



**The tradition of
the Nine Lessons
and Carols
began in 1880 in
England as a
Christmas
innovation to tell
a story of
humanity from
Creation to the
promise of a
Messiah to the
birth of Jesus.**

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December 18, 2016
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ
Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday Worship Service**

Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.

* Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather as God's Beloved People

Gathering Music

Canon in D

-Pachelbel

Welcome and Call to Worship

(Please sign and pass pew pads and fill out Prayer Request cards you may have. You can place the Prayer Request cards in the offering plates later in the service.)

Leader: God is good...

People: all the time!

Leader: All the time...

People: God is good!

* **Opening Hymn #145** *Once in Royal David's City*

* **Advent Lighting the Candle of Love**

-UCC Worship Ways

Leader: Love. Everything begins with Love.

People: From the beginning of creation to the end of time...

Leader: ...God's love colors everything. Open your hearts to love and you will recognize hope shining in the most ancient of promises.

Leader: Love. Everything continues with Love.

People: From strangers across oceans to neighbors next door, God's love dwells in everything.

Leader: Live love as a way of being and you will see peace shining in each and every face that images: beloved.

Leader: Love. Everything ends with Love.

People: From the most challenging struggle to the most wondrous delight, God's love flows through everything.

Leader: Give love with open hands and you will find joy shining in the surprises that undo us and transform us.

Leader: Love. Everything leans toward Love.

People: From the greatest ruler to the tiniest baby, God's love changes everything.

Leader: Prepare the way for love and you will find love shining in each and every breath that whispers: Emmanuel.

*** Advent Song of Praise**

Shine a candle in the darkness, breathe new hope into our lives.

Wind your blessed peace around us till the day when Christ arrives.

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*** Sharing God's Welcome** (Greet everyone in the hope of peace and friendship.)

Children's Conversation

(Children of all ages are welcome to come forward to the chancel steps. Following the Conversation, children are welcome to remain to worship or to participate in our Sunday School.)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Lesson IX

The Glory of the Incarnation

John 1:1-14

Glory to God in the Highest

-Pergolesi

Laurel Weir, Lori Jackson, Kathryn Huey, Kirk Carson,
Phil Eatherton**We Depart to Serve****Benediction****Postlude***Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24* -O'Neil, Kinkel, Leontovich

Advent Candlelighters:

Liz Bender and Hannah Parker

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Darren Carpenter

Hospitality Desk:

Martha Wofford

Head Usher:

Stacy Huggins

Ushers:

Hayden Ferguson, Sally Huggins,
Stacy Huggins, Leonore Rowe

Colonial Church Bible Study Guide

Our 10:00am Thursday morning Bible Study is beginning a read through of the entire Bible over the course of a few years. Each week we will meet to discuss the readings and explore any questions that come up. If you would like to take part in the study, simply come on Thursdays or signup for the group via InFellowship from the church website.

Keep the simple point in mind: our primary purpose is not simply learning information about the Bible. It is hearing God speak.

This week's readings:

Sunday, December 18 - Worship

Monday, December 19 - Read Genesis 35:1-29 - Family Happenings

Tuesday, December 20 - Read Matthew 11:1-19 - Relationship with John the Baptist

Wednesday, December 21 - Matthew 11:20-30 - Woes and Burdens

Thursday, December 22 - Bible Study at 10am at Colonial Church

Friday, December 23 - No Readings

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship



Honey Barnekoff

In memory of Carl Migliazzo.

Mary Baumgart

In loving memory of Norm.
In honor of Jeremy & Afton's
marriage.

Evelyn Bowman

In memory of Paul, Douglas and
Debora.

Catherine Bowser

In memory of John V. Bowser.

Terry and Diane Brown

In honor of our grandchildren.
In memory of our parents.

Charles and Nadine Colbert

In memory of Bob Colbert, Willie and
Alice Voegeli.

Judy Diamond

In honor of Oliver, Addie, Mary, Evie,
John, Christopher and Lauren - My
seven grandchildren.

**The Graff Family - Jason,
Stephanie, Gabe, Harper and
Bennett.** In memory of Eric
Hampton.

Loren Griffith

In memory of Jan Griffith.

LaVonne Grossman

In memory of Richard Grossman.

Barrie and Nicholas Herbst

In memory of Sally Snail, Mom;
Phyllis Jackson, Mother-in-law, and
Grandmas.

