instruments of peace as we share the Christmas spirit.**

### \*Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn *"Joy to the World"* no. 171

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

## WORSHIPING IN WORD

Scripture Reading     Matthew 2:1-12     Pg. 783-784

Children's Sermon

Scripture     James 1:16-18     Pg. 981

Sermon     Reclaiming Christmas: Presents

Silence

Hymn     *"I Wonder as I Wander"*     no. 183

## WORSHIPING IN DEED

Dedication of Giving Tree     See Bulletin Insert

Offertory     *"People Look East"*     B. Levi

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Ministry Opportunities

Prayers of the People

Passing the Peace

Hymn     *"How Great Our Joy!"*     no. 182

The Invitation

If you would like to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, become a member of this Church, or seek prayer for any concern, please come forward as we sing the last hymn.

\*Benediction

Postlude     *"Joy to the World"*

Our Ministry Staff

Ministers – Our Congregation

Pastor – Rev. Brenda A.B. Shaw

Music Director – Sandra Kushner     Song Leader – Brigid Levi

\*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

Nursery Care is available upon request for infant through 4 years old.

### **This Week at Upland Baptist...**

<b>Sunday, 12/16</b>	<b>8:30 am 10:00 am</b>	<b>Joyful Noise Worship &amp; Blessing of the Giving Tree 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Monday, 12/17</b>	<b>6:00 pm 6:30 pm</b>	<b>VBS Night Night of Music</b>
<b>Tuesday, 12/18</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Food Bank Prep.</b>
<b>Wednesday, 12/19</b>	<b>9:00 am 9:30 am</b>	<b>Food Bank Dist. Praying with the Pastor</b>
<b>Sunday, 12/23</b>	<b>8:30 am 10:00 am 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Joyful Noise Worship Belvedere 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>

### **Looking Ahead**

December 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm – Communion Candlelight  
Service

December 26, 2018 through January 4, 2019 – Pastor  
Brenda on vacation

### **Please pray for and send a card to:**

**Student of the Week** – Anna Geveke, 311 S. New Street, West Chester, PA 19382

**Shut-in of the Week** – Herb Koziol, 501 Plush Mill Road, Apt. 427, Wallingford, PA 19086

### **This Week**

Worship Leader, Sue Kulp  
Scripture Reader, Stephen Shaw  
Children's Sermon, Pastor Brenda  
Advent Wreath, Sue and Frank Kulp

### **Next Week**

Worship Leader, Jackie Wright  
Scripture Reader, Courtney Klimek  
Children's Sermon, Jane Kofroth  
Advent Wreath, Jane and John Kofroth

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP.** We are glad you are here worshiping with us. You are invited to fill out a white card to let us know you are here and a blue card with any prayer requests. These can be given to the ushers during the offering. The restrooms are located downstairs along with the nursery. Please ask a greeter if you need anything.

### **Prayer Requests**

- Please continue to pray for all our shut-ins.
- Please keep our college students in your prayers as they take their final exams and travel home for the holidays.

### **Police Treats**

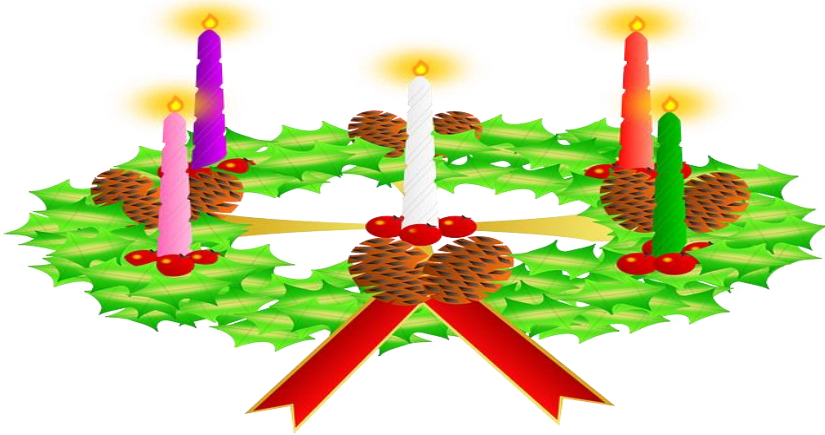
Police Treats are needed for the months of December and January.

### **Food Bank**

Please remember the Food Bank with manwich for the month of December. The Food Bank also needs plastic grocery bags.

### **Night of Music**

Our **Night of Music** will be on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## Giving Tree Dedication

One: It looks like Christmas morning with the gifts piled under the tree. We are grateful for everyone who chose a tag from the Giving Tree.

**ALL: We did not simply choose a tag. We adopted a person, a resident.**

One: Each gift is wrapped and labeled with care.

**ALL: We hope each gift brings joy to its recipient.**

One: Christmas is about so much more than gifts.

**ALL: but these gifts are special gifts.**

One: These gifts remind those who otherwise might be forgotten,

**ALL: that they are loved, cherished and important.**

One: These gifts share the Love of God.

**ALL: We ask God to bless each gift and each recipient.**

One: Almighty and Loving God, we give thanks for the residents at Belvedere. We know that each person was created in your image and is loved by you. Today we ask that you bless these packages. May these gifts convey hope, love, peace and joy to each person who receives a gift. Bless each person who generously gave, who carefully picked a present, who lovingly wrapped it with care. Help us all to live out the meaning of Christmas every day. In Jesus' name...AMEN

