

*Choral Benediction

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

*Postlude

"Festive Proclamation on 'All Hail the Power'"

Frederick Steffen

*Members of the congregation stand if able

Altar flowers are presented by Deb and Dale Lewis
in memory of Betty Klein, mother and grandmother
and

Mike and Kathy Fellows
in memory of Ray and Vonnie Watson, parents and grandparents.

If you would like to order flowers in memory of loved ones, to celebrate an anniversary,
or offer them to the Glory of God,
please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-255-5899.



Welcome to Mentor United Methodist Church!

440.255.3496
www.mentorumc.org
Lead Pastor
Rev. Kurt Landerholm

Traditional
Worship
Sanctuary
9 and 11 AM

Modern Worship
iConnect
Fellowship Hall
9 and 11 AM

Communion
Chapel
10:30 AM

The mission of Mentor United Methodist Church is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship.

November 26, 2017

Visitors

If this is your first visit, please stop by the
Welcome Center in the Gallery.

We have a gift for you and want to learn how
we can help you on your journey.

Fellowship Hour

Join us in the Gallery for Fellowship Hour
after services. This week is hosted by Adult
Discipleship Classes.

Childcare is available at all services in our
Education Wing. First Sundays of the month,
K-6th grade children join their parents/
guardians in worship.

Need To Know This Week

See the Weekly Update for more information about activities.

Go to our website or pick one up as you leave worship.

Voices Raised – Night of Worship

Join Voices Raised for an evening of worship and
celebrate our wonderful life with Jesus!
Friday, December 1 at 7:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve Ushers

Volunteers are needed for ushering during the 5
Christmas Eve Sanctuary services.

Please consider serving your congregation, and
meeting new people, by ushering! A sign-up sheet is
at the Sign Up table by Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested, but have further questions,
please contact Chris Meldrum at (440) 220-0824.
Training sessions are available in the Narthex at 7PM
on Thursday, December 14 and Tuesday, December
19.

Giving Tree

See the trees around the building for ways to show
Christ's love this Christmas season. More information is
in the Weekly Update and online.

At the Sign Up Table Today

Altar Guild Poinsettia Sale
Cornerstone
Tickets for It's a Wonderful Life
Christmas Eve Ushers

What's happening this week . . .

Tuesday, November 28
6:30 PM - GriefShare Surviving the Holidays - Asbury

Friday, December 1
7:30 PM - Voices Raised Night of Worship

See our website calendar for all activities.
www.mentorumc.org/calendar

Congregational Care



Hospitalized: Lake West - Patricia Laubscher

Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or
Nursing Home Facility:

Breckenridge Village, Fairmount - Dave Smith
Starkey Place - Ruby Irish; Heartland - Debra Jones
Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik, Janette Kester
Menora Park - Aquilla Yagoda
Mentor Ridge Health & Rehab – Gloria Meyer
Altercare - Bonnie Strecker

Members who have returned home or are
homebound:

Virginia Gilman Art Sydow Alice Zimmerman
Joan Evans Val Hardy Doug Kepp

Our Sympathy to The family of Dorothy Rieke in her
passing on November 11.

Our Sympathy to Renee Schmidt in the passing of her
mother, Nancy Scholz, on November 15.

If you know of someone for whom our Prayer Chain
members should pray or would like to share good news,
please fill out a "Prayer Request" card in the pew racks,
call the church office or visit www.mentorumc.org/prayer-requests.

Retirement Announcement

After serving for 15 years as senior custodian and
5 years as part-time custodian, Mike Mele has
announced his plans to retire effective December
15. He has been a faithful and loyal employee to
the church and the many outside groups that use
the facilities. We will want to express our gratitude
and appreciation.

iConnect Modern Worship

Good morning!

Preaching today is Rev. Quincy Wheeler

The YouVersion Link is
<http://bible.com/events/312906>
Please feel free to use this during service and take
notes.

It's a Wonderful Life

"You really have a wonderful life, George. Don't
you see what a shame it would be to throw it
away?" These words from the classic Christmas
movie still speak to us today in a world of
disillusionment and pessimism. Join us this Christmas
season as we celebrate the wonderful life we have
received in Jesus!

Worship Through Music

O Come All Ye Faithful - Sing to the King (33Miles)

Everlasting God (Lincoln Brewster)

What a Beautiful Name (Hillsong)

Come Thou Fount (David Crowder)

He Shall Reign Forevermore (Chris Tomlin)

Sanctuary Order of Worship

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

GATHERING
"Rejoice! The Lord is King"
Amy Bender, organist

Franklin Ritter

Lighting of the Candles

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew.
If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

Presentation of God's Holy Word

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Rev. Beverly Wrobel, Liturgist

Pastor: We gather in preparation

People: **for good news is about to be proclaimed.**

Pastor: We gather in expectation

People: **for joy is about to explode in our midst.**

Pastor: We gather in celebration

People: **for we are those people who have said**

**yes to the one promised,
yes to love in human flesh,
yes to the one who brings peace,
yes to the God with us.**

All: With preparation and in hope, let us celebrate!

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Most gracious God, we call this world our home. Life is a gift from you. But we discover too often that our lives are in chaos, confusion and crisis. Yet in the midst of our turmoil, you come and offer us peace. Let us resonate today around the words of holy scripture that offer your interruption into our brokenness. Through Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace we pray, Amen.

*Opening Hymn 92

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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(11:00)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Lily Grace Medvic, born September 3, 2017

Daughter of Daniel and Carly Medvic

The Pastor Addresses the Parents:

Daniel and Carly, on behalf of the whole church I ask you, do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races?

Daniel and Carly, will you nurture Lily in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

The Pastor Addresses the Congregation:

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Response: **We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child and her parents, now before you in your care?

Response: **With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Pastor: Lily Grace Medvic, I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

Response: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we pledge to surround you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the Mentor United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Worship Through Music

"Take My Life, And Let It Be Consecrated"
Ruth Cosmo, soloist

arr. Craig Courtney

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

"Be Still, My Soul"
Ruth Cosmo, soloist

Jean Sibelius

*Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Most gracious God, we call this world our home. Life is a gift from you. But we discover too often that our lives are in chaos, confusion and crisis. Yet in the midst of our turmoil, you come and offer us peace. Let us resonate today around the words of holy scripture that offer your interruption into our brokenness. Through Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace we pray, Amen.

*Hymn 102

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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Scripture Reading

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Micah 5:1-5

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Wonderful Life!
Bedford Falls

Rev. Kurt Landerholm

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 700

"Abide with Me"

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