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“I will love the light for it shows me the way; yet I will love the darkness for it shows me the stars.”

- Augustine “Og” Mandino



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10:15 a.m.

* Hymn

“Brightest and Best” Hymn 174, Chalice Hymnal, Verses 1-2

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1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
 Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;



Star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 An - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.

Refrain

Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn-ing, Dawn on our



dark - ness, and lend us thine aid; Star of the east, the ho -



ri - zon a - dorn - ing, Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

* Sharing God's Welcome

Please take a moment to 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 in worship or to participate in our Sunday School program. As the children gather and disperse, the congregation sings together:

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (Repeat 3 times.)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

A Time of Gifts and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Our weekly offering includes food items collected in the red wagon to help fill our local food pantries.

Offertory

The Son of God is Come

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* Doxology: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer

Our spirits by thine advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

And death's deep shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

* Blessing the Offering

People: We present to you, O God, our gifts. May they be used to make a difference in the lives of people where hope is scarce. May our gifts be a reminder of your love. Amen.

We Hear a Word from God

Star in the East

Composed by Dr. Joseph Kern
Neil Darling, tenor soloist

- I. Prelude
- II. The Children
- III. The Locust
- IV. The Blackness
- V. The Gathering
- VI. The Cry
- VII. The Response
- VIII. The Star

Blessing and Benediction

- IX. Postlude

* **Renewing Our Covenant**

You are invited to turn towards the center aisle and bless one another with the promise of the Colonial covenant.

We covenant with the Lord and with one another and do bind ourselves in the presence of God to walk together in Christian Love. We seek to worship God in spirit and in truth and to love our neighbors as ourselves. With God's help we will honor Colonial Church in our conduct, support its program, and extend the influence of Christ throughout the world.

Worship Leaders

Videographer:	Tim Taylor
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Ferguson
Children's Conversation:	Marylee Battaglia
Hospitality Table:	Sharon Yohn
Head Usher:	Linda Moses
Ushers:	Randy and Sue Freeman, Linda Moses
Fellowship Host:	Jayne Quimby



Catherine Bowser

In memory of John V. Bowser

Loren Griffith

In memory of Jan Griffith

LaVonne Grossman

In memory of Richard Grossman

Honey Hannah

In memory of Carl Migliazzo

Barrie and Nicholas Herbst

In memory of Larry and Sally Snail, parents and grandparents

Karen and Brad Hodges

In memory of Glen Froelich and Ann Hodges

Huggins, Kern and Ferguson Families

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

George and Cindy Lafferty

In honor of our families

Anne Mann

In memory of Russell G. Mann

Helen Minter

In memory of Dick Minter, Dan Minter and Nathan Schall

Linda Moses and Family

In loving memory of Thomas Moses, Harold and Dolcie Offer

Marsha Owen

In memory of Moyne Mohs, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother

Jan Parkinson and Family

In memory of Marsha Parkinson

Frank Robertson

In memory of Herbie Nichols, my friend

Robbie Robinson

In memory of my wife, Jo Ellen Robinson

Marty Sample

In memory of Joe Sample

Lynn Sample

In memory of John Marsh

Cora and Hunter Snodgrass

In memory of great-grandparents Rex and Virginia Flentie

Susie Stroud

In memory of my dear husband Tom and our daughter Teresa

Marion Taylor

In honor of Valerie and Hayley Volkmer

Lin Vaughn and Family

In loving memory of John Vaughn

Jane Whiles

In memory of Jim Whiles

Bill and Sharon Yohn

In honor of five wonderful grandsons



The Sunday Crier

December 16, 2018

Advent at Colonial Church

- Christmas Cantata – today, 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. Colonial Choir presents “Star in the East” by Dr. Joseph Kern.
- 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

The Light Is Surely Coming: The Christmas Fund. Purple offering envelopes are 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.