Brad and Karen Hodges

In memory of Glen Froelich and
Ann Smith Hodges.

The Huggins and Ferguson Family

In memory of Ray and Mary Grace
Morgan and Gordon and Shirley
Huggins

Lucille Jewett

In memory of Bill Jewett.

Cindy and George Lafferty

In honor of our grandson,
George Everett Donnelly.
(Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve).

Howard and Marti Lee

In memory of Harlow and Mary.
Knabb and Fred and Laura Lee.

Ann Mann

In memory of Russell G. Mann.

Linda Moses and family

In memory of Thomas Ray Moses.

Mrs. Paul L. Neese and children

In memory of Paul L. Neese.

Jean and Marsha Owen

In honor of Marsha's mother, Moyne
Mohs.

Tim and Donna Owens

In memory of our parents.
In honor of our grandchildren.

Jan Parkinson and Jayne Quimby

In honor of our children and
grandchildren.

Deloras Pemberton

In memory of Beaty Pemberton.

Marty Sample

In memory of Joe Sample.

Carolyn Steffen and Julie Burik

In memory of Norman and Kay
Steffen.

Susie Stroud

In memory of my dear husband,
Tom, and our daughter, Teresa.

Marion Taylor

In memory of Russell and Betty
Waesche, my parents and my
brother.

Cher Van Orman

In memory of my parents.

Lin Vaughn and family

In memory of John Vaughn.

Bruce and Martha Wofford

In honor of our children and
grandchildren.

Bill and Sharon Yohn

In honor of our wonderful family.

Wayne and Phyllis Yost

In honor of all people who need
honoring.



The Sunday Crier

December 18, 2016

Join Us for Christmas Worship

Longest Night Communion Worship Service – December 21, 7:00 p.m. Our Longest Night service honors the feeling that a number of us have about this season. It is the “long, dark night of the soul,” “the winter of our discontent,” in which memories of past experiences and the pain of present experiences can become painful. This is a special service to be with God in Spirit and in Truth.

Christmas Eve Worship.

6:00 p.m. Pageant presented by Colonial Youth

8:00 p.m. Communion Worship

Christmas Day Worship – One service at 10:15 a.m

A Light Is Drawing Near: The Christmas Fund

There are bright red offering envelopes in the pews for the Christmas Fund, the annual UCC offering to help retired clergy, and clergy with difficulties. The Christmas Fund supplements the small pensions of some UCC clergy and lay employees and their families, helps retired clergy pay for health insurance, and sometimes keeps the heat on. The Christmas Fund also supports active clergy and lay employees who have medical emergencies or unexpected misfortunes that require more money than they have. This offering contributes more than \$2 million a year in assistance.

White Privilege: Let's Talk

Our commitment to the work of racial justice includes the work of seeing and healing our spiritual wounds. Beginning the week after Martin Luther King Jr. Day Weekend – on January 22 – we are going to begin the challenging work to engage and reduce the impact of white privilege. Everyone is encouraged and invited to be part. Four Sessions – Jan. 22 and 29, Feb. 25 and March 5 immediately after 10:15 a.m. worship service. Each session will be about 2 hours. Pizza lunch (donations accepted to defray cost). Childcare available. Facilitators: Kirby Drayer, Darren Carpenter and Liza Albidress. Signup in the narthex or online at <http://tinyurl.com/Colonial-privilege>.

Poinsettia Display

Thank you to Missy Flachsbarth and Hayden Ferguson for arranging the poinsettias on the altar.

HIGHLIGHTS

Oh What a Night!

The Christmas Concert this year was beyond fantastic. Not only did Colonial's Choir perform, but we also had Jim Cosgrove, guitar; Lucia Marquez, viola; Elizabeth Uppman, flute; Mary Burnett, clarinet; and trumpets and trombones oh my! Eleven different soups, assorted breads and cookies fed all participants and guests. The Board of Worship extends a heartfelt thank you for all who participated by sharing their talent and by providing some aspect of the meal that was provided afterward. A "Free Will Offering" was taken during the concert that will go towards raising the ceiling in the Choir Room/Chapel. The plan is to model this room off of the sanctuary. In the last eight years, the choir has held 16 concerts and raised over \$12,000. This year due to a generous contribution the balance is over \$22,000, making the dream closer to being a reality. (Total goal \$30,000) It is not too late to make a donation for those of you who were unable to attend. Simply put "Choir Concert" in the memo line on your check and place it in the offering plate or mail it to church.

