

Regent Street Methodist Church



To Know God's Love and to Share it with Others

Welcome to Our Service Today

Sunday 16 December 2018

3rd Sunday in Advent

“God's Boundless Love - Miss Jill Fergie”

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call To Worship “She wrapped Him in clothes and placed
Him in a manger, because there was no room for
 them in the Inn”. Luke 2v7

Lighting of Advent Candle (Dunn Family)

Praise Group

Prayer

Children's Story

Kid's Song “You are Everywhere”
(Young People leave for Sunday School)

Poem “The Innkeeper's Defence”

Anthem

Offering

Prayers for Others

Hymn HP 98 “Cradled in a Manger Meanly”

Scripture Reading “John 13 v 1-17” (Read by Ian Pope)

ADDRESS (Miss Jill Fergie - South Africa)

Hymn HP 145 “Jesu, Jesu”

BENEDICTION



PRAYER Prayer Ministry will be available in the Prayer Corner after the morning service each week (except Communion Sunday). If you would like to use our telephone prayer link, contact Mary Mulligan on 9181 4486 / 07702701725 or mulliganmary727@gmail.com at any time. Please remember that any information give will be treated with the strictest confidence.

SUNDAY 16 December **Third Sunday in Advent**
 10.45am Church Morning Worship
 3.00pm Church Christmas Messy Church
 7.00pm Halls Service of Lessons and Carols
 (come and enjoy refreshments following the service)
 Regent Street Trevor Spencer, John Henderson, Kerri Cunningham
 Mill Street Desmond, Anna & Olivia Elder
 Scripture Reading Ian Pope
 Flower Rota Mr & Mrs G Kennedy
 Prayer Request Bk John Steen
 Coffee Rota Desmond & Anna Elder

MONDAY 17 December
 6.30pm Halls Girls' Brigade

TUESDAY 18 December
 10.00am Living Rm Alpha Course /6:2
 1.00pm Living Rm Prayer Time
 6.30pm Halls Boys' Brigade

WEDNESDAY 19 December
 7.30pm Church Choir Practice

THURSDAY 20 December
 6.30pm Carol Singing Meet at the church then back to the manse

SATURDAY 22 December
 10.30am Christmas in the Square

SUNDAY 23 December **Fourth Sunday in Advent**
 10.45am Church Morning Worship - Rev Andrew
 Kingston

7.00pm Halls Evening Service - Mary Mulligan
 Regent Street Trevor Spencer, John Henderson, Kerri Cunningham
 Mill Street Jean Kingston
 Scripture Reading John Tweed
 Flower Rota Mr & Mrs G Kennedy
 Prayer Request Bk John Steen
 Coffee Rota Desmond & Anna Elder

MONDAY 24 December
 11.15pm Church Christmas Eve Communion

TUESDAY 25 December
 9.30am Church Christmas Morning Service

**There will be NO announcement sheet for Sunday
 30 December.**

THANK YOU The GB Officers would like to thank everyone who supported their Hug a Mug evening . £220 was raised for NI Cancer Fund for Children.



The Candles of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

VOICE 1: Last Sunday we lit the candle of peace. We light it and the candle of hope again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to judge the world and bring it everlasting peace. *(A person lights the candle of hope and peace).*

VOICE 2: The third candle of advent is the candle of joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."

VOICE 1: Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope, peace and love grows joy.

VOICE 2: We light the candle of joy to remind us that when Jesus was born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth. *(A person lights the candle of peace).*

VOICE 1: Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

VOICE 2: Let us pray—Thank you God for the Joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,

A candle of hope in December's dark night.

While angels sing blessing from heaven's starry sky,

Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of peace,

A candle to signal that conflict must cease:

For Jesus is coming to show us the way;

A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a candle of joy

A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy

Our hearts will with wonder, and eyes light and glow

As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.



Carol Service

Sunday 16 December 2018 7pm

“Sing for Syria”

Call to Worship & Lighting of Advent Candle

“The virgin shall be with child and will give birth to a Son, and they will

call Him “Immanuel” - which means “God with us”. Matt 1 v23

Troait “Love Came Down at Christmas”

Carol 110 O Come all Ye Faithful (V1-5)

Prayer Rev Andrew Kingston

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9 v 1-7 (Anne Latimer)

Choir Redeeming Love

Reading Being Part of the Mystery (Hugh Robinson)

Carol 112 Silent Night

Video Home and Hope for Noah in Iraq

Scripture Reading Matthew 1 v 18-25 (Dorothy Edgar)

Choir Can this be the Child?

Scripture Reading Luke 2 v 1-14 (Linda Carson)

Carol 113 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture Reading Behold, I Stand (Audrey McKee)

Video Christmas Time (21st Century Christmas from
Megan McIlLorum)

Carol 107 In the Bleak Mid Winter

Scripture Reading Matthew 2 v 1-12 (Joy Cooper)

Choir Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Video East and West, home is best (Open Doors)

Offering Every £26 we raise can provide a family in Syria with a
Winter Relief park for a month

Carol 128 Wise Men Seeking Jesus

Video Prayer for Syria

Choir Ring The Bells

Scripture Reading John 1 v 1-14

Carol 106 Hark the Herald VesperBlessing

All are invited to share in seasonal refreshments.