

Friends helping friends
become
Fully devoted followers
of **Christ**

Welcome to this special Christmas worship celebration! Today we will enjoy the sounds of the season as the choirs of the Christ Church United and the Merrimack Valley Churches, under the direction of David Hanks, join their voices to sing of the comfort and joy that are ours in Jesus Christ. Please join us for a reception following the worship service.

Forty Days of Purpose



Our church is planning a spiritual growth campaign called **Forty Days of Purpose**, from January 22 - March 5. During this six-week campaign, we will meet in small groups to watch a theme-related video Bible study and to discuss practical applications of the lessons to our lives. Starting next week you can choose which small group you wish study with during the *40 Days of Purpose*.

Church Events This Coming Week

Sunday	7:00 pm	<i>Comfort & Joy</i> at Christ Church United
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Board Meeting
Thursday	7:00 pm	GBA/EW Christmas Program
Friday	6:00 pm	Kids Christmas Program Rehearsal
Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
Sabbath	11:30 am	Kids Christmas Program: <i>Sing a Song of Christmas</i>

Giving Hearts: December Report

Offerings	Received	Monthly Budget
Church Budget	\$1,275.00	\$3,033.00
Building/Organ Fund	\$1,336.00	\$3,725.00

Announcements

Christmas Wish Tree tags can be taken from the tree in the foyer. Please purchase the indicated item and return the wrapped package with the tag by December 18.

Warm Coats, mittens, hats, and gloves are needed for local community services contacts. All donations should be clean and in good repair. Donations can be left in the foyer basket.

Mission Trip: Brenda Candelario is planning a mission trip to Venezuela during December and January. Donations to help with this venture can be marked "Brenda's Mission Trip."

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church
December 11, 2004

Worship Celebration

The Joy of Christmas



Gathering to Worship

Prelude	Sherri Dovich
Worship Host Greetings	Gustav Mergenthaler

Praising His Name

Praise Songs	
<i>Good Christian Men Rejoice</i>	
<i>Joyful, Joyful</i>	
<i>Joy to the World</i>	
Congregational Prayer	Bob Moynihan
Gifts of Worship	Sarah Moynihan
World Mission Budget	
Offertory	Sherri Dovich

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner	Warren Saxton
Scripture Lesson	Jay Wiacek
<i>The Promise of Comfort and Joy</i> <small>See Insert</small>	
Worship in Song	Cantata Choir
<i>Comfort and Joy</i>	

Dedicating Our Lives

Worship Host's Benediction	Gustav Mergenthaler
Postlude	Sherri Dovich

Invite Your Family and Friends to These Holiday Events

Sing a Song of Christmas will be presented by our children in the worship service next Sabbath. The Pastor's sermon, *When the Angels Sing*, will be drawn from Luke 2:8-20.

Christmas Carols will be shared in a community Christmas Eve celebration on December 24. Steven Dovich is coordinating this event.

A Christmas Around the World worship celebration will be shared on December 25. Marianne Wiacek is coordinating this event.

A New Year's Eve Agape Feast and Communion will be celebrated on December 31 at 6:30 pm. The Church Elders are coordinating this event.

Sunset Tonight 4:11

Next Friday 4:13

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Good Christian Men Rejoice #136

Good Christians, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say; Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christians, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door and man is blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave, Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before You sing throughout this holy night.
In a manger lies a baby, Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus praise You for Your gift of love.

All Your works declare Your glory; all creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant; trumpets sound and anthems raise,
As with joy our hearts are lifted, joined in wonder, love, and praise.

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Joy To The World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow, far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove.
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, and wonders of His love.

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How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. Isaiah 52:7-10

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:8-14

Shout for joy, O heavens; Rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 49:13; Isaiah 40:5