Giving Statements

The Giving Statements for the period January 1, 2016 thru November 30, 2016 have been mailed. If you gave during that period and did not receive a statement or if you have a question regarding the one you received, please call the church office.

Colonial Women Activities

- **Coffee**, Monday, January 2, Big Biscuit.
- **Service Project**. Wednesday, January 4, Harvesters Community Food Network, 10:30 a.m. Meet at church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool. We will work until 12:30 p.m. and then lunch at Chuy's on the Plaza. RSVP to Linda Moses (913-642-1335) please. If you need a sitter or ride, call the church office.
- **Alden Guild**. Thursday, January 5, 6:00 p.m., Grill at Park Place, 5270 West 116th.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday**. January 10, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.
- **Book Group**. Friday, January 13, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We are reading "Who Asked You?" by Terry McMillan. All are welcome.

Adult Christian Education Series

Beginning in January 2017, we're going to turn to CS Lewis' "Mere Christianity" for our monthly topics. "Mere Christianity" was written after the Second World War, but it addresses some of the basics of faith and morality. His writing is simple and profound. January 8 - Right and Wrong as a Clue to the Meaning of the Universe; February 12 - What Christians Believe; March 5 - Christian Behaviour; April 9 (Palm Sunday) - Beyond Personality: Or First Steps in the Doctrine of the Trinity. At each session, we'll discuss the reading. First, to understand the point that CS Lewis is making, and your response to him. Signup in the narthex or at <http://tinyurl.com/AdultEd2017>

THE WEEK AHEAD**TODAY, December 18**

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.

9:30 a.m.—Centering Prayer, Preschool Room.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:15 a.m.—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room.

11:15 a.m.—Council/Administrative Board, Social Hall.

TUESDAY, December 20

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

7:00 p.m.—Board of Property Management, Oberlin Room.

WEDNESDAY, December 21

9:30 a.m.—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops

7:00 p.m.—Longest Night Service, Sanctuary.

THURSDAY, December 22

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study, Cambridge Room.

6:30 p.m.—AA, Oberlin Room.

SATURDAY, December 24 - Christmas Eve

6:00 p.m.—Pageant, Sanctuary.

8:00 p.m.—Communion Worship, Sanctuary.

SUNDAY, December 25 - Christmas Day

10:15 a.m.—Worship, Sanctuary.

WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS, December 26-30

Office Closed

THURSDAY, December 29

6:30 p.m.—AA, Oberlin Room.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to Colonial Church in Prairie Village! We are glad you have worshiped with us today. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to call our church office at 913-362-7735. Aaron Roberts, our senior pastor, is here Monday-Thursday of each week and his email address is aaron@colonialucc.org.

A fully staffed nursery is available each Sunday morning from 8:20 to 11:30 a.m. Ask any of the ushers for directions to the nursery.

Hearing Devices—Hearing-assisted devices and large-print bulletins are available in the narthex. The worship service this morning can also be heard in the library.

Giving Cards—Giving Cards are available in the pew racks for anyone who contributes financially through EFT or periodically. To participate in the offering, take a card and place it into the offering plate as they are passed.

Children's Sunday School—Children preschool through 6th grade may leave after the Children's Conversation at the 10:15 a.m. worship service to go to class.

Youth Group—The Colonial Church Youth Group welcomes 7th through 12th grade students. Sunday gatherings are in the youth room (the Savoy Room) at 10:15 a.m. The room is open for youth to come, relax, and enjoy one another's company prior to the Sunday service. Service and fellowship activities are planned throughout the year.

Colonial Choir—Choir for all ages. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, September-May.

Watch our Weekly Services and Sermons—You can watch our worship services on YouTube at <http://tinyurl.com/colonialworship-online> and get the sermon, bulletin and study guide on our website. Our 10:15am worship service is live-streamed, so please contact the church office if you have a privacy concern.

www.colonialucc.org—Learn more about Colonial and its programs.

Social Media— Stay up to date with what's happening at Colonial through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>; Instagram: [colonial_ucc](#); Twitter: [#ColonialUCC](#); Follow Pastor Aaron: [@PastorARoberts](#)

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