

## **Blue Christmas: A Service of Hope and Comfort** **Monday, December 3, at 7 p.m.**

### **What is a “Blue Christmas” worship service?**

- It’s a worship service for those who are having a hard time feeling joyful as we enter the holiday season.
- It’s a worship service for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one...or struggling with a fragile or broken relationship... or adjusting to bad news about their health or job situation...
- It’s a worship service of quiet reflection, prayer, and hope.
- It’s a worship service for those who want to usher in the season with others who understand this seasonal sadness and/or struggle.

Often people realize during the Thanksgiving holiday how hard Christmas is going to be in their changed circumstances. And too often people think they can’t bring such feelings or struggles to church, especially at Christmas time. But, dear friends, the church is one of the best places to bring them!

The pastoral staff and Caring Ministry invite you to come “just as you are” to our Blue Christmas worship. The service will include lighting of candles in memory of or in prayer for loved ones, anointing, as well as Holy Communion. If you know someone who would be comforted and refreshed by a worship service like this, please pass the word... or better yet, offer to come with them.

*Refreshments and a time of conversation and fellowship will be provided following the service.*