Sunday Night Movie – December 30. Please join us December 30 at 5:30 p.m. for “Millions.” This film “is about a pint-sized miracle worker who has close encounters with the saints of yesteryear and possesses an open and generous heart. He believes that God has called him on a special mission. This is the most endearing, charming, creative, and spiritually uplifting movie since *Amelie* set our hearts swooning. It is about miracles and money and saints and the divine love that will not let us go.” (Spirituality & Practice - 2005 Award Winner) Soda and popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

*Altar
Flowers*

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

Colonial Friends Christmas Lunch. Join your friends from Colonial for a Christmas gathering at Bravo! on Wednesday, December 19 at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Sharon Yohn by today to let her know you are coming and whether you need a ride from the church. Everyone is welcome! Address is: 5005 W. 117th St in Leawood in Town Center.

Homemade Pies for Christmas. Order a homemade pie baked from scratch by survivors and volunteers of Veronica's Voice, an outreach partner of Colonial, to help the continued development of a social enterprise that will provide job skills training and employment opportunities for the women served. Go to <https://form.jotform.com/73226545184155> to order. The deadline is December 17. Magdalene KC is the residential program of Veronica's Voice. The home provides specialized services for women recovering from a life of prostitution, addiction and homelessness. Learn more at www.veronicasvoice.org.

Advent Booklet. Advent is the season of expectant waiting and preparation for the birth of the Christ child. An Advent booklet written by members of the congregation is available, one to a family. Pick yours up in the narthex.

Colonial Giving Statements with information on 2018 giving through November 30, 2018 will be emailed out the first week in December. If you do not have an email address, the statement will be mailed to you. If you have any questions you may contact Jayne Quimby, Financial Recorder, at jqm333@aol.com or 816-807-3592. If you have not returned your Pledge Card and need another copy, please contact Heather in the office or Jayne Quimby and another copy can be sent to you.

Men's Breakfast Group. The December breakfast featured Jane Williams, who led an interesting and informative discussion of wills, trusts and other helpful legal documents. The next breakfast will be Tuesday, January 8 (note it's the 2nd Tuesday) at Perkins (on 87th Street between I-35 and 69 Alt) when Bob LeVeau will talk about the East Hill Singers. Our regular first Tuesday is New Year's Day and for various reasons (not the least of which is black-eyed peas are not on the Perkins menu), we have rescheduled our breakfast for January only. Guests are always welcome.

Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless! We need volunteers to help with the meal we serve the fourth Sunday of each month to the homeless. We need people to bake cookies and come to the church kitchen the afternoon of the meal to prepare the food for 2019. Sign up to at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh19>. Meal preparation usually starts around 2:00 p.m., so the meal can be available in Mill Creek Park by the Plaza about 4:00 p.m. By 5:00 p.m, all are usually on our way home. This meal is a way for AHH to stay in touch with homeless in the area and to build trust.

Game Night. Mark your calendars for an all-church game night next Saturday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. What's your favorite board game? Do you have a game you'd like to play? All ages will enjoy this evening to learn new games and play old favorites. Child care will be available for infants and toddlers by reservation to heather.winker@colonialucc.org. Bring a snack to share.

Red Wagon Donations. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Contents are delivered to four food pantries in the Kansas City area. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line. You do make a difference. Be a part!

The Week Ahead

TODAY, December 16

8:30 am Worship

9:15 Bell Choir, Sanctuary

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Teens Connect, Youth Room

9:30 Colonial Choir, Choir Room

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

11:30 Council/Administrative Board, Northampton Room

11:30 Confirmation, Youth Room

TUESDAY, December 18

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, December 19

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops

7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

THURSDAY, December 20

10:00 am Bible Study

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

FRIDAY, December 21

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

7:00 pm Longest Night Service, Sanctuary

For the full church calendar, visit our website at colonialucc.org.

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.

A fully staffed nursery is available each Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon. 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 Youth Group welcomes 7th through 12th grade students. The group meets each week at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning in the youth room (Savoy) for Teens Connect followed by worship at 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, learning, and service activities are planned throughout the year.

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

Watch our Weekly Services and Sermons—You can watch our worship services on YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/onlineworship-colonial> and get the sermon and bulletin on our website. Our 10:15 a.m. 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 and Instagram. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>; Instagram: colonial_ucc

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