

# MOUNTAIN VIEW FELLOWSHIP

Wayne Pence, Pastor---Regina Cyzick Harlow, Associate Pastor  
Everyone, Ministers December 16, 2018  
Third Sunday of Advent

## OPENING PRAYER AND ANNOUNCING CHURCH EVENTS

**LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE** McCrady family  
**Litany** (responsively) **Ben, Natalie, Walker, Blake**

One: We continue our Advent journey, preparing to celebrate the coming of Christ into our world.

**All: We light these candles as symbols of our desire for the light of Christ to come into our world of darkness.**

One: Two weeks ago we saw the frail light of a single candle of hope daring to pierce the darkness of sin and despair.

**All: Then there was the candle of peace, the gentle and persistent fire, the one that calls out the forces of violence and oppression and lets in God's deep and tranquil Spirit.**

One: Today we light the candle of love. No other word so adequately captures the spirit and goal of our faith. No other word so completely describes what we know of our God.

**All: For God so loved the world...**

One: For God so loved the world that a child was given. A Savior was made in the form of love-in-the-flesh and sent to earth to live among us.

**All: We gather then in Christian love. We give thanks for the love that passes understanding, and we await the dawning of God's enduring love once more this Christmas season.**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF HOPE, PEACE, AND LOVE**

**\*SINGING TOGETHER** led by our Praise Team

## CHILDREN'S STORY

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 5:33-39

**MESSAGE** The Last Brethren Reminder **Wayne Pence**

*Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?* --Isaiah 43:18-19

**SHARING JOYS, TESTIMONIES, AND PRAYER CONCERNS**  
**PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING SONG** led by our Praise Team

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO HAVE GATHERED TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN TO WORSHIP AGAIN. WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL MEET GOD HERE.**

**TODAY** Candle lighting—McCrady family; Greeters—Dawn Claypoole and Grace Spart; Nursery—Becky Lane and Kyrstin Bailey

## **UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

**TODAY 9:45** Worship, followed by children's rehearsal for next Sunday's nativity scene, Then Sunday school classes for all.

**11:30** All-Church Pot Luck Lunch to honor and thank Regina

Cyzick Harlow for her three years of service as Associate Pastor.

Place your love gifts to Sadie Rose Foundation in the offering box.

**WEDNESDAY 10:00** Women's Bible Study

No backpacks until January

**7:00** Prayer meeting?

**FRIDAY** Youth Christmas caroling. Everyone is invited.

**NEXT SUNDAY** Worship will include a mini-drama by youth,

nativity scene with children, and a baby dedication service

**MONDAY, DEC 24 7:00** Christmas Eve Service, featuring music by groups or individuals from our congregation.

**UPCOMING EVENTS LISTS** are on the table for you to use as you invite people to worship and to other church activities during Christmas and in January.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** for 2019 are on the table. Please use them.

**OFFERINGS** Place your offerings in the box at the back of the room.

**LAST WEEK** Attendance 72 Regular offering \$2,550.00

Building Fund \$727.00 Memorial gift \$100.00

Nigeria Crisis Fund \$200.00

**NEXT WEEK** Candle lighting—Good family; Greeters—Lee and Eli Harlow; Nursery—Tina Glover and helper

**PRAYER LIST** (Write these down and remember in prayer this week.)

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