

MESSAGE

Pastor Gene

**“No Room in the INN?”**

\*CLOSING HYMN

242 Red Hymnal

**“Love Came Down at Christmas”**

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Gene

*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. How will you respond? Christ is born. Will he find welcome in your heart? Go in peace and proclaim this glorious good news. Amen.*

\*BENEDICTION SONG

246 Red Hymnal

**“Joy to the World”**

Verse 1

\*POSTLUDE

Carol Kirchmer

**“Here We Come a-Caroling”**

Traditional Version, Old English Wassail Song, Arr. by T.O.K.

**"NO ROOM"**

No room – only a manger of hay, No room – He is a stranger today,  
No room – here in His world turned away, No room, no room;  
No room – here in the hearts of mankind,  
No room – no cheery welcome could find,  
No room – surely the world is blind, No room.  
Angels, in heaven up yonder,  
Watch with amazement and wonder To see the Son of the Highest treated so!  
No room – only a manger of hay, No room – He is a stranger today,  
No room – here in His world turned away, No room, no room, no room.  
Words and Music by John W. Peterson

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# Salem at Worship

## Sunday, December 31, 2017



9:00 am Sunday School  
[sum@sum.kscoxmail.com](mailto:sum@sum.kscoxmail.com)  
[salemumc-newton.org](http://salemumc-newton.org)

10:00 am Worship Service  
(316) 283-3620  
115 Old Main, Newton, KS 67114

*If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join our church family by talking with Pastor Ron at the church office, 283-3620.*

## God's People Gather

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*(Please be sure to sign the attendance registration)*

*(Prayer cards are in attendance pad, you may fill out and place in the offering plate)*

WELCOME Liturgist

\*GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Gene

PRELUDE Carol Kirchmer

### **"Would You Feel Lost in Bethlehem?"**

Words & Music by A.H. Ackley  
See words in bulletin insert

\*CALL TO WORSHIP 230 Red Hymnal

### **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

\*OPENING PRAYER (231 Red Hymnal) Liturgist

*Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, world without end. Amen.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Unison

**We believe that God has come to us as a little child, making our weakness his strength, securing our salvation by becoming one of us, filling our hearts with joy to be shared.**

**We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world, giving us a law that will be written upon our hearts, making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority, declaring an everlasting reign of peace, defeating the power of pain and suffering.**

**We believe that God calls us to participate in this reality of love, transforming us as disciples to go out into the world, sending us forth to announce his kingdom of peace and comfort, challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children.**

**This we believe. This we preach. This we seek to embody in word and deed.**

\*GLORIA PATRI 70 Red Hymnal

### **"Glory Be to the Father"**

JOYS AND CONCERNS Pastor Gene

PRAYER HYMN 2160 Black Hymnal

### **"Into My Heart"**

Verse 1

PASTOR'S PRAYER Pastor Gene

LORD'S PRAYER Unison

**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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME Ashli Teel

### **"Jesus Loves the Little Children"**

INVITATION TO OFFERING Liturgist

*We believe that what we have to offer makes a difference in this world. But more than that, we believe in the One who is the source of our giving. We may not see God or the results of our gifts. But remember, giving is an act of faith.*

OFFERTORY Carol Kirchmer

### **"No Room"**

Words & Music by John W. Peterson  
See words on back page of bulletin

\*OFFERING SONG 94 Red Hymnal

### **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

\*OFFERING PRAYER Pastor Gene

*Our precious Savior, we thank You for the gift of Yourself. We come now with our gifts, tokens of our love. May these offerings be used to spread Thy light in every dark corner. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

HYMN 217 Red Hymnal

### **"Away in a Manger